

ENDURING TRIALS

A Daily Devotional Study Guide



**THE BOOK
OF JOB**

WEEK 4

“A False Truth”

Study: Job 15:1-35

Reading: I Timothy 4:6-16

Memory: Matthew 5:34

It is interesting how easy it is to think something that is true, but when that thing is truly examined it is found to be false. For instance, years ago people thought that our human blood was actually blue. This was believed to be true because the veins you see through your skin are blue. The natural conclusion was that the blood was blue. But when blood is mixed with oxygen as it comes out of our bodies, it turns red.

Though thinking blood to be blue may sound foolish to you, you would be surprised how many things you might believe that really aren't true. Most of those things are harmless, but when it comes to the truth about God, you must make sure that you know the real truth.

What Does the Bible Say?

When Job finished speaking, Eliphaz responded by asking him if a truly wise person would be filled with such hot air. By this, he was accusing Job of being all talk while his life revealed something else about his true actions. By arguing his case rather than sitting and listening, Eliphaz declared that Job was revealing his guilt by his own words. He was accusing Job of deceiving himself into thinking that he was right before God when he really wasn't (vs 1-6).

Eliphaz accused Job of being full of pride, thinking that he was the only one who could discern the real truth. He wanted Job to realize that he, Bildad and Zophar were wise as well and had the ability to discern what they were seeing with their eyes. Though they were trying to help Job with their words, and instead of being thankful for that help, Eliphaz thought that Job was lashing out against them. Job's emotional outbursts and rejection of their advice in and of itself was enough in their minds to prove that Job was guilty before God. Eliphaz stated that no man can be pure in the sight of God and from what they had witnessed, there was no way that Job was right before God (vs 7-16).

Once again Eliphaz wanted to make his case from the lessons he had learned from observing life in his generation and what had been passed

down from generations before. Eliphaz knew that those who were evil would face the severe judgement and punishment of God. God will bring great misery and pain to those who are living wickedly, causing them to be unsettled and find no peace wherever they are at. By failing to repent, the wicked man stubbornly refused to acknowledge God and continues to ignore the fact that he has done wrong. He continues to live in self-indulgence even though he has very little to indulge in. He travels from place to place, living in broken down houses while facing great pain and misery, while all the while choosing not to repent. The life of the evil person will never be restored because of their rebellion and they will never be able to have much on this earth because God will not let them (vs 17-35).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Eliphaz presented a pretty convincing argument declaring that what he said was truth because of all that he had observed in his lifetime and what he had been taught for years. Do you realize though, that people have passed down lies from generation to generation and continue to do so? Do you realize that your own “experience” might not be right? This is why it is important to trust the only absolute, the Word of God. It is the Word which will guide and direct you to follow the paths of righteousness, not man’s experience or past history. I Timothy 1:4 says, “Don’t let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don’t help people live a life of faith in God.” The New Testament is full of warnings that describe how we are not to trust our own thinking or that of others, but to place sole trust in the honesty of the Word of God.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for giving you the solid foundation of His Word.*
- * *Ask God to help you honestly evaluate and obey His Word.*
- * *Praise God because He never changes.*

Thought for the day

What did Eliphaz say about a wise man’s answer (vs 2-3)?

What did Eliphaz say Job was hindering (vs 4)?

What did Eliphaz say Job was being led by (vs 5)?

What did Eliphaz say about the mouth of Job (vs 6)?

What argument was Eliphaz making in verse 7-8?

What claim did Eliphaz make about himself and the others who were with him (vs 9-10)?

What did Eliphaz accuse Job of (vs 11-13)?

What point was Eliphaz attempting to make (vs 14-16)?

What did Eliphaz believe about his wisdom (vs 17-19)?

What did Eliphaz say God does to the wicked man (vs 20)?

What does a sinful man realize about his life (vs 21-22)?

What does God fail to provide for the sinner (vs 23)?

According to Eliphaz, why does evil come upon people (vs 25-28)?

What will a sinful person not be able to have (vs 29)?

What will an evil person continually face (vs 30)?

How is what Eliphaz declared somewhat true, but not complete truth?

According to verses 31-35, what happens to people who trust in their riches?

How do wicked people create their own problems (vs 34-35)?

Why did this really not apply to Job?

“The Golden Rule”

Study: Job 16:1-22

Reading: Luke 6:27-36

Memory: Matthew 5:34

Though it didn't happen often, there are times when my wife was a little snippy with our four children when they were little. I felt bad for the kids when she was like that and sometimes I got upset at her for it. Normally when that happened, the Lord would bring me back to reality by reminding me of what she was going through when I had to watch the kids for just a few hours by myself. I would often find myself being much more impatient than I would have liked to be. It was at those times that I remembered that I shouldn't get upset at my wife, but I needed to comfort her and help her all that I could.

Today, we are going to see the importance of placing ourselves in the shoes of other people as we try to help and comfort them. We will see that going through the simple little thought process of how we would like to be treated will save us many arguments and build many relationships.

What Does the Bible Say?

The friends that first came to Job had come to be a help and a comfort to him, but they were the exact opposite. Job told them how miserable they had made him feel and asked them what right they had to judge him just because he was in this awful position in life. Job asked them to place themselves in his shoes and he wondered how they would feel. If this tragedy had happened to one of his friends, Job would have been there to help, but his help and comfort would have been much better. He would have encouraged and strengthened his friends rather than accuse them (vs 1-5).

Job found it very difficult to find relief from his pain. Talking about his pain didn't do a thing for him because the pain and grief were so difficult to bear. He felt very worn out by the things that God had brought his way and that feeling was made worse after his conversations with his friends. Job's physical appearance had changed greatly through this situation and he felt like an old man who was ready to die (vs 6-8).

He expressed how he felt that God had torn him apart, as a wild

animal would his prey. He had been wounded and was left there to be attacked by anyone. He had been attacked by many with verbal snares and accusations as those around him teamed up to destroy him with their words. Job felt completely vulnerable to all those around him because he felt like he was abandoned by God. He felt like arrows had pierced him all over, allowing all of his fluids to run out of his body, draining him of any hope. He felt as if a soldier attacked him continually, beating him down to the ground (vs 9-14).

Job could do nothing but sit there in sackcloth and ashes, feeling pain and misery. The appearance of his face had greatly changed because of lack of sleep and all the tears that he had shed. He felt like lashing out, but he didn't. He felt that he was still pure before God (vs 15-17).

Job didn't want the earth to cover his blood because he wanted all to see what he had suffered. He wanted his cry to be heard because he was in deep pain and misery. He desired that someone in heaven would be his advocate and go before God, pleading his case. He wanted someone to reveal to God how he had been dealt great physical suffering and that his friends had abandoned him. He wanted this advocate to plead with God to allow Job to have some more time on this earth with a normal life so he would no longer have to be in pain and misery (vs 18-22).

How Does this Apply to Me?

One of the primary lessons that you can draw from the reading today is nothing new to you, but something we all have to be reminded of on a regular basis. That principle is what we call the Golden Rule. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Job wanted his friends to know that if they were in his predicament, he would go to them and comfort them rather than accusing them. He wanted them to think about how they would want to be treated if this tragedy had happened to them. You would do good to learn from this and use this as a guide in all that you do. Before you accuse, tear down or cause further grief on a hurting soul, try putting yourself in another's set of circumstances and think how you would want to be treated. This simple thought alone will save you many arguments and misunderstandings, and will draw you into many more intimate friendships. Seek to be a person who shows grace to others first, rather than looking at them with a judgmental and critical attitude. This is often very difficult to do, but you “grow in grace” as you yield to the Holy Spirit and realize the great grace that God continually bestows upon you.

How did Job describe the comfort given by his friends (vs 2)?

Why did he describe their comfort this way?

How have you benefitted from the comfort of others?

How have you been hurt by the improper comfort from others?

How did Job describe their words (vs 3)? Why?

What did Job say he could do if he was in their position?

What did Job say he would do if he was in their position (vs 5)?

Do you tend to look down on others who are struggling or do you help them? Explain.

What was Job expressing in verse 6?

What did Job feel God had done (vs 7-9)?

Have you ever felt this way? Explain.

What did men do to Job (vs 10)?

What did Job express about what God had done to him (vs 11-12)?

What graphic terms did Job use to describe his pain (vs 13)?

What was Job full of (vs 15-16)?

What did Job express about his character during this time (vs 17)?

What did Job want the earth to cry out (vs 18)?

What do you think verse 19 means?

What did Job want someone to do for him (vs 20-21)?

“Not Quitting On God”

Study: Job 17:1-16

Reading: James 1:1-12, I Peter 4:12-19

Memory: Matthew 5:34

Adoniram Judson, the renowned missionary to Burma, endured untold hardships trying to reach the lost for Christ. For 7 heartbreaking years he suffered hunger and primitive conditions. During this time he was thrown into Ava Prison, and for 17 months was subjected to incredible mistreatment. As a result, for the rest of his life he carried the ugly marks made by the chains and iron shackles which had cruelly bound him. Undaunted, upon his release he asked for permission to enter another province where he might resume preaching the Gospel. The godless ruler indignantly denied his request, saying, “My people are not fools enough to listen to anything a missionary might say, but I fear they might be impressed by your scars and turn to your religion!”

Today, we are going to see that God is still God whether you are suffering for Him or if you are experiencing great freedom in your stance for Him.

What Does the Bible Say?

The fight in Job was gone as he wanted to quit on life and die. He wasn't surrounded by friends and comforters, but rather, those around him provoked him to anger and made his condition worse. This is why Job appealed to God, asking God to make sure that his case would be held in court. He wanted his chance to receive a fair hearing before God so that he could prove his innocence and so that his false accusers would see that he had been telling the truth. Apparently, Job's friends thought that they might get some type of reward for defending God, so Job asked that they receive nothing for the way that they treated him (vs 1-5).

The condition of Job had caused many others to refer to him in a negative way. He went from being viewed as one of the greatest men in the land to being mocked and treated worse than a criminal. All that was happening in his life was causing his eyesight to get worse. Job comforted himself in the fact that those who were truly righteous would be appalled at the way that he was being treated. Those who were truly

righteous wouldn't give into their flesh and quit on God, but would continue to live righteously no matter what others around them would think (vs 6-9).

Job sarcastically told his friends to once again find something in his life that was not right before God. He knew they couldn't, but this still didn't give him much hope. The only hope that he saw for his life was that of death so that his physical pain and suffering would come to an end. His hope was not in earthly things or recovery, but was in God as he knew that he was innocent. When he stood before God he would be acquitted of all the charges that were levied against him (vs 10-16).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Are there times in your life that you feel like quitting or giving up on God? Do the difficulties that you face when you stand up for righteousness seem too overwhelming for you to handle? Many believers through the centuries have faced great tribulation when they chose to stand up for what was right. Many times the stance that was taken led to torture and death, yet many of these believers were so committed to Christ that they were willing to suffer anything for Him. They found that living for God was worth it, maybe not in this life, but the life to come. This can be a great challenge to you, especially when you are discouraged and feel like quitting. God doesn't want you to quit. He doesn't want you to give up, but wants you to press on for Him, continually doing what is right no matter what the earthly outcome may be. Life will not always be easy and you may not understand what is happening to you, but you must cling to the fact that God is good and He will never abandon you.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * Thank God for giving you a purpose for living.
- * Ask God to give you the boldness that you need to live for Him.
- * Praise God because He knows everything you are going through.

Thought for the day

What did Job say about his spirit (vs 1)?

What do you think he meant by this?

Have you ever experienced a time like this in your life? Explain.

What was Job ready for (vs 1)?

How had others around him caused greater pain (vs 2)?

What was Job asking God to do (vs 3)?

****It appears that Job was asking God to defend him and show others around him that he was a godly man.*

What did Job ask God to do for those who hurt him (vs 4)?

How had the friends of Job betrayed him?

What did Job feel he had become (vs 6)?

How did Job express what he was feeling (vs 7)?

What do you think Job was saying in verses 8-9?

****It appears Job was saying that other people who were truly righteous felt awful for Job since they knew he had done nothing wrong. They would take a stand for Job to defend him from those who accused him of wrongdoing. Those who were righteous would become stronger in their faith, even as they witnessed the great trials that Job was facing.*

What did Job invite his friends to do (vs 10)?

What did Job long for (vs 11-13)?

What did Job ask about his hope (vs 15)?

What emotion do you think Job was expressing?

“Casting Judgment”

Study: Job 18:1-21

Reading: Matthew 7:1-5

Memory: Matthew 5:34

I heard this illustration from Emerson Eggerich, who is the founder of Love and Respect Ministries. It really opened my eyes to the importance of understanding situations. He told of a bus ride where a man came on the bus with three unruly children. At first, the children weren't much of a problem, but as the ride progressed, the children were running up and down the aisle, screaming, bumping into people and just causing all types of problems. Throughout this terror the father sat and stared out the window. Finally, a man asked the father to keep his children under control and did it in a tone that presented a little agitation. The father began to apologize and then explained that he had just come from the hospital where his wife had just died. He was deeply sorry for the way his children were acting, but he was struggling just to hold himself together. After that statement, the whole attitude on the bus towards that man and children changed. Not because the children were any better, but because they had the extra piece of information that changed their thinking.

Today, we are going to read about the importance of withholding judgment when we don't have a full understanding of a situation.

What Does the Bible Say?

The tension among Job and his friends was rising during their conversations with each other. Both sides thought they were right and couldn't understand why the other person couldn't see their side in the matter. Bildad spoke up against Job, asking him how long he was going to continue to talk without first thinking about what he was saying. To them, Job's reasoning and arguing didn't make sense because the earthly facts revealed otherwise. Bildad wanted to know why Job thought he was the exception to the rule that had been passed down from generation to generation. In his mind, Job was tearing himself apart by his anger, all because he was unwilling to accept the fact that he had done evil and God was punishing him for it (vs 1-4).

Bildad's proof that he was right came from his personal observation of past events. He explained how he had seen great misfortune come upon those who have practiced evil. The light of that person's life would grow dim and his strength would be weakened. The evil person was like an animal that was walking into a trap. He didn't realize the calamity and harm he was bringing on himself, until God finally chose to punish him for his sin. Once an animal is trapped, it begins to panic, trying to do all it can to get out. It then begins to lose strength as all its energy is used up by trying to deliver itself. It becomes hungry, but has no way to eat (vs 5-12).

Straying from the illustration of a trapped animal, Bildad became more direct and mentioned how the skin of an evil person becomes diseased and soon disease fills the body. The evil man is often removed from his dwelling place, the place of safety and protection. His fields no longer produce and he begins to starve for lack of food (vs 13-16).

Those who knew the evil person would soon forget about him as he fades from their memories. He is forced to live in meaningless existence without family or friends to help him along the way. No one will associate with the evil man because they realize how the hand of God's judgment is upon him and they don't want His judgement on their lives.

All of this would happen to a man who chose to live in evil and to live unrighteously (vs 17-21).

How Does this Apply to Me?

What criteria do you use to judge others who are around you? Do you simply observe circumstances, or do you use biblical truth? It is clear from our understanding of the life of Job that Job was a righteous man, which meant that not all pain and suffering is a result of an ungodly life. On the other hand, we must remember that God does promise to punish those who claim Him as Lord and do not follow His ways. The next time you want to cast judgment because of what you see on the outward, take a moment to make sure that you aren't casting judgement like Job's so-called friends.

Thought for the day

What did Bildad want Job to do (vs 2)?

What did Bildad think Job thought of them (vs 3)?

What did Bildad say Job was doing (vs 4)?

What happens to the wicked person (vs 5-6)?

What was Bildad implying?

What did Bildad compare an evil man to (vs 7-8)?

What does a trapped animal do (vs 9-11)?

What happens to the strength of that animal (vs 12)?

How does a trapped animal hurt himself (vs 13)?

What point do you think Bildad was making with the trapped animal illustration?

What do you think verse 14 means?

What happens to the land of the wicked man (vs 15)?

What is the result of God's punishment on the wicked (vs 16)?

What is the end result for a man with evil character (vs 17)?

What did Bildad imply was happening to Job because of evil in his life (vs 18)?

Why would an evil man be forgotten (vs 19)?

How do people view someone who has been punished by God (vs 20)?

What did Bildad declare (vs 21)?

How was this not helpful at all to Job?

“Living on the Truth”

Study: Job 19:1-29

Reading: Hebrews 6:9-20

Memory: Matthew 5:34

What Does the Bible Say?

As if it wasn't bad enough to go through the great calamities he had experienced, Job now faced the constant ridicule of his friends. They were getting him worked up with their false accusations about him and he was fed up with it. He wanted to know how long they would continue to accuse him and degrade him as they had been doing for some time. He didn't understand why they cared so much about his wrong because even if he was wrong and in sin, he was the one that was going to face the great consequences for it. He was sick of his friends exalting themselves as if they were better and using Job's heartache and problems as a way to cause him further pain (vs 1-5).

Job proceeded to express his deep emotional feelings of the rejection he faced by God and others. He felt that God had treated him unfairly and wanted to express that. Job had cried out to God about his problems, but his words had seemed to fall on deaf ears. He felt like he was trapped in a dark jail cell where he couldn't find a way out. All of Job's pride and joy had been taken from him and he felt like a tree that had been pulled up from the ground by the roots and had been left to die. In his mind, Job thought God was treating him like the opposition. All the armies of God were gathered together against him to torture him and to hurt him, constantly pushing him down even if he tried to get up (vs 6-12).

Continuing to bemoan the situation that he was in, Job expressed how he had felt abandoned by all those who at one time loved him and were close to him. His friends, family members, servants and even his wife had looked down on him in disgrace and had treated him as if he was the worst person in the world. Even young children talked about him in a negative way and made fun of him. He felt neglected by everyone and was begging his friends not to be like God, who he felt was constantly putting him down. He wanted friends who would help him through this terribly difficult time in his life (vs 13-22).

Job desired that his words and his life would be recorded permanently for all men to see. This was because he knew that he was innocent.

Though Job had complained and struggled emotionally, feeling that God had abandoned him, he expressed his true faith in God as he recalled that God was real and that one day he would be vindicated and be declared to be innocent. Though he had been physically destroyed, he knew that he would see God face to face and God would declare him innocent. He knew God was real and he still had the eternal hope that all true believers have (vs 23-27).

Warning his accusers about their actions, Job reminded them that they would be held accountable for the accusations they were making against him. He wanted them to know that God was the ultimate judge and God was the one to be feared (vs 28-29).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Where is your ultimate trust? Today, we got a glimpse of the emotions and trust of a truly human, but godly man. Job wanted to quit on God and give up. He felt neglected by all and expressed his feelings of abandonment, yet he came back around and allowed what he knew to overcome what he felt. This is a vital lesson that all believers need to learn and will have to continue to learn.

There are times in your life where your emotions will react one way, though your mind will know something else. You will be faced with the choice of living on your feelings or living on what you know is true. Though acting upon the truth by obeying God and living out His Word seems like it should be easy, there are many times in your life where it will conflict with how you feel. This is when you need to rely on and act on your faith rather than your feelings. As Job was assured, you can be assured that God is faithful and that His words are absolute truth.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for giving you unchanging truth.*
- * *Ask God to help you trust in Him rather than your feelings.*
- * *Praise God for being a God who is trustworthy.*

Thought for the day

What did Job ask his friends (vs 2)?

What did he accuse his friends of (vs 3)?

What did he express about his problems (vs 4)?

How were Job's friends exalting themselves by the judgement they placed on Job (vs 5-6)?

What did Job say God had not done (vs 7)?

What did Job say God had done (vs 8)?

What had this experience done to Job (vs 9-10)?

What did Job feel he had become (vs 11)?

What did Job picture God was doing to him (vs 12)?

Who had failed Job (vs 13-14)?

What had Job become (vs 15-16)?

What did Job express about his family (vs 17)?

What would children do to Job (vs 18)?

What turned on Job (vs 19)?

What plea did Job make (vs 20-22)?

What did Job express in verses 23-24? What do you think he meant?

What hope did Job cling to (vs 25-27)?

How do you have this same hope?

What was Job expressing in verses 28-29?

“Seeking To Know God”

Study: Job 20:1-29

Reading: II Timothy 2:14-21

Memory: Matthew 5:34

What Does the Bible Say?

Unconvinced of Job’s innocence, Zophar once again spoke up to rebuke Job. Zophar began this speech by describing how the things that Job said were against what he knew to be true. His own understanding told him that from the beginning of time God has only allowed the wicked person to prosper for a season. During that time, he might be exalted above all men and looked up to by many, but his fall will be swift and painful. When this fall happens, his life will be as worthless as dung and those who knew him will soon forget about him. The memories of that wicked person will be like a dream that you remember when you wake, but after a short while is soon forgotten. His children will be in such a rough state that they will be begging the poor for help because God will take away all of his wealth. Though this man feels like he can still accomplish great things, God won’t allow him to, but will continually put him down because of his evil (vs 1-11).

Zophar then compared the evil that he thought Job had committed to a sweet treat that was extremely poisonous. He described how the evil man would take that treat and suck all of the flavoring out of it, enjoying every little part of it. But when that poison reached the belly, it would start to make that man sick. Zophar was accusing Job of seeking after the pleasures and evil of the world and gaining what he had by wrongdoing. All of those things that Job obtained through evil would come back to haunt him, just like that sweet treat full of poison. That poison would cause a person to vomit, just like the riches would all be given back as well. They would be ripped violently from the evil man. Zophar accused Job of this evil and also accused him of obtaining his wealth by oppressing the poor (vs 12-19).

Zophar then compared Job to an overindulgent person who couldn’t resist his appetite for the things of the world. He continued the theme of food as he pictured a banquet table where Job ate all the food, not saving any for others. This would not only cause inward pain, but those around him would grow angry with him as well. According to Zophar, God

would send destruction upon the man who did that. Job’s sin couldn’t be hidden and Zophar understood that all of Job’s grief and pain was a result of his evil heart (vs 20-29).

How Does this Apply to Me?

What you read today might seem to get redundant, but it gives you another chance to see the importance of truly knowing God. The key to this chapter comes in the first few verses when Zophar described how he knew this to be true. The problem Zophar had was that he really didn’t know God. He didn’t understand God’s character and how God viewed and cared for men. All he knew was what he had seen and he interpreted everything according to his own experience. This problem still exists today and is highly prevalent in American churches. Many people base their lives and thinking on their own view of God rather than the real truth about Him that is revealed in Scripture. Their view of God causes them to live and think contrary to His Word, and though they think they are pleasing Him and doing what is right, they are actually rebelling against Him. How can you avoid this? The answer is simple, though it does take work. You can avoid this by truly seeking the God of the Bible. The only way to do that is by constant study of and hearing of the Word. As you study the Word of God, don’t just seek what you can get out of it for your daily life, but look to see what your study reveals about God. When you understand the true character of God, you will understand more and more how He would have you to live. Many false religions are based on the Bible, but they give a false view of who God really is. God gave us His Word to truly reveal himself. You will be amazed when you read the Bible looking for the character of God.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for revealing Himself to you through His Word.*
- * *Ask God to help you to know Him.*

Thought for the day

Why did Zophar say he had to reply (vs 2-3)?

What had happened since the beginning of time (vs 4-5)?

What does the “pride of the godless” do (vs 6)?

What will happen to those who are full of pride (vs 7-9)?

What will happen to the children of prideful men (vs 10-11)?

What did they once enjoy (vs 12-13)?

What happens after the enjoyment (vs 14-15)?

What did Zophar compare the judgement of God to (vs 16)?

What will happen to the things that prideful men once enjoyed (vs 17)?

What will happen to the wealth of wicked men (vs 18)?

What had these wicked men done to be successful (vs 19)?

What does verse 20 reveal about the greed of evil men?

What will not endure (vs 21)?

What will God do for wicked men (vs 22-23)?

What do you think verse 24 meant?

What will the wicked face (vs 25)?

What will happen to the treasures of the wicked (vs 26)?

What will the heavens and earth do (vs 27)?

What will God’s anger do (vs 28-29)?

What was Zophar implying in this chapter?

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. 33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,