TRIED AND TRUE

"How Big Is Your God?"

Job 34-37

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. Question: "How Big Is Your God?"
- 2. Job 34:2-4
 - a) Vs 3
 - 1) "for the ear tests words" "as the palate tastes food."
 - b) Vs 4
 - 1) "Let us choose what is right"
- I. THE <u>JUSTICE</u> OF GOD

Chapters 34-35

- What is justice?
 - the quality of being just; righteousness, equitableness, or moral rightness:
 - o the administering of deserved punishment or reward.
 - the maintenance or administration of what is just by law, as by judicial or other proceedings:

A. THE DENIAL OF JUSTICE

- 1. Vs 5
- 2. Throughout Job one of his main complaints against God has to do with God's Justice.
- 3. These three had bad theology!!!
- 4. Job suffered because he was righteous!!!! Job 1:6-12, 2:1-10
- 5. 2 Tim 3:12

B. <u>DEFENDING</u> GOD'S JUSTICE

1. ARGUMENT #1

"If God is not just...He is not God."

- a) Vs 10
- b) Vs 12
 - 1) Genesis 18:25
- c) Warren Wiersbe

"If God is truly God, then He is perfect, and if He is perfect, then He cannot do wrong."

2. ARGUMENT #2 "If 6

"If God is unjust...He cannot Govern"

- a) Vs 16-17a
- b) Vs 17b-19
 - 1) Everybody condemns injustice!!!
 - 2) However, when it comes right down to it, we are more partial to the "haves" than the "have nots".
- c) Vs 20
- 3. ARGUMENT #3 "If God is Unjust...He is not Good"
 - a) Vs 21-22
 - 1) God sees everything.
 - b) Vs 23-25
 - 1) God <u>knows</u> everything.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 3:12
 - b. 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - c) Vs 26-30

- 1) God judges everything.
- d) Vs 31-33
 - 1) God controls everything.

C. A DESCRIPTION OF GOD'S JUSTICE

- 1. Chapter 35:1-2
 - a) God's Justice is not affected by our Words.
- 2. Vs 4-8
 - a) God's Justice is not affected by our Works
 - b) God's truth is the truth whether we believe it or not.
 - c) God is Just no matter whether we believe it or not.
 - d) God is immutable!
- 3. Vs 9-10
 - a) God's Justice is not affected by our Ways
 - 1) Elihu was giving Job words of comfort too by telling him that God is just even when God doesn't see fit to remove our burdens He always gives us the strength to bear them.
 - 2) Psalm 4:8; 42:8; 63:6-7

II. THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Chapters 36-37

A. THE MIND OF GOD IS GREAT

- 1. Job 36:5, 22, 37:16
- 2. Because God's knowledge is infallible, anything that deviates from what He says is false.
- 3. **Very Important**: We should never start with our feelings and opinions.

B. THE MERCY OF GOD IS GREAT

- 1. Job 36:6, 15
- 2. In the midst of our sufferings we hear God more than any other time.

C. THE MIGHT OF GOD IS GREAT

- 1. Job 36:24-33; 37:5
- D. THE MAJESTY OF GOD
 - 1. 37:4,
 - 2. Vs 14-21
 - 3. Vs 22-24

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Our God is **Just** and Our God is **Great!**
- 2. Do you remember the Old Testament Story when Israel sent the 12 spies into the promise land?
 - a) 10 spies came back with a negative report.
 - b) Only Joshua and Caleb came back with a positive report.
 - c) Why?
 - 1. The majority saw the GIANTS in comparison to themselves.
 - 2. Joshua and Caleb saw the GIANTS in comparison to God.