

Bible Chat ws 10 10 21

1. How have you been finding Job in your own reading this week?
2. Read Job 8: 1 - 22. *Good things happen to good people; bad things happen to bad people.* Where in this reading does Bildad revert to this viewpoint?
3. Consider verses 11 - 18. Try to put this passage into your own words. To what extent is it a message you can accept?
4. 'What they rely on is a spider's web'. Can Christians also rely on 'a spider's web'? In what things do we trust which later turn out to be insubstantial?
5. Read Job 14: 18 - 19. Discuss the idea of God as an eroder of hope. Is this the jaundiced view of a broken man, or are there ways in which God does erode even the hope of a good person? If so, why?
6. Read Job 9: 33 - 34 and 19:25. Discuss the idea that Job yearns for a Christ figure.
7. Even so, what can we learn from Job on its own terms? See Philippians 3:7-14. How do you respond to the idea that we may have to lose many things in order to find Christ? What challenges does this bring to you right now?

Remember for next week you should read Job chapters 18-24