

“Book of Job – Part 2”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a five-part series about the book of Job. The titled of that presentation was “Book of Job – Part 2.”

Following are the five anticipated parts of the series.

1. God Started the Trial – (chapters 1-3).
2. Job Responded to His 3 Friends – (chapters 4-11).
3. Elihu Confronted Job – (chapters 32-37).
4. God Confronted Job Twice – (chapters 38-41).
5. Comparison between Job 40:2 and Job 42:1-6.

Conversation with 3 friends

Following is the chapter breakdown of the discussion.

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| • Eliphaz – chapters 4-5 | • Bildad – chapter 18 |
| • Job – chapters 6-7 | • Job – chapter 19 |
| • Bildad – chapter 8 | • Zophar – chapter 20 |
| • Job – chapters 9-10 | • Job – chapter 21 |
| • Zophar – chapter 11 | • Eliphaz – chapter 22 |
| • Job – chapters 12-14 | • Job – chapters 23-24 |
| • Eliphaz – chapter 15 | • Bildad – chapter 25 |
| • Job – chapters 16-17 | • Job – chapters 26-31 |

Lord’s evaluation

- Job 42:7-8 – After the Lord had spoken to Job, He said to Eliphaz: “My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends – for you have no spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.”

Wrong approach

- What was the wrong approach of the three men?
- They wanted to find the cause of Job’s mistake.
- For the record – seeking to find the cause of a problem is a noble approach for parents, friends, pastors, teachers, counselors and therapists.
- 1 Peter 4:15–If we are suffering for our mistakes, shame on us.
- 1 Peter 4:16–If we are suffering as a Christian, that can glorify God.

Exchange with Eliphaz

- Job 4:7–Eliphaz asked: “Who ever perished being innocent? Where were the upright ever cut off?”
- Job 4:8–Eliphaz said: “If you plow iniquity and sow trouble, you shall reap the same.” (That sounds like Galatians 6:7.)
- Galatians 6:7–“Whatever a man sows, that is what he will reap.”
- Job 5:17–Eliphaz said: “Happy is the man whom God corrects. Do not despise the chastening of the Lord.” (That sounds like Hebrews 12:5.)
- Hebrews 12:5–“Do not despise the chastening of the Lord.”
- Job 4:12-16–Eliphaz had visions of the night, and a spirit passed by.
- Job 7:14–Job said: “You scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions.”

Exchange with Bildad

- Job 8:2–Bildad said: “How long will you speak these things? The words of your mouth are like a strong wind.”
- Job 8:3–Bildad asked: “Does God subvert judgment? Does the Almighty pervert justice?”
- Job 8:5–Bildad said: “You would earnestly seek God.”
- Job 9:17–Job said: “God crushes me, He multiplies my wounds without cause.” (God was crushing him, but God had a reason.)
- Job 9:21–Job said: “I am blameless.” (It is true that God started the trial, but Job was not handling it well.)
- Job 9:32-33–Job asked: “Who mediator could judge between God and me?”

Exchange with Zophar

- Job 11:2–Zophar asked: “Should the multitude of words be answered? Should a man full of talk be vindicated?”
- Job 11:7–Zophar asked: “Can you search out the deep things of God?”
- Job 12:2-3--Job said: “You undoubtedly know how to deal with people (and have wisdom), but I am not inferior to you.”

How did Job see himself?

- Job 32:1–So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.
- Job 33:9-11–Elihu heard Job say: “I am pure, without transgression.”