

LIFE IS COMPLICATED

Text: Job 11:1-20

Key Word: Complicated

Key Thought: Even Though the Problems We Endure in Life Are Complicated we will ultimately Overcome

We are now entering a portion of the book of Job that describes the ruthless words of **“Zophar.”** It is not a name that we would normally take time to research. This is the only place in the Bible where this name is mentioned. It says he was a **“Naamathite.”** The Hebrew word for **“Naamah”** means **“sweet”** or **“pleasant.”** It would be correct to say that he came from **“Pleasantville.”** When it is used in a plural noun form, it means **“sweets or dainties.”** When used as an adjective it means **“a soft or pleasant sound.”**

Does this have any spiritual meaning for us today? I believe it does. **“Naamah”** was part of one group of sixteen towns or villages in the foothills of land given by Joshua to the tribe of Judah. It’s interesting to me that it is mentioned to be between **“Beth Dagon”** and **“Makkedah”**

“Beth Dagon” was one of the oldest deities in Mesopotamia. Ancient texts referred to him as the father of **“Baal.”** Dagon was half a man and half a fish. The Philistines who worshipped him would make master weapons in his shape to be given as gifts. This heathen god was famous during the time of the Judges, Samuel and King Saul. King David put an end to this pagan worship.

It was during the time Samson that the Philistines brought him out to be mocked during one of their feasts and worship to Dagon. The 3,000 Philistines used it as a time to celebrate the victory of Dagon over the God of Israel. It was during this time that Samson had his last victory as he pushed over the support columns that caused the temple and its roof where the men and women were sitting to collapse and kill them all including Samson. He killed more Philistines at his time of death than during his entire life prior to that point.

“Makkedah” was a place mentioned in Joshua 10:1-29 where five kings from **Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon hid in a cave.** Joshua had his men sealed them in the cave until he finished winning the battles in that area. He then had his commanders bring them out of the cave, place their feet on their necks and then Joshua said,

“Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the LORD will do to all the enemies you are going to fight.”

Joshua 10:25

Joshua had the five kings killed, placed them each upon a pole until the evening and then had them put back into the cave and sealed it up with large stones.

You are probably wondering by now why I'm telling you these things? How does it apply to our day? **It actually is complicated just like our lives are and it becomes MORE complicated when we are deceived by the unending lies of those who oppose God and His Word.**

The Church in many parts of the world has been told that we should never go through trials or temptations. When we do, it HAS to be because of our lack of faith! We are not prospering because we don't send money to these televangelists who preach a doctrine of devils. Remember that Naamathites proclaimed a life that was **"sweet, pleasant, and dainty."**

We need to be reminded that our enemy uses many different tactics to confuse us in order to pay back God and His true disciples for confusing those who attempted to build the Tower of Babel.

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So what about **"Jaleco.com"** it is listed as an adware that continues to use pop-ups to say you have advertisements on your computer that you need to remove. The moment you click on these sites you actually add the malicious advertisements and your computer becomes open for all these attacks. In other words, it deceives those who think they are preventing a problem.

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"Oh, how I wish that God would speak, that he would open his lips against you

6. and disclose to you the secrets of wisdom, for true wisdom has two sides. Know this: God has even forgotten some of your sin" . . .

11. Surely he recognizes deceivers; and when he sees evil, does he not take note?

12. But the witless can no more become wise than a wild donkey's colt can be born human.

Job 11:5,6,11,12

And Job is even told that if he does what he is already doing he WILL BE given a life of blessing from God. **In other words, Zophar's words against Job were completely fabricated. They were out and out lies. The deceiver was Zophar. Satan continues to use people like Zophar to complicate our lives ESPECIALLY when we go through hard times.**

*“You **will** lie down, with no one to make you afraid,
and many will court your favor.
20. But the eyes of the wicked will fail, and escape
will elude them;”*

Job 11:19,20

Can you agree with me that God’s true Church throughout the world is being attacked daily with words that attempt to question God’s Power and wisdom? Satanic Marxism is pouring in and out of our Universities, Colleges, High schools and now even our Elementary schools. Drag Queens are now becoming the story tellers of our day. The original teaching of secular humanism is now seemingly innocent compared to the satanic teaching trying to destroy what our God-fearing forefathers instituted.

Governments around the world are filled with dictators and totalitarianism is rampant. We are being forced to follow their creeds or we will lose our jobs. They are now telling parents they are not capable to raising their children. The governments are now using our institutions to refabricate the minds of innocent children BEHIND the backs of parents.

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.”

Colossians 2:8

So what can we do about it?

READ AND APPLY Psalm 73

Recognize that Scriptures are being fulfilled before our very eyes (II Timothy 3:1-5)

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God will overcome through His church that doesn't waver. The "woke mentality" is now being challenged. They are being exposed for whom they really are. Many of those that once supported Pride month are now saying they've gone too far. They are questioning their lifestyle. Their fabricated lies that were so twisted are now being opposed.

Their money sources are being depleted. George Soros just cut back his workers by 40%. The New Green deal is being fought against because it has little value and cannot work in its limited time period. God does not bless nations that forsake Him and try to take His rightful place on the Throne above all kings and kingdoms. We've read the last chapters of the Bible and we are ensured that God and His people will overcome the works of the enemy.

Pastor are you saying our life will not be so complicated in the near future? **No I'm not.** What I do believe is that God will give us strength, courage, direction, provision, encouragement as we seek after Him. As evil abounds, will God's love and care will abound even more. The unfruitful works of darkness are being exposed in a rapid rate. Victory is ours in the Name of the LORD God.

The church of Christ was founded upon the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The devil's tactics **were** defeated. God's Word **was** fulfilled. The grave of our LORD **is** empty. Heaven is waiting to usher us in for our eternal reward. Those who seek after God's will can be guaranteed that they **will** be conquerors. Why worry when we know God has never lost a battle?

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