



# Eternal PERSPECTIVE

## Job

### BIBLE TEXT | JOB 24:1-25

**1** Why are not times of judgment kept by the Almighty, and why do those who know him never see his days?

**2** Some move landmarks; they seize flocks and pasture them.

**3** They drive away the donkey of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

**4** They thrust the poor off the road; the poor of the earth all hide themselves.

**5** Behold, like wild donkeys in the desert the poor go out to their toil, seeking game; the wasteland yields food for their children.

**6** They gather their fodder in the field, and they glean the vineyard of the wicked man.

**7** They lie all night naked, without clothing, and have no covering in the cold.

**8** They are wet with the rain of the mountains and cling to the rock for lack of shelter.

**9** (There are those who snatch the fatherless child from the breast, and they take a pledge against the poor.)

**10** They go about naked, without clothing; hungry, they carry the sheaves;

**11** among the olive rows of the wicked they make oil; they tread the winepresses, but suffer thirst.

**12** From out of the city the dying groan, and the soul of the wounded cries for help; yet God charges no one with wrong.

**13** "There are those who rebel against the light, who are not acquainted with its ways, and do not stay in its paths.

**14** The murderer rises before it is light, that he may kill the poor and needy, and in the night he is like a thief.

**15** The eye of the adulterer also waits for the twilight, saying, 'No eye will see me'; and he veils his face.

**16** In the dark they dig through houses; by day they shut themselves up; they do not know the light.

**17** For deep darkness is morning to all of them; for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness.

**18** "You say, 'Swift are they on the face of the waters; their portion is cursed in the land; no treader turns toward their vineyards.

**19** Drought and heat snatch away the snow waters; so does Sheol those who have sinned.

**20** The womb forgets them; the worm finds them sweet; they are no longer remembered, so wickedness is broken like a tree.'

**21** "They wrong the barren, childless woman, and do no good to the widow.

**22** Yet God prolongs the life of the mighty by his power; they rise up when they despair of life.

**23** He gives them security, and they are supported, and his eyes are upon their ways.

**24** They are exalted a little while, and then are gone; they are brought low and gathered up like all others; they are cut off like the heads of grain.

**25** If it is not so, who will prove me a liar and show that there is nothing in what I say?"



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## DEVOTIONAL FOR JOB 24:1-25

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I used to be a real news and politics junkie, following each new day's revelation. Today, I barely check news sites and do not watch TV news of any sort. I did this for two reasons: the first was that it was taking too much of my attention, and the second was that the news showed evil winning in the world for the most part. I would get both angry and discouraged at the injustice and ineptitude of those in charge giving evil an open door. I had to stop and focus my attention on things that truly matter.

In this chapter, Job continues his response to Eliphaz. In these verses, Job describes crimes and other injustices against the poor, the realities of murderers, adulterers, and thieves. He contrasts all "who rebel against the light" versus the mighty who live righteously in the eye of God. Job asks why these evil doers seem to prosper but also acknowledges that they do eventually receive judgment for their crimes (verses 23-25). Throughout this whole set of verses, Job keeps his focus on the position and holiness of God and his own place with Him.

We can see the apostle John conveys the same sentiment about evil in the world with 1 John 5:19: "We know that we are from God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." As I had to be reminded to not be overly concerned with the news (Psalm 37:1a: "Fret not yourself because of evildoers"), I also had to learn to focus on God and His mission (Hebrews 3:1: "Therefore, holy brothers, partners in a heavenly calling, keep your focus on Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.") We must wait on the Lord and believe in His timing – not our own.

### Questions:

1. Is something distracting you from what truly matters?
2. What steps can you take right now to prioritize God in your life?
3. Share with your Journey Group or other biblical community so that they can help.