



# Eternal PERSPECTIVE Job

## BIBLE TEXT | JOB 26:1-14

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**1** Then Job answered and said: **2** "How you have helped him who has no power! How you have saved the arm that has no strength! **3** How you have counseled him who has no wisdom, and plentifully declared sound knowledge! **4** With whose help have you uttered words, and whose breath has come out from you? **5** The dead tremble under the waters and their inhabitants. **6** Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon has no covering. **7** He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing. **8** He binds up the waters in his thick clouds, and the cloud is not split open under them. **9** He covers the face of the full moon and spreads over it his cloud. **10** He has inscribed a circle on the face of the waters at the boundary between light and darkness. **11** The pillars of heaven tremble and are astounded at his rebuke. **12** By his power he stilled the sea; by his understanding he shattered Rahab. **13** By his wind the heavens were made fair; his hand pierced the fleeing serpent. **14** Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?"

## DEVOTIONAL FOR JOB 26:1-14

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Growing up in a small, simple home with two parents and two children, I wanted to make the right choices, be a hard worker, and please my parents. It made me content to feel I was making them happy. I thought that if I did what I was supposed to, then all things would be perfect, and nothing could come against all that was good. But, when something out of my control occurred in our house, I was that little girl standing in my room, tear-lined eyes wondering what just happened. Instead of seeing what was good, it was easy for me only to see everything that went wrong.



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When I research the purpose of the book of Job and what we can learn from it, I find that it is to expose its readers to God's sovereignty and the meaning of true faith. It allows us a deeper understanding of God, and it addresses the "Why do the righteous suffer?"

God tells Satan in Job 1:8, "And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on Earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" Why is Job being tested? After reading this, it made me think; I can see how much of a righteous man Job is. Will he learn a life lesson from the testing? Will it strengthen his inner being? I discovered God allows Job to be tested for a greater purpose. We must read on to find out, did Job learn a lesson from testing his faith, or did he teach a lesson?

When bad things happen around us, our whole perspective sometimes darkens. Our world around us loses its bright and brilliant color. Thoughts and ideas lose these hues, and instead turn a dull gray. It's easy to stop seeking the cheerful brightness that our Creator gives us, and instead we see how Satan efficiently traps us into seeing things that are not true in God's creation. It's very easy, in times of questioning our adverse circumstances, that we can stop seeing very little of God's creation and focus on our weaknesses.

In his response to Bildad, Job teaches the reader to look at God's marvelous creation and that in it, no human can fathom the true love He has for us. Here are some of Job's descriptions of God's magnificence in creation, made for man, to Bildad and friends: He spreads out the northern skies over empty space and He suspends the earth over nothing (verse 7); He wraps up the waters in his clouds, yet the clouds do not burst under their weight (verse 8); He marks out the horizon on the face of the waters for a boundary between light and darkness (verse 10).

In verse 10, Job clearly defines a boundary between light and darkness. That is what this poetic book allows us to do. We are to seek the goodness God has created for us instead of focusing on life's gray and dull areas. Maturing through Christ and His ways is a process that is lifelong and never-ending. Let us pray that God opens our eyes to understanding Him so that we may hold onto Him always in any situation. He is never insensitive to our suffering. Because God is sufficient, we must hold on to Him. With all its pain, we must remember that this life is not our final destination. Instead, God has a beautiful and marvelous creation we can turn to and rejoice and be glad (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).



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**Questions:**

1. When circumstances and events in your life are going great, do you praise God?
2. When circumstances and events in your life are negative and adverse, do you praise God?
3. What or who do you turn in times of suffering and trials?