

Job

Part 2

Chapter 4-5 – Eliphaz speaks

Eliphaz is probably the eldest because he speaks first. The youngest spoke last.

[Read Job 4:3-9]

[Eliphaz] You've instructed and strengthened others when they went through bad stuff and now it's your turn. God punishes those who are evil.

17 Can a mortal be more righteous than God?
Can a man be more pure than his Maker?

Chapter 5

[Eliphaz] Angels can't help you.

[Eliphaz] Just repent Job, seek God, and God will restore everything for you.

Chapter 6 – Job responds to Eliphaz

[Job] I wish God would hear my prayers and kill me.

15-23 – You people have dealt deceitfully. You're disappointed because of your confidence and you come here and are confused. I didn't ask for your help.

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue;
Cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

Chapter 7 – Job starts talking to God.

None of his friends pray for him. None of them address God in any way. They just keep arguing out of what they know to be true.

[Job] We work hard our entire lives. I'm ready to die, so I'm not going to restrain my mouth. I'm in pain and when I try to rest, I have nightmares.

20 Have I sinned?
What have I done to You, O watcher of men?

Chapter 8 – Bildad jumps in

[Read Job 8:4-10]

[Bildad] Where there is smoke there is fire. If you forget God, you'll be punished. If you're a hypocrite, you'll be punished.

[Bildad] Just repent Job.

Chapter 9-10 – Job Responds to Bildad

[Job] Man can't be righteous before God. God spreads out the heavens. He's set the Bear, Orion and Pleiades constellations in the heavens. How am I supposed to question Him?

[Job] If I were righteous, I still couldn't answer Him.

[Read Job 9:32-35]

[Job] I wish we could go to court and that I had a mediator who could take God's hand and take my hand and then I could speak to God. Then I could ask God why? You know I'm not a wicked man, but you made me and you want to destroy me. If I'm wicked, then woe to me. And if I'm righteous, then I can't even lift up my head. (Chapter 10)

[Job] Just leave me alone. I'm ready to die.

Chapter 11 – Zophar makes an appearance

He forms a bridge between each of the rounds. He'll speak between 1&2 and between 2&3 and then he's done. Zophar walks around the ring holding up the Round 2 sign.

[Zophar] Oh, you say your doctrine is pure and that you're clean, but if God could speak, He'd tell you how bad you really are. God gives you less than you actually deserve.

[Zophar] Just repent Job.

Chapter 12 – Job has had enough.

[Read 12:23-24 – compare to Daniel 4]

Chapter 13

[Job] Will you speak for God?

15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.
Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.

[Job] I've prepared my case for God. How many sins have I committed? Show me the list. Why am I considered your enemy? I just wish you'd talk to me.

Chapter 14

4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one!

He didn't know, but we do – Jesus can.

[Read Job 14:13-15]

Job had hope for a resurrection.

Chapter 15 – Eliphaz comes back into the ring

Attacks him with adjectives like empty knowledge, abominable, filthy, wicked, defiant, hypocrite, bribery.

Chapter 16-17 – Job responds please shut up - “shall words of wind have an end?”

[Job] God has delivered me to the ungodly.

16:21 Oh, that one might plead for a man with God,
As a man pleads for his neighbor!

This is exactly what we see on the cross.

Chapter 18 – Bildad comes back and attacks Job.

Chapter 19 – Job responds, saying you're wrong,

[Read Job 19:23-27]

Chapter 20 – Zophar walks around the ring holding up a “Round 3” sign.

He tosses out adjectives wicked, hypocrite, haughtiness, evil, oppressed and forsaken (greedy).

Chapter 21 – Job answers

[Job] The wicked do prosper. They live good lives. They reject God and refuse to serve Him. Strong men die surrounded by stuff and men who are bitter die. They both are buried and eaten by worms. The wicked might not be punished while they're still alive, but they have an appointment with God (v30).

Psalm 73 – I almost stumbled because the evil live good lives and have it easy. Until I went to the house of the Lord; then I understood their end.

Chapter 22 – Eliphaz takes the gloves off

[Eliphaz] If God is infinite, you can't add anything to Him.

Eliphaz then accuses Job of being a mobster, a loan shark and taking the clothes off of peoples backs. – You won't even give people who are thirsty something to drink or food for people starving. You rob widows so now you're just getting what you deserve. You think clouds prevent God from seeing you?

[Eliphaz] Just repent Job!

Chapter 23-24 – Job is getting tired

[Job] I just want to present my case before God. Will God fight against me in His great power? No, but at least He might notice me.

[Job] Right now, if I go forward, he's not there. Backwards, nothing. Sideways, nothing. I've kept to His steps, I've focused on Him, I've kept His commandments. And I'm terrified of Him.

[Job] There's a lot of wickedness in this world, but God doesn't charge them with wrong. They rebel against God and don't care about His commands. But God's eyes are on their ways.

Chapter 25 – Bildad makes one more try

4 How then can man be righteous before God?
Or how can he be pure who is born of a woman?

Chapter 26-31 – Job's last defense and he's completely focused on God.

26:7 He stretches out the north over empty space;
He hangs the earth on nothing.

8 He binds up the water in His thick clouds,
Yet the clouds are not broken under it.

Chapter 27 - Job considers the work of wicked men. Their children will die by the sword. They won't be satisfied with bread. They heap up riches and it's like nothing. He'll lie down and as he's dying, he'll be terrified. And no one will care when he's gone.

Chapter 28 – We know how to mine for stones and precious jewels but where can we find wisdom? Where is understanding found? God knows wisdom and understanding.

28:28 – Fear of the Lord is wisdom, depart from evil is understanding.

Chapter 29 – [Job] Life before all this happened was awesome. I put on righteousness and it clothed me, justice was like a robe. I helped the blind, the lame, the poor. I defended those who needed help. I broke the fangs of the wicked. When I spoke, people listened.

Chapter 30 – [Job] But now everyone mocks me.

Chapter 31

31:1 “I have made a covenant with my eyes;
Why then should I look upon a young woman?

31:5 – If I walked in falsehood THEN let me be weighed

31:7 – If I have turned from the way THEN let my harvest be rooted out

31:9 – If I have been enticed by another woman THEN let my wife leave me for another

[Job] I just want to know where I went wrong.

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