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## The Devotional

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Job 8:1, 2, 7, 21 – 22

“Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said, “How long will you speak these things, and the words of your mouth be like a strong wind? ... Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end should greatly increase... He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, and your lips with rejoicing. Those who hate you will be clothed with shame...” Job 8:1 – 2, 7, 21 – 22.

Bildad has wonderful prophetic insight for Job in spite of his moralizing. It is easy for us to be like Bildad, isn't it? We become so determined to be right, so staunchly set to uphold the truth that we miss the genuine goodness and character of the Lord and we come across ourselves as self-righteous and arrogant. Watch out for doctrine disguising itself as God's character – which alone never changes! “I Am the LORD, I change not!” (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8). It is too easy to pursue and hold fast to ideas and structures of thinking that are unbending. The religious leaders of Jesus' day discovered this the hard way when their ideologies of Yahweh met the Eternal Word face to face! “You do err, not knowing the scriptures, or the power of God!” (Matthew 22:29). (It is one thing to read a book about flying an airplane and it is another thing altogether to possess a pilot's license! Well? Who do you want captaining your airplane – a qualified pilot or an intellectual who has just finished reading a book on how to fly? It's a no-brainer isn't it?)

When the anointing comes upon you to prophesy or to lay hands upon the sick, never suppose that His presence is a confirmation that your ways of thinking are all correct. Neither use His grace to lend superiority to your cultural ways, your pet doctrines, or your methodologies! He will always choose to manifest Himself to the end that people might be encouraged and delivered from their various and several bondages! And He will manifest Himself through those vessels that will release faith (not correctness of doctrine) into the situation and in His ability to deliver!

Though Bildad had the unction of God upon Him to prophesy correctly about Job's latter end, his attitudes and “counsel” to Job left something to be desired!

Remain teachable and humble. Remember, the anointing is not about you. It's not about proving who is right. Rather the anointing is about God's love moving through a vessel to the benefit and blessing of others!

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