

The Rebuke Of History

Job 8

1. Failure to learn from the past

- a. those who fail to learn from the past repeat it
- b. failure to apply spiritual things when and where they are needed

2. Absence of compassion

- a. **Job 8.2** - words of thy mouth like a strong wind
- b. **Gal 6.1** - if a brother is overtaken in a fault
- c. **Psm 18.6** - in my distress I called upon the Lord

3. Perverted judgment

- a. **Job 8.3** - doth God pervert judgment
- b. **Psm 9.7-8** - he shall judge the world in righteousness
- c. **Psm 9.16** - the Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth

4. Inequality of abundance

- a. **Job 8.6-7** - if thou were pure and upright
- b. **Psm 37.16** - A little that a righteous man hath
- c. **Prov 15.16** - Better is little with the fear of the LORD
- d. **Heb 13.5** - be content with such things as ye have
- e. **Isa 53.3-4** - yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God

5. Appeal to history

- a. **Job 8.8** - For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age
- b. **Rom 15.4** - whatsoever things were written aforetime
- c. **1 Cor 10.11-12** - all these things happened unto them for ensamples
- d. **Heb 11.39-40** - having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise
- e. **Job 8.10** - Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee

6. Tragedy of forgetfulness

- a. **Job 8.11-13** - So are the paths of all that forget God
- b. **Psm 90.7-9** - For we are consumed by thine anger
- c. **Psm 129.4-6** - he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked

7. Triumph of mercy

- a. **Job 8.20** - Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man

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2. Absence of compassion

Job 8.2 - How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

Gal 6.1 - Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Psm 18.6 - In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

3. Perverted judgment

Job 8.3 - Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

Psm 9.7-8 - But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. 8: And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

Psm 9.16 - The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

4. Inequality of abundance

Job 8.6-7 - If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. 7: Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

Psm 37.16 - A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

Prov 15.16 - Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith

Heb 13.5 - Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Isa 53.3-4 - He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4: Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5. Appeal to history

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Job 8.8 - For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:

Rom 15.4 - For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

1 Cor 10.11-12 - Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12: Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Heb 11.39-40 - And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Job 8.10 - Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

6. Tragedy of forgetfulness

Job 8.11-13 - Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? 12: Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. 13: So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

Psm 90.7-9 - For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. 8: Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. 9: For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

Psm 129.4-6 - The LORD is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked. 5: Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion. 6: Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7. Triumph of mercy

Job 8.20 - Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers: