

Job 4-7

The Silence is Broken

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Wisdom in Counsel and Comfort

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Outline

Chap 1-2: dialogues between God and Satan

Satan destroys Job's family and wealth, then health

Chap 3: Job cries out in grief

Chap 4-37: dialogues between Job and his counselors

Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, Elihu

Chap 38-42 Job's deliverance

Job questions God,

God humbles Job then honors him.

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- *6-7: Job's Response*

Vv 4:1-11

A Backhanded Compliment

Vv 4:12-21

A Questionable Revelation

Vv 5:1-7

Everyone Knows This is True

...but is it?

Vv 5:8-16

**God's Omnipotence
and Justice**

Vv 5:17-26

**If You Don't Like God's
Correction, It Proves That
You Are In Sin.**

V 5:27

Ask Anyone...

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Eliphaz preaches a God who can be figured out. For Eliphaz, there are no unknowns behind the scenes; there is no drama or purpose in the heavens that motivate what God does and what He allows to be done.

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However, we know this heavenly drama from the first two chapters, and we see how shallow and unknowing the counsel of Eliphaz was. Job didn't know what we know, but he could feel that the counsel of Eliphaz was wrong in his situation.

- Guzik

V5:27 – Ask Anyone...

Matthew 12:35-37 ESV

The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Vv 6:1-7
Job Speaks

Vv 6:8-13

Not Holding Up So Well

Vv 6:8-13 – Not Holding Up So Well

Prolonged and intense suffering can make a person feel powerless to handle life, and this can lead to hopelessness. – Wiersbe.

Vv 6:14-23

**Job Criticizes Eliphaz and
Defends Himself**

Vv 6:24-30
Cause Me to
Understand My Error

Vv 7:1-5

**The Hard Service of
Job's Suffering**

Vv 7:6-10

**Job's Lament:
The Futility of Life**

Vv 7:11-16

Job's Complaint to God

Vv 7:17-21

Job's Appeal to God

Vv 17-21 Job's Appeal to God

“Its simple meaning was that God is so great that even if a man did sin, it cannot affect Him. The answer is that this was altogether too small a thought of God: the truth being that God is so great that He is affected, wounded, robbed by human sin. Job was, like his friends, hindered by a philosophy too narrow.”

(Morgan – as quoted by Guzik)

Taking It Home

MEDITATION VERSE

Proverbs 15:23

*A man has joy by the answer of his mouth,
And a word [spoken] in due season, how good
[it is]!*