

**Job 25:1 ¶ Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,**

**Job 25:2 Dominion and fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places.**

**Job 25:3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?**

**Job 25:4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?**

**Job 25:5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.**

**Job 25:6 How much less man, *that is* a worm? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?**

Bildad makes a brief response to Job. God's sovereign authority should provoke awe from man. He causes all in His heaven to dwell in peace and prosperity. He has an innumerable army of angels ready to do His bidding. There is no one upon whom His light does not shine. In light of this truth, he poses the question: How can any man born of woman be morally righteous or innocent before God? Even the moon and stars are not pure in His sight because He outshines them all. How much less is a man before God; he is no more than a worm.

It seems that Bildad doesn't recognize that he has classified himself in the same category as Job.

I liked this comment from Stedman: "It is interesting to see that the Scriptures never treat man like a worm. God's view of man is that though he is in deep trouble, and though he has turned his back upon light and plunged himself into darkness and is reaping the result of his own iniquity, God never treats him as a worm. He treats him as a very deeply loved individual and a very valuable commodity whom he is ready to give tremendous commitment to in order that he might redeem him. It is true that only when a man admits that he cannot help himself, that he is indeed a wretched person, that he can be helped. But God never sees him as worm."

Just a note: Many commentaries posit that there are problems with the identification of who is speaking in chapters 24-26 of Job, that there has been some recording error of the text. I choose to accept the record as written.