## JOB'S TRIAL, ROUNDS 7 - 8 (Job 22 - 31)

## I. ELIPHAZ'S Third Debate with Job (Job 22 - 24)

- A. Eliphaz accuses Job of SOCIAL INJUSTICE (Job 22)
  - 1. He's a SELF-RIGHTEOUS HYPOCRITE (22:1-5)
  - 2. He's CHEATING the POOR (22:6)
  - 3. He's withholding FOOD from the HUNGRY (22:7-8)
  - 4. He's mistreating ORPHANS and WIDOWS (22:9)
  - 5. He's GETTING what he DESERVES (22:10-20)
  - 6. He'll be RESTORED if he REPENTS (22:21-30)
- B. Job responds (Job 23 24)
  - 1. God seems UNJUST and INACCESSIBLE (23:1-9)
  - 2. I'm being TESTED and will be VINDICATED (23:10-12)
  - 3. I need Him to LISTEN, but can't STAND before Him (23:13-17)
  - 4. Why do I SUFFER while blatant SINNERS seem to go UNPUNISHED? (24:1-17)
  - 5. I know that in the END, they cannot ESCAPE JUSTICE (24:18-25)
- II. BILDAD'S Third Debate with Job (Job 25 31)

- A. Bildad misunderstands Job's view of God's SOVEREIGNTY (Job 25)
  - 1. God is SOVEREIGN and gives PEACE (25:1-2)
  - 2. God is OMNIPOTENT (25:3)
  - 3. Man is WICKED (25:4-6)
- B. Job boldly declares God's MAJESTIC LORDSHIP (Job 26 28)
  - 1. MOCKS Bildad for stating the OBVIOUS (26:1-4)
  - 2. Affirms God RULES the DEAD (26:5-6)
  - 3. Affirms God is LORD over the COSMOS (25:7-14)
  - 4. Re-affirms his own INNOCENCE (27:1-6)
  - 5. Affirms God's JUDGMENT over His CREATURES (27:7-12)
  - 6. Restates his CONFUSION at his CONDITION (27:13-23)
  - Confesses that God's WISDOM and WAYS are beyond man's UNDERSTANDING (28:1-28)
- C. Job's CLOSING ARGUMENT (Job 29 31)
  - 1. Presents his FORMER EXALTATION (29:1-25)
  - 2. Exhibits his CURRENT HUMILIATION (30:1-31)
  - 3. Declares his FUTURE VINDICATION (31:1-40)