

ENDURING TRIALS

A Daily Devotional Study Guide



**THE BOOK
OF JOB**

WEEK 2

“Who Is the Fool?”

Study: Job 5:1-27

Reading: Proverbs 15:1-4

Memory: Matthew 5:32

What Does the Bible Say?

Eliphaz continued to spout on foolishly, sharpening the pain that Job was going through at that time. He did this by describing how the “fool” and the “simple” suffer the consequences of their choices. According to Eliphaz, the foolish person takes root in this earth thinking he has it made, yet destruction can come swiftly to him, which is true in many cases. All the possessions which he once held dear can quickly and easily belong to another. Through this Eliphaz seems to imply that Job was a fool because tragedy doesn’t just happen. It is a result of something that a person had done. Though Eliphaz is right in many of the things that he says, he had a complete misunderstanding of God and who God was. We can understand this because of chapters 1 & 2, but as humans, when we go through trials, it is easy to think and act like Eliphaz (vs 1-7).

Instead of being quiet or comforting Job, Eliphaz continued on to describe to Job what he would do. Eliphaz said that if this happened to him, he would turn back to God and do things the way God wanted them done. He went on to describe God and gave an excellent description of who God is. Again, his description was mostly truth, but his understanding of the spiritual battle that goes on for men caused him to use the truth incorrectly. Eliphaz pictured God as a God who takes care of those who seek Him. He provides for the poor and needy and has complete control over nature. He spoils the plans of those who are deceitful and gives the wicked their full reward. Almost all of these things would be repeated in the book of Proverbs and we would declare them to be truth (vs 8-16).

Eliphaz continued to paint a wonderful picture of God by describing how the person who was reprovved by God was blessed because of His discipline. When God disciplines, He also is waiting there to bind up the wounds of those who have had to be disciplined. He will deliver a person through near death situations and provide food for them in the midst of famines. When a person is right with God, their crops will be blessed and their lands will prosper. They shall live to be healthy and have a life full of blessings. All of this was based on the condition of following God (vs 17-26).

Attempting to add authority to what he said, Eliphaz described how he had searched it out and it was true. He believed that everything he was saying was right, and the message of his discourse was very clear. He wanted Job to repent and turn to God so everything would work out for him (vs 27).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you believe what you want to think is true, or do you believe what Scripture reveals is truth? Many believers base their understanding of God on what they hear others say rather than what they have discovered from the Word themselves. They rely on preachers, teachers or their own self-knowledge to know the truth rather than studying the Bible to know the true answers. Eliphaz didn't have the written Word in his day, but he declared things to be the truth that weren't. He mixed real truth in with things that were partially true and presented a distorted image of God. It is easy for us to do the same when we fail to take time to really get to know God.

The other lesson we can learn today is to be careful in what we tell people. We need to make sure that we are helping others through their difficulties rather than hurting more. During times of tragedy, a person will often need a listening ear rather than a rebuking word. Be sensitive and loving and if God wants you to help correct them, He will bring about the opportunity rather than you having to force the situation. By calling Job a fool, Eliphaz revealed that he was the one who was really the fool.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for those who have shown you love during difficult times.*
- * *Ask God to help you truly know Him.*
- * *Praise God because He is a God who knows what He is doing.*

Thought for the day

Why do you think verse 1 begins with “Call now?”

What did Eliphaz say about the fool (vs 2-5)?

How is this truth backed up by what is said in the book of Proverbs and what is revealed elsewhere in Scripture?

What point did Eliphaz make in verses 6-7?

****He was stating that trouble doesn't just happen, but comes to those who deserve it. He inferred that all that happened to Job was a result of something Job had done.*

How was truth mixed with error? Why is this easy to do?

What did Eliphaz try to encourage Job to do (vs 8)?

Was this good advice? Explain.

****If Eliphaz was telling him to trust God and cast his cares on God, this was great advice. If Eliphaz was encouraging Job to repent, even though he had done nothing wrong, it was terrible advice.*

What are some characteristics of God mentioned in verses 9-16?

How does verse 17 indicate that Eliphaz thought that Job had done something wrong?

Are verses 18-19 always true? Explain.

How do you think the statements in verses 20-26 can be true but also not true?

****Health and prosperity are given in Scripture as rewards for doing what is right, but they are not absolutes. Some godly people suffer greatly and die young, and some ungodly people live lavish and long lives. Teaching absolutes for general principles is very dangerous.*

“A True Love”

Study: Job 6:1-30

Reading: II Corinthians 1:1-11

Memory: Matthew 5:32

What Does the Bible Say?

Job heard the words of Eliphaz and disagreed with them. He wanted his friends to understand the great physical and mental pain that he was going through so he described the weight of it. He told them that if you took all the sand of the sea, it wouldn't feel heavier than the weight of the agony that he was going through at that time. The pain was why he had spoken out harshly. He had just been expressing his feelings and continued to do so as he figuratively described how God had pierced him with poison arrows that caused great inner torment (vs 1-4).

Job went on to describe how he thought his emotional expressions were just by using different illustrations. Donkeys and oxen don't make noise and call out for food when they already have some to eat. Just as a person doesn't cry out in pain when they have no pain. Pain and crying out go hand in hand just like tasteless food and salt go together and the yoke of the egg goes together with the white of the egg. (Many translations translate the Hebrew word as egg, since that seems to be what is relayed in the passage, though the exact meaning of the Hebrew Word is unclear) Job wouldn't eat foods that were flavorless, because flavor and food go together, just as heartache and hurt go with the pain he was going through (vs 5-7).

Job's agony was so great that he desired God to finish him off and take his life from him. Job wasn't troubled by the thought of dying because he knew that he was right in the sight of God. Job wanted to die partly because he had nothing left on this earth to live for. His children, possessions, strength and hope had been taken away from him (vs 8-13).

As Job continued on, he described how he thought his friends should be a comfort to him during difficult times, even if he was doing wrong. Job compared them to a river bed that is filled with rushing water in the spring from the melting snow, but in the summer when it is needed most, it is dried up. Travelers coming though on a hot summer day would be greatly disappointed because they were confident that the stream would be a great help, but instead, the dry river bed added more misery. Job

wanted comfort, but all he received was harshness and accusations though he didn't ask them to do anything for him. He just wanted them to be there with him to help him through this trial (vs 14-23).

He challenged them to show him where he had been wrong. If they could, he was willing to repent. All Eliphaz did was accuse him with empty words, but he wanted them to show him the proof. His friends had no proof of wrongdoing because there was none. If their was, Job, being the man of God that he was, would have been able to discern and know the truth (vs 24-30).

How Does this Apply to Me?

How do you treat others when they are facing difficulties? Do you automatically assume the worst, or do you assume the best? If you would read through I Corinthians 13, you will read that love chooses to think what is best about people until proven otherwise. This is similar to the idea that is supposed to be used in our courts of law that describe how a person is innocent until proven guilty. This means that when a person is suffering, they need your love and care without the rebuke that they probably do not deserve. Think of ways that you can be there because it is during those times that they need you the most. Until you have been there, you won't realize how much your presence, your listening ear and a few words of love will mean to someone who is hurting.

Not all pain and suffering is a result of sin, though some is (Heb. 12:6-7). Loving someone doesn't mean that you allow sin to take place if the person is clearly living contradictory to the Word. We are told in different Scriptures to rebuke the sinner in order to keep the purity of the church and for the good of the sinner (I Cor 5, James 5:20, Titus 3:10, etc.) You need wisdom from God to know the right approach to take when dealing with the pain and suffering of others.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for those He has given to comfort you.*
- * *Ask God to help you be a help and a comfort to those who are hurting.*

Thought for the day

What did Job express about the weight of the pain he was experiencing (vs 1-3)?

What did Job express about what God had done (vs 4)?

What point was Job making in verses 5-7?

What was Job longing for (vs 8)?

What did Job say he wanted to happen (vs 9-10)?

What did Job declare about his life (vs 10)?

What did Job express about his strength (vs 11-13)?

How does this remind you of the importance of being patient and loving with those who are going through great suffering?

What statement did Job make in verse 14?

What did Job express about his friends (vs 15)?

What do you think Job was expressing in verses 16-20?

What did Job say his friend had done (vs 21)?

What had Job not asked from His friends (vs 22-23)? What point was he making?

What did Job say he would do (vs 24)?

What did Job compare their actions with (vs 27)? Why?

What was Job asking them to do (vs 28)? Why?

What was Job trying to express to His friends (vs 29-30)?

How can you hurt others who are already hurting?

“Misery Upon Misery”

Study: Job 7:1-21

Reading: James 1:13-18

Memory: Matthew 5:32

What Does the Bible Say?

Job continued to express his opinion and emotional feelings as he felt completely overwhelmed with all that had happened to him. He compared life on this earth to that of a slave or a hired laborer. They don't find the full satisfaction and joy in the hard, long hours that they work, but live for the sun to go down so they can stop working. Job's look into the future wasn't any more promising than the last week had been for him. He saw pain and misery day and night as his body was wasting away in great pain. When he went to sleep to try to forget his struggles, he couldn't sleep, but longed for morning to come. When day was around, he couldn't stand the pain and longed for the night to come. His body was full of sores that would harden and then pop, allowing for dirt and insects to create further infections and pain. He was in complete misery both day and night and nothing could be done about it (vs 1-6).

Job fully expected that the suffering that he was going through would lead to his death. All that his life consisted of now was him breathing, there was nothing else he could do. In his mind, there was no hope for his earthly life. Those who were looking at him now would soon do so no longer because he believed death was inevitable. He certainly knew that death was permanent and that once a man was gone, his life on earth would be no more. He was fully expecting this to come to him soon (vs 7-10).

As a result of this pain and suffering, he couldn't keep silent, but had to express his feelings. Job began to express his feelings to God in front of others as he described how he felt like a sea monster. According to the Bible Knowledge Commentary, “This monster was an allusion either to Ugaritic mythology in which the sea god Yam was defeated by Baal or to the Babylonian myth in which Marduk overcame the sea monster Tiamat and set a guard over her. Of course Job was not giving credence to those myths, but was using known stories to depict his condition. Like the sea or sea monster dominated and confined by a false god, so Job felt as if he were in a subhuman condition in which the true God was

guarding him like a defeated enemy.” (vs 11-12)

He was bothered by the fact that even when he slept, he was troubled by terrible dreams that desired him to want to die rather than have to dream those dreams constantly. Job felt that God was harassing him with all that he was going through and wished that God would just leave him alone (vs 13-16).

Job wanted to know why God thought he was so important that He would continue to test him every day and night. Job desired that God would just leave him alone instead of continuing to bring these awful things into his life. If Job had sinned, he wanted to know what he had done so he could seek forgiveness from it. If he asked for forgiveness, he wanted to know why he hadn't received that forgiveness. Job expressed that soon he would die and then God wouldn't be able to pick on him any longer (vs 17-21)

How Does this Apply to Me?

Have you ever felt the way that Job did? Have you ever felt that you were doing all you knew you could do, and yet God was punishing you? If you haven't, there will be times in your life where you will have these thoughts and feelings. It is just natural for us as humans to express our emotions and feelings, but ultimately they need to be brought back to a trust in and reliance upon the character of God. How God's heart must have broke as He heard the words of Job because he loved Job. How he must have desired to intervene and heal Job immediately, but He had different plans that were better. He didn't want to see Job hurting, but He was using this in Job's life to strengthen and mature him. God also allowed Job to go through this so that you today can still learn from this and grow from it.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for the trials He allows you to go through.*
- * *Ask God to teach you to trust in Him during the hard times.*
- * *Praise God because He is in ultimate and complete control.*

Thought for the day

How did Job describe the life of a slave (vs 1)?

What does a hired hand live for (vs 2)?

What did Job say He was destined to experience (vs 3)?

What do verses one and two have to do with verse three?

What did Job struggle with at night (vs 4)?

What was happening to Job's body (vs 5)?

What did Job feel about His life (vs 6)?

What vision did Job have for his future (vs 7-8)?

What did Job realize about death (vs 9-10)?

What did Job say He would do (vs 11)? Why?

What did Job experience at night (vs 13-14)?

What did Job wish would happen (vs 15)?

What did Job express about His life (vs 16)?

How do you think a man who was godly and upright could feel this way?

What did Job feel like God was doing (vs 17-18)?

What did Job wonder (vs 19)?

Describe a time in your life where you questioned God's love and intentions for you?

What did Job feel he had become to God (vs 20)?

What was Job longing for (vs 21)?

“Unseen Success”

Study: Job 8:1-22

Reading: Acts 7:51-60

Memory: Matthew 5:32

John Vredenburgh preached for a great many years for a church located in Somerville, New Jersey. He felt that his ministry was a failure, and others felt so also, although he was a faithful minister preaching the Gospel throughout his ministry. He passed away, feeling like a complete failure. A little while after his death there came a great spiritual awakening in Somerville, and one Sunday two hundred souls stood up and declared their commitment to Christ. Nearly all of those two hundred people mentioned how they received their religious impressions from the ministry of John Vredenburgh. It was his influence that helped lead them to accept Christ.

Today, we are going to see how one of Job’s friends had a false understanding of what success in the eyes of God was. We will see how eternal values are often much different than ours.

What Does the Bible Say?

After sitting in unbelief at some of the things that Job was saying, Bildad, another of Job’s friends, could no longer contain himself and told Job that his words were like a destructive whirlwind, the same type of storm that killed his ten children. He couldn’t believe that Job would think that God was punishing him for no reason. It was obvious to Bildad that Job’s children had died because there was sin in their lives and they deserved to be taken. He told Job that if Job would truly seek God that God would take His hand of punishment off of him. If he sought God, Job would be restored to a position that those who are right with God should experience (vs 1-7).

Just as Eliphaz used his vision as his authority, Bildad used history and past events to prove his point. He revealed that history had taught them that men always reap what they have sown. This had been the case since the beginning of time and Job was no exception (vs 8-10).

Just as plants need a certain environment to grow and flourish, so men need to do what is right to prosper in life. This is what Bildad declared

as he continued his argument. He continued to compare Job’s action to that of a person trusting in a spider’s web, which is easily destroyed. He also compared him to a plant that grows and prospers, spreading its branches all around a stone house. Though it exists for a short time, when it gets too big and out of control, it is cut off and then another plant takes its place. The former plant is removed out of memory with no evidence of its existence left. These were given to illustrate Job’s life which, because of his sin, was being removed and forgotten by God (vs 11-19).

Bildad declared that there was no way God would treat someone who is right before him like the way Job had been treated. If Job was right with God, God would be filling his mouth with joy and laughter and his enemies would be put to shame (vs 20-22).

How Does this Apply to Me?

How do you judge the success and failure of someone? Do you use Bildad’s standards and declare that the hand of blessing is upon those who are financially prosperous? Do you think that churches or ministries are successful only if they are abundantly growing in numbers and outward results? It is easy to judge things based on our human criteria without realizing what is going on in the heavenly realm. When Bildad had made the accusations, he had no clue that Satan had appeared before God and that God had declared that Job was blameless and upright. This understanding should greatly caution you before you cast judgment of God’s blessing or cursing based on the physical results. Job was proof that the most truly successful people and ministries in the eyes of God won’t always appear that way in the eyes of men.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for the insight into these events.*
- * *Ask God to help you not to evaluate things like Bildad did.*
- * *Praise God because He knows what He is doing.*

Thought for the day

Who started to speak (vs 1)?

What did Bildad compare the words of Job to (vs 2)?

What declaration did he make about God (vs 3)?

Why do you think he said this?

Is this a true statement? Explain.

What did Bildad claim about Job's children (vs 4)?

What did Bildad say Job needed to do (vs 5)?

What did Bildad say God would do (vs 6)?

How is this a faulty understanding of God's working among men?

What did Bildad say God would do (vs 7)?

What did Bildad use as proof of his statements (vs 8)?

What point was Bildad trying to make in verses 9-10?

What illustrations did Bildad use in verses 11-12?

What were they attempting to prove (vs 13)?

What happens to those who forget God (vs 14-15)?

How is life described (vs 16-18)?

What will happen when we are gone from this life (vs 19)?

What did Bildad say God would not do (vs 20)?

What did Bildad say God would do (vs 21)?

What point was Bildad making (vs 20-22)? Do you agree or disagree?

“A True Fear of God”

Study: Job 9:1-13

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-31

Memory: Matthew 5:32

Several years ago, the church I pastored was faced with a very difficult decision. There were outward circumstances that were making us choose whether to follow the Word of God and discipline a sinning member out of the church or to follow our feelings. Though the conclusion between following the Word of God or not should be a no-brainer, it was a hard choice to have to make. What made it harder was that believers around the situation were pressing us to take the easy way out because the hard way hurts. The choice we had to make revealed whether we truly believed in God and had a fear of Him, or if our fear of man was greater.

What Does the Bible Say?

Job knew that there was some truth to what Bildad had said because God in His power and magnificence is untouchable. He realized that there is no way that a man can be completely right before God because God is so much greater than man. He began to describe how there was no way a man could win a debate against God because God would win every time. Not only is God all-wise, but He is all-powerful. No man can stand up in defiance against Him and win (vs 1-4). This power is evident in the events that we see all around us. It is God who has the ability to move mountains and change the face of the earth. He causes the great earthquakes to happen, and if He wanted to abolish the sun and the stars, He could do so in the blink of an eye. It is God alone who is greater than the expanse of the heavens and who can control and tame the mighty power of the sea. The reference to the Bear, Orion and Pleides reveal that the stars and the constellations were made by God and put in place by Him as evidence that there is a Creator. The things that God does are beyond the understanding of any man and the marvels of God are beyond our ability to count (vs 5-10).

Job recognized that God had the ability to move and do things that were unrecognizable to him. The working of God couldn't be fully

understood or recognized by the simple human mind. God can choose to take things away because of His great power and great wisdom, but who is man to argue against an almighty God? How does man have the right or even the ability to question God? Even if man could get an answer from God, he wouldn't fully be able to comprehend the answer. Man has no power and ability to stop God in his goodness or in his anger (vs 11-13). Even the "helpers of monster Rahab" can't stop God. Though in the ESV the word is translated "helpers" the idea carried great significance. According to the Bible Knowledge Commentary, "the **cohorts (helpers) of Rahab** (cf. 26:12; Isa. 51:9) submit to God. This refers to the Babylonian creation myth in which Marduk defeated Tiamat (another name for Rahab, and for Leviathan; cf. Job 7:12) and then captured her helpers. Later Rahab became a nickname for Egypt (Isa. 30:7)."

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you have the same view of God that Job had? This passage begins to let us into the secret of Job's spiritual walk. Why was Job described by God as a man who is a "perfect and an upright man, one that feared God, and rejected evil"? The actions that he was praised for were a result of his proper view of God. He realized the great power and magnificence of God and he truly believed in Him. It was this belief that was lived out in his life on a daily basis. Many people will verbally profess the things that Job professed about God, but they don't live it out in their lives. How do your actions reveal what is in your heart? Do they reveal that you are a person who fears God enough to obey Him at all costs, or do they reveal a belief that is limited by human circumstances?

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for giving you an example like Job to learn from.*
- * *Ask God to help you to live out what you say you believe.*
- * *Praise God because He is an almighty God.*

Thought for the day

What did Job say was true (vs 1-2)? (Read the end of chapter 8)

What point was Job making with his question in verse 2?

Why would a person want to argue with God (vs 3)?

Who would have the ability to outsmart God (vs 3)?

How is the wisdom of God described (vs 4)?

What do you think Job meant?

How is the power of God described (vs 4)?

What can no one do (vs 4)?

What does God have the ability to do (vs 5)?

What can God cause (vs 6)?

How is God in control of the light of the world (vs 7)?

What does God alone do (vs 8)?

Why is it important to realize that only God has the power to do this?

What did God make (vs 9)? What does this reveal about the study of the stars?

What can't be understood (vs 10)?

What do you think verse 11 means?

What does verse 12 reveal about the power of God?

What can not hold God back from showing His anger (vs 13)?

Who lies in fear of God (vs 13)? What do you think this means?

“*Learning About Emotions*”

Study: Job 9:14-35

Reading: Romans 7:14-25

Memory: Matthew 5:32

What Does the Bible Say?

Understanding the power and authority of God, Job knew that He couldn't argue with the almighty Creator of the world. No matter what arguments he used, he would come out on the losing side. Even though he was right before God as much as a human could be, he knew he as a human was still on the losing side. The only thing that he could do is beg and plead for mercy from the judge who rules over the world. Continuing to use judicial terms, Job felt that if he called God to a meeting to present his case that it would do no good because God as judge would refuse to listen. Going up against God would mean certain defeat because God was far greater and wiser than Job would ever be. He knew well that in his humanness he was right before God, but also knew that compared to a holy, magnificent God he wouldn't stand a chance because all men are born sinners. Job concluded his arguments by hurling out the accusation that God is unfair. He couldn't fully understand how God would choose to bring calamity on the righteous and the unrighteous alike. Basically, Job is saying that he had sacrificed all for God and strove to live a life of purity and holiness and all he got in return was pain and suffering (vs 14-24).

Job expressed how short life is by using three illustrations of speed known in his day. He referred to a runner who ran fast whether to deliver a letter or to win a race. He then referenced a type of papyrus boat which were boats made by the Egyptians and were known as the speed boats of that day. He then used the illustration of an Eagle sweeping down with speed to snatch its prey. This is how life was passing by and it was passing by for Job in misery and pain (vs 25-26).

Job went on to describe how even if he would choose not to dwell on his pain but to think about things that would fill his heart with joy, it would be a false joyful attitude that wouldn't last and he would be guilty of being a hypocrite. This would add one more reason for God to keep punishing him. Job also knew that it would do no good to try to clean up other areas of his life because God would still find him guilty of

something (vs 27-31).

This situation was different than an earthly court situation. If he were accused of something on earth, he could go before a judge and the judge could get to the bottom of the matter and tell him what needed to be corrected in order to make things right. Job didn't have that in his life. He desired to know what it was that was wrong in his life because he wanted to make that right before God, yet God wouldn't reveal it to him. This was because there wasn't known sin in Job's life. He was as pure as a man could be before an almighty God, yet He couldn't fully see that God allowed these things for Job's good and His glory (vs 32-35).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Today's study may be a relief for you because you read about a man who was upright before God, yet as he expressed his deep emotion and pain, because he began to doubt the goodness of God. Every person is susceptible to this no matter how strong your relationship with God may be. This means you don't have to beat yourself up when you feel this way because it is natural to do this. On the other hand, you can't use Job as an excuse to feel depressed and bothered when God does something you don't care for. Instead, the hard times that you face should be an encouragement to you because you know what went on in heaven before the whole ordeal started. You have one up on Job because he didn't have the Word of God filled with illustrations and examples of how God was at work through the good times and the bad times. You have insight into the spiritual warfare that is going on in the spiritual realm and you have the example of Job to learn from. Ask God today to help you live your life from a heavenly perspective rather than from an earthly one.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for giving you insight into the emotions of Job.*
- * *Ask God to teach you to trust His choices.*
- * *Praise God because He is in complete control.*

Thought for the day

What did Job realize was futile (vs 14)?

What was the only thing that Job could do (vs 15)?

Why is it important to have the proper perspective of God and man?

Why do you think that Job questioned if God would listen (vs 16)?

What did Job feel that God had done (vs 17)?

What was Job feeling at the time (vs 18)?

What did Job realize about God (vs 19)?

What do you think Job meant in verse 20?

What did Job express about his life (vs 21)?

What does this reveal about the emotions of even the godliest of men?

What does God destroy (vs 22)? Why do you think Job said this?

What was causing Job to question God (vs 23-24)?

What did Job not experience (vs 25-26)?

What did Job not have the ability to do (vs 27-28)?

What did Job express about the actions of God (vs 29-31)?

What was Job unable to do (vs 33)?

Why do you think he said this?

What did Job want God to do (vs 34)?

What did Job say He was unable to do?

Have you ever felt like Job? Explain.

MEMORY VERSES

Matthew 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. 31 “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.