

## Zophar Speaks

### *Job 20*

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## He Describes the Short-Lived Triumph of the Wicked (20:1-11)

### CHAPTER 20

**1** And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said, **2** Therefore do my thoughts give me an answer, and for this is my haste within me. **3** I hear a reproof putting me to shame; and *my* spirit answereth me by mine understanding. **4** Knowest thou *not* this, that of old, since man was placed upon earth, **5** The exultation of the wicked is short, and the joy of the ungodly man but for a moment? **6** Though his height mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds, **7** Like his own dung doth he perish for ever; they which have seen him shall say, Where is he? **8** He flieth away as a dream, and is not found; and is chased away as a vision of the night. **9** The eye which saw him shall *see him* not again; and his place beholdeth him no more. **10** His children shall seek the favour of the poor, and his hands restore his wealth. **11** His bones were full of his youthful strength; but it shall lie down with him in the dust.

## The Sweetness of Sin Will Become a

## Bitter Curse (20:12-19)

**12** Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth *and* he hide it under his tongue, **13** *Though* he spare it, and forsake it not, but keep it within his mouth, **14** His food is turned in his bowels; it is the gall of asps within him. **15** He hath swallowed down riches, but he shall vomit them up again: GOD shall cast them out of his belly. **16** He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall kill him. **17** He shall not see streams, rivers, brooks of honey and butter. **18** That which he laboured for shall he restore, and not swallow down; its restitution shall be according to the value, and he shall not rejoice *therein*. **19** For he hath oppressed, hath forsaken the poor; he hath violently taken away a house that he did not build.

## God Will Sweep Away the Wicked Into Darkness (20:20-29)

**20** Because he knew no rest in his craving, he shall save nought of what he most desired. **21** Nothing escaped his greediness; therefore his prosperity shall not endure. **22** In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits; every hand of the wretched shall come upon him. **23** It shall be that, to fill his belly, he will cast his fierce anger upon him, and will rain it upon him into his flesh. **24** If he have fled from the iron weapon, the bow of brass shall strike him through. **25** He draweth it forth; it cometh out of his body, and the glittering point out of his gall: terrors are upon him. **26** All darkness is laid up for his treasures: a fire not blown shall devour him; it shall feed upon what is left in his tent. **27** The heavens shall reveal his iniquity, and the earth shall rise up against him. **28** The increase of his house shall depart, flowing away in the day of his anger. **29** This is the portion of the wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed to him by GOD.