

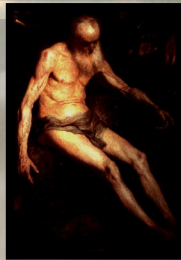
To Speak Well of God

An Exposition of the Book of Job



To Speak Well of God Challenges of Job: the fractious interface between theology and reality. Philosophy of justice: Unaccountable God ≠ Uncaring God. Learning to speak well of God amidst affliction.

Enter Satan Evidence suggests Satan is human pride, hosted by the 3 friends. Debate now seen as struggle between Satan and righteous man. Can now see God as caring, preparing even Satan's salvation.



The Wilderness Journey 3 friends are children of Abraham, Job is a 'Gentile.' Thus 'Satan' also from line of Christ. Job is during wilderness wanderings: Debate is Satan vs righteous man in wilderness – like Christ.

Satan in the Wilderness Progressive levels: observing, interpreting & condemning in speeches. Deut 28 behind friend's theology. Elihu is 'John the Baptist' type, clears Job's unwise subpoena enabling Job to hear God.



GOD Speaks Why 2 speeches? 1st is natural creation, 2nd spiritual. How God answers Job's questions, when it seems He hasn't. Job's failure against Leviathan, yet brilliance in understanding God's speeches.

Salvation God's judgment reveals Christ as God's Word. Job a priest of Melchizedek. Now serves from faith not fear, repents OF dust and ashes. The suffering of a righteous man brings salvation to unrighteous men.

