

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered: 2“Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. 3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! 4 I would **lay my case before him**, and **fill my mouth with arguments**. 5 I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. 6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? **No; but he would give heed to me**. 7 There an upright person could reason with him, and I should **be acquitted forever by my judge**.

8“If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, **I cannot perceive him**; 9 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. *10 But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold. 11 My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside. 12 I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured in my bosom the words of his mouth.*

*13 But he stands alone and who can dissuade him? What he desires, that he does. 14 For he will complete what he appoints for me; and many such things are in his mind. 15 Therefore I am terrified at his presence; when I consider, I am in dread of him. 16 God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has **terrified me**; 17 If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!*

Word - , Math - B, Body - B, Music - I, Nature - B, Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	There are literary connections between the elided section of this passage and the rich man in Mark 10. All the commandments I have kept from my youth! That man is also somewhat desperate to find the right connection to God.		
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Verse 10 - Job is confident of his innocence and that God will vindicate him. (He	In the United States, more people <u>plead “guilty”</u> to charges to avoid the greater risk of harsher	Put Job in a modern American courtroom and present him with this dilemma. Plead guilty and

	has no reason to get angry or shout, either.)	sentencing if their case goes to trial and is lost. “The ‘trial penalty’ refers to the substantial difference between the sentence offered in a plea offer prior to trial versus the sentence a defendant receives after trial. This penalty is now so severe and pervasive that it has virtually eliminated the constitutional right to a trial. To avoid the penalty, accused persons must surrender many other fundamental rights which are essential to a fair justice system.” Job is going to push his Sixth Amendment rights all the way, apparently!	get a less punitive sentence or stand firm for a trial and face harsher penalties. His contemporaries are already urging this course: “Curse God and die!” <i>See also PEOPLE smart elements for drama.</i>
Body - Kinesthetic	Vs 16 - נָהַל terrify A primitive root; to tremble inwardly (or palpitate)	Job’s inability to perceive God’s presence is making him agitated. The sensation is like when you can’t find your child in a crowd. (AAAAAUUGH!) Compare to a lesser degree, when you can’t find the thing you just had in your hand a minute ago. This is not that.	Vs 4 - “fill my mouth” Come up with a list of arguments that Job might have to put to God. In the sermon read them off, but stuff a marshmallow in your mouth for each one. Have bag or waste basket handy to get rid of them so you don’t choke and can continue with the sermon.
Musical		<i>A Masque of Reason</i> by Robert Frost (the 43rd chapter to the Book of Job)	
Natural		Vs. 10 - “when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold” A narrative explanation of gold processing. Heat and chemicals are applied to	A link to a blog post about assaying gold. LOTS of information. Bring in some of the equipment needed to refine gold. If you do not

		<p>ore to melt away impurities - Job is certain that the ordeal he is going through will smelt him just like ore. He will come out of it in a prized form.</p> <p>In the linked article, the author mentions the use of cyanide as the best method of gold extraction. I find it interesting that mixing in something poisonous brings about the best amount of gold.</p>	<p>have access, then use a charcoal grill and melt an ice cube that already has something gold frozen in it while you talk about Job's process of being refined by God.</p>
People - Interpersonal			
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>Vs 6 - he would give heed to me</p> <p>Job is aware of God's majesty and power but is still confident that his own innocence would grant him an audience</p>	<p>⇐ This makes me think of the time I testified in traffic court that the light was green - I could not be swayed from it, and I think I may have influenced the case being dismissed.</p> <p>Vss. 8-9 -- Perhaps Job can't find God out there because God is in his middle. Here is a meditation from the Center for Action and Contemplation on the topic.</p> <p><i>See also EYE for Job's looking around him, and for the inward eye and inward space</i></p>	