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Job's Friend Bildad

Scripture Reading: Job 8, 9:1-10

Bildad began to speak to Job. He said, "Does God subvert judgement? Or does the Almighty pervert justice? If your sons have sinned against Him, He has cast them away for their transgression. If you would earnestly seek God and make your supplication to the Almighty, if you were pure and upright, surely now he would awake for you". He also said that God will never cast away the blameless, nor will He uphold the evildoers. As a response to this Job speaks of all the marvelous works of God. He said, "God alone spreads out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea. He does great things past finding out and wonders without number. For even though I were righteous, I could not answer Him, but rather I would beg mercy of my judge".

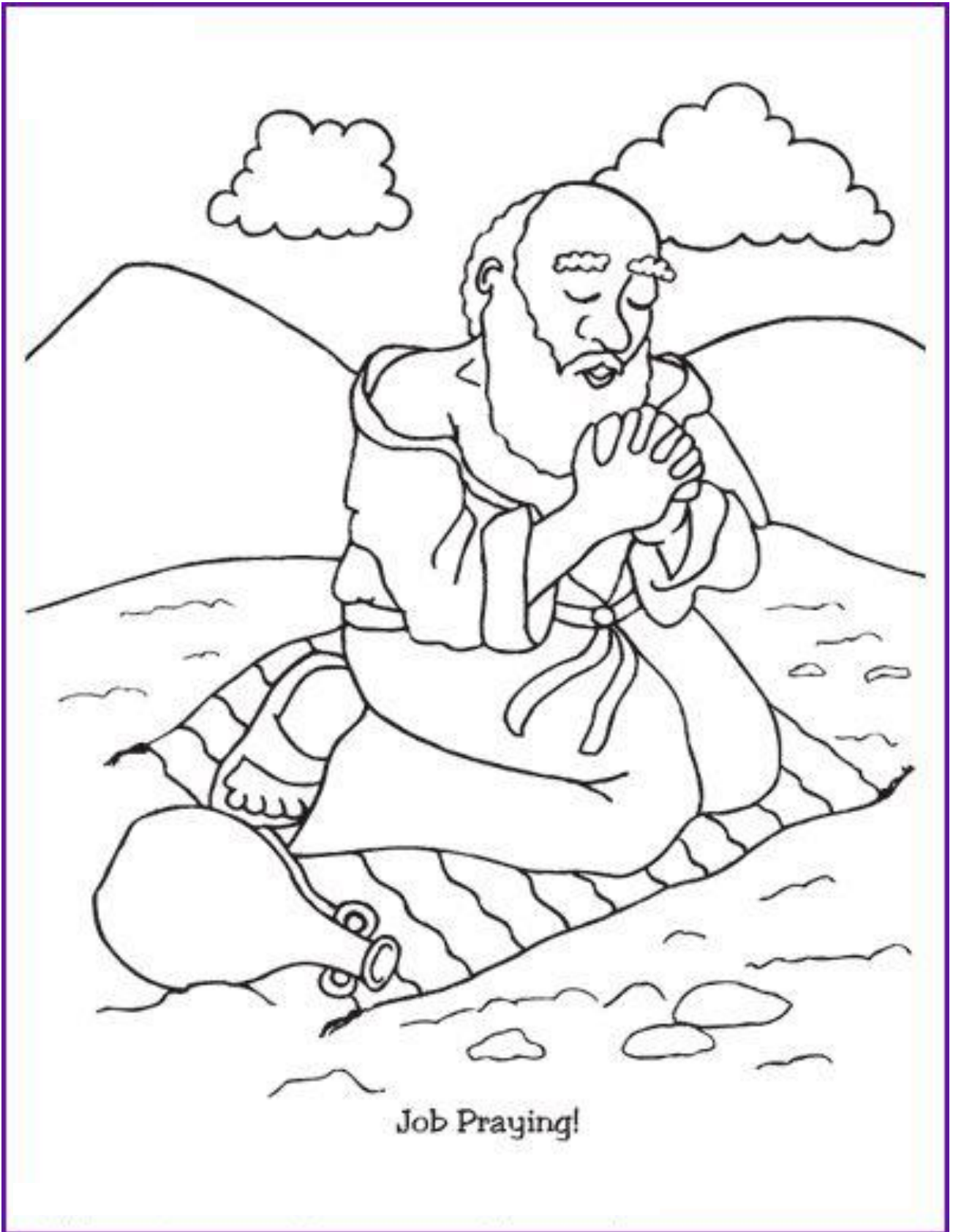


Bildad concluded that the sons of Job had sinned and that's the reason they were destroyed. He also says that they would've been saved if Job would've supplicated on their behalf. This is a false accusation. Job had regularly made sacrifices for his children. His life was such that God Himself certifies Job as blameless. Bildad spoke words of discomfort to the one whose grief was great and pain unbearable. But we see Job doesn't lose his cool, rather he answers him politely. Dear children, we should have the patience that Job had. Some might hurt us with their words like Bildad. Just like Job, in all situations we should never argue with God but rather beg for His mercy.

"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment". Matthew 12:36

Prayer

Heavenly Father, give us good friends. Help us to never hurt others with our words but rather always speak words of comfort. Amen



Job Praying!