

**Job 14:1 ¶ Man *that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.***

**Job 14:2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.**

**Job 14:3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?**

Job continues his presentation before God. He observes that a man's life is short and full of trouble. His life is like a flower that blossoms and is cut off, like a shadow that soon disappears. In light of that, why have I caught your attention?

**Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.**

**Job 14:5 Seeing his days *are determined*, the number of his months *are with thee*, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;**

**Job 14:6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.**

Job asks, Who can make something clean out of something that is unclean (like man is implied)? Answer: No one. I know that You have determined the number of days in a man's life, so why not leave him alone "till he has put in his time like a hired man. (NIV)"

How blessed we are to know that Jesus can make us righteous before God!

*2 Corinthians 5:20–21 "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*

**Job 14:7 ¶ For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.**

**Job 14:8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;**

**Job 14:9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.**

When a tree is cut down, there is hope that it will sprout and begin to grow again. Even if the roots have gotten old and the stump looks dead, a little water will cause it to bud and begin to grow once again.

**Job 14:10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is he*?**

**Job 14:11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:**

**Job 14:12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be no more*, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.**

However, when a man dies, he breathes out his spirit—but to where? Job compares man's body to water that disappears from a body of water (evaporates) causing it to dry up. That body will not rise again from death until the heavens are no more.

So Job did know that there was life after death, but he didn't really understand much about it. He just knew that after death man does not get another chance at this life.

**Job 14:13** O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

**Job 14:14** If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

**Job 14:15** Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

**Job 14:16** ¶ For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

**Job 14:17** My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

Job expresses his wish that God would just hide him in the grave and forget about him until His anger had passed; however, He did not want God to forget him forever. He expresses the expectation that he will live again and was looking forward to the time when his life would be renewed. Job seems to understand that a time is coming when God will want to have fellowship with him again, a time when his sins would be remembered no more.

Yet again, we see that Job did not claim to be sinless.

**Job 14:18** And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

**Job 14:19** The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

**Job 14:20** Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

**Job 14:21** His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.

**Job 14:22** But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

Job then compares life to a mountain that crumbles, and stones that are worn away by the water and soil washed away by a flood. God will surely prevail, and man will know nothing but his own pain and suffering.