

Job 4-6 1st Argument and Response

Job 4-27 Discussions With Job's Three Friends

1. Chapter 3 Job's Opening Statement
2. First Round of Discussion:
Is God just if an innocent man suffers?
 - a. Eliphaz **4-5** All men who receive God's discipline are deserving.
 - b. Job **6-7** I am innocent, yet I suffer. Does this mean God is unjust?
 - c. Bildad **8** God is just, Job is guilty.
 - d. Job **9-10** I am innocent, but God's actions need not be just because none can stand before His strength.
 - e. Zophar **11** God knows you better than you know Him. If He strikes you it is to punish your iniquity.
 - f. Job **12-14** I would argue my case against God for His retribution is unjust.
3. Second Round of Discussion:
When a man claiming innocence suffers does it prove an unjust God or the man's guilt?
 - a. Eliphaz **15**
 - b. Job **16-17**
 - c. Bildad **18**
 - d. Job **19**
 - e. Zophar **20**
 - f. Job **21**
4. Third Round of Discussion
 - a. Eliphaz **22**
 - b. Job **23-24**
 - c. Bildad **25**
 - d. Job **26-27**

Observations From The Text

Read the text. Mark or highlight the following.

1. Accusations against Job
2. God's character, and how He acts towards men
3. Proofs & Illustrations used to make a point
4. Things you think sound accurate and right
5. Things you think are inaccurate and wrong

Job 4-5 (NASB)

¹ Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, ² "If one ventures a word with you, will you become impatient? But who can refrain from speaking? ³ "Behold you have admonished many, And you have strengthened weak hands. ⁴ "Your words have helped the tottering to stand, And you have strengthened feeble knees. ⁵ "But now it has come to you, and you are impatient; It touches you, and you are dismayed. ⁶ "Is not your fear of God your confidence, And the integrity of your ways your hope? ⁷ "Remember now, who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright destroyed? ⁸ "According to what I have seen, those who plow iniquity And those who sow trouble harvest it. ⁹ "By the breath of God they perish, And by the blast of His anger they come to an end. ¹⁰ "The roaring of the lion and the voice of the fierce lion, And the teeth of the young lions are broken. ¹¹ "The lion perishes for lack of prey, And the whelps of the lioness are scattered. ¹² "Now a word was brought to me stealthily, And my ear received a whisper of it. ¹³ "Amid disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night, When deep sleep falls on men, ¹⁴ Dread came upon me, and trembling, And made all my bones shake. ¹⁵ "Then a spirit passed by my face; The hair of my flesh bristled up. ¹⁶ "It stood still, but I could not

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discern its appearance; A form was before my eyes; There was silence, then I heard a voice: ¹⁷ ‘Can mankind be just before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?’ ¹⁸ ‘He puts no trust even in His servants; And against His angels He charges error. ¹⁹ ‘How much more those who dwell in houses of clay, Whose foundation is in the dust, Who are crushed before the moth! ²⁰ ‘Between morning and evening they are broken in pieces; Unobserved, they perish forever. ²¹ ‘Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them? They die, yet without wisdom.’

Chapter 5 ¹ “Call now, is there anyone who will answer you? And to which of the holy ones will you turn? ² “For anger slays the foolish man, And jealousy kills the simple. ³ “I have seen the foolish taking root, And I cursed his abode immediately. ⁴ “His sons are far from safety, They are even oppressed in the gate, And there is no deliverer. ⁵ “His harvest the hungry devour And take it to a place of thorns, And the schemer is eager for their wealth. ⁶ “For affliction does not come from the dust, Nor does trouble sprout from the ground, ⁷ For man is born for trouble, As sparks fly upward. ⁸ “But as for me, I would seek God, And I would place my cause before God; ⁹ Who does great and unsearchable things, Wonders without number. ¹⁰ “He gives rain on the earth And sends water on the fields, ¹¹ So that He sets on high those who are lowly, And those who mourn are lifted to safety. ¹² “He frustrates the plotting of the shrewd, So that their

hands cannot attain success. ¹³ “He captures the wise by their own shrewdness, And the advice of the cunning is quickly thwarted. ¹⁴ “By day they meet with darkness, And grope at noon as in the night. ¹⁵ “But He saves from the sword of their mouth, And the poor from the hand of the mighty. ¹⁶ “So the helpless has hope, And unrighteousness must shut its mouth. ¹⁷ “Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproveth, So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. ¹⁸ “For He inflicts pain, and gives relief; He wounds, and His hands also heal. ¹⁹ “From six troubles He will deliver you, Even in seven evil will not touch you. ²⁰ “In famine He will redeem you from death, And in war from the power of the sword. ²¹ “You will be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, And you will not be afraid of violence when it comes. ²² “You will laugh at violence and famine, And you will not be afraid of wild beasts. ²³ “For you will be in league with the stones of the field, And the beasts of the field will be at peace with you. ²⁴ “You will know that your tent is secure, For you will visit your abode and fear no loss. ²⁵ “You will know also that your descendants will be many, And your offspring as the grass of the earth. ²⁶ “You will come to the grave in full vigor, Like the stacking of grain in its season. ²⁷ “Behold this; we have investigated it, and so it is. Hear it, and know for yourself.”