

SERMON NOTES 1/24/26



Let us look at life through the context of God's goodness and intent to pull us closer into His arms and our beloved identity in Him and Him alone.

1. In Job 34, Elihu shares a lot of great wisdom, but it was out of context. For instance, in **Job 34:1-9**, Elihu accuses Job of being unequally yoked with evil people.
 - a. **2 Cor 6:14** - Unequally yoked - Jesus has freed us from having to be yoked to anything, not just evil people or unbelievers, but to the events of past that produce bitterness and pain.
2. Elihu speaks on righteousness in **Job 34:10-15** and touches on a principle, of reaping what we sow. This is a principle, not a law. Galatians 6:7 speaks on this in the context of sowing good seed offerings, but we make this principle a law and take it out of context.
 - a. Sometimes what you experience is reaping what you sow, but sometimes what you experience has nothing to do with your actions. Furthermore, if Jesus purchased our freedom, His love is more powerful than the principle of reaping what you sow. We are free from the curse, **Romans 8:20-22**.
 - b. **Psalm 165:16-17** shows us the attributes of His work - satisfying hunger and thirst.
 - c. Righteousness is not earned and God did not appoint us to wrath. Righteousness is God's conduct in relation to us and furthermore, if we are righteous, it is the way we conduct ourselves with others in His goodness.
3. **Psalm 89:14** tells us that the mark of God is love and truth. Where He rules, we see the evidence of these 2 things. **Romans 1:18** says wrath is toward the unrighteousness of men. So, His wrath wants to take out anything that is contrary to your true identity in Him because of His desire for us to be found in love and truth.
4. **Jon 34:21-30** speaks a lot about the wrath of God and how nothing can stay hidden. When we bring every situation to Him, it is aligning everything in the context of His righteousness and goodness wanting to redeem us from any wrath that we are due.
 - a. Luke 13:6-9 tells the parable of the fig tree., The man represents the wrath of God in that He doesn't want a fruitless creation, but the gardener is His love and truth of giving one more attention so they would produce and not endure wrath.