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BIBLE STUDY

JOB

Bible Study Strategies: Prayer of Preparation

1. **Reading** the Scripture accurately
2. **Interpreting** the Scripture which is read
3. **Obeying** the Scripture as it is understood

Aims of Bible Study:

1. Increased Bible knowledge
2. Improvement as a student of the Scripture
3. Spiritual growth as a believer in Christ

THE DEBATE BETWEEN JOB AND HIS FRIENDS (Chaps. 3 – 31)

The Second Round of Speeches (Chaps. 15-21)

In the second round of speeches Job's "comforters," no longer appealing for repentance, become more condemning and vehement. Job, meanwhile, becomes more stubborn.

Bildad's Second Speech (Chaps. 18)

18:1-4 Bildad the Shuhite denounces Job for very strongly scorning the words of wisdom spoken by his friends and himself. One good thing that can be said about Bildad: he is briefer in his reproaches than his fellow-comforters. Perhaps his awareness of this virtue of conciseness gave him boldness to suggest that Job should put an end to words.

18:5-21 He repeats the now-familiar refrain that the wicked person gets caught in the net of his own sins. Then he gives a dreadful list of the calamities that come upon a sinner's house. Bildad was right in saying that men suffer for their sins, but

he was wrong in giving this as an explanation of Job's sufferings. Not all suffering is a direct result of sin in one's life.