

Job part 2

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Job 42:7

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Job 2:11-13

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.

12 And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.

13 And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Job 3:1-26

After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

2 And Job said:

3 "Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, 'A man is conceived.'

4 Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, nor light shine upon it.

5 Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 That night—let thick darkness seize it! Let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Behold, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry enter it.

8 Let those curse it who curse the day, who are ready to rouse up Leviathan.

9 Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none, nor see the eyelids of the morning,

10 because it did not shut the doors of my mother's womb, nor hide trouble from my eyes.

11 Why did I not die at birth, come out from the womb and expire?

12 Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?

13 For then I would have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept; then I would have been at rest,

14 with kings and counselors of the earth who rebuilt ruins for themselves,

15 or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver.

16 Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child, as infants who never see the light?

17 There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest.

18 There the prisoners are at ease together; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster.

19 The small and the great are there, and the slave is free from his master.

20 Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul,

21 who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures,

22 who rejoice exceedingly and are glad when they find the grave?

23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in?

24 For my sighing comes instead of my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water.

25 For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me.

26 I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes."

Job 4:1-9

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 "If one ventures a word with you, will you be impatient? Yet who can keep from speaking?

3 Behold, you have instructed many, and you have strengthened the weak hands.

4 Your words have upheld him who was stumbling, and you have made firm the 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: who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off?

8 As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.

9 By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.

Job 4:12-17

Now a word was brought to me stealthily; my ear received the whisper of it.

13 Amid thoughts from visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,

14 dread came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake.

15 A spirit glided past my face; the hair of my flesh stood up.

16 It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, then I heard a voice:

17 Can mortal man be in the right before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?

Job 6:1-10

Then Job answered and said:

2 Oh that my vexation were weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances!

3 For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore my words have been rash.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are in me; my spirit drinks their poison; the terrors of God are arrayed against me.

5 Does the wild donkey bray when he has grass, or the ox low over his fodder?

6 Can that which is tasteless be eaten without salt, or is there any taste in the juice of the mallow?

7 My appetite refuses to touch them; they are as food that is loathsome to me.

8 Oh that I might have my request, and that God would fulfill my hope,

9 that it would please God to crush me, that he would let loose his hand and cut me off!

10 This would be my comfort; I would even exult in pain unsparing, for I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

Job 6:10 NASBⁱⁱ

But it is still my consolation, And I rejoice in unsparing pain,
That I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

Job 7:13-21

When I say, 'My bed will comfort me, my couch will ease my complaint,'

14 then you scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions,

15 so that I would choose strangling and death rather than my bones [KJV rather than my life].

16 I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Leave me alone, for my days are a breath.

17 What is man, that you make so much of him, and that you set your heart on him,

18 visit him every morning and test him every moment?

19 How long will you not look away from me, nor leave me alone till I swallow my spit?

20 If I sin, what do I do to you, you watcher of mankind? Why have you made me your mark? Why have I become a burden to you?

21 Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now I shall lie in the earth; you will seek me, but I shall not be."

Job 8:1-6

Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 "How long will you say these things, and the words of your mouth be a great wind?

3 Does God pervert justice? Or does the Almighty pervert the right?

4 If your children have sinned against him, he has delivered them into the hand of their transgression.

5 If you will seek God and plead with the Almighty for mercy,

6 if you are pure and upright, surely then he will rouse himself for you and restore your rightful habitation.

Job 8:20

Behold, God will not reject a blameless man, nor take the hand of evildoers.

Job 9:1

Then Job answered and said:

Job 9:32-33

For he is not a man, as I am, that I might answer him, that we should come to trial together.

33 There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand on us both.

I Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Job 11:1-6

Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:

2 "Should a multitude of words go unanswered, and a man full of talk be judged right?

3 Should your babble silence men, and when you mock, shall no one shame you?

4 For you say, 'My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in God's eyes.'

5 But oh, that God would speak and open his lips to you,

6 and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom! For he is manifold in understanding. Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves.

Job 12:1-4

Then Job answered and said:

2 "No doubt you are the people, and wisdom will die with you. [irony]

3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Who does not know such things as these?

4 I am a laughingstock to my friends; I, who called to God and he answered me, a just and blameless man, am a laughingstock.

Job 13:1-5

Behold, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it.

2 What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you.

3 But I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case with God.

4 As for you, you whitewash with lies; worthless physicians are you all.

5 Oh that you would keep silent, and it would be your wisdom!

Job 13:15

Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.

Job 15:1-6

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 "Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

3 Should he argue in unprofitable talk, or in words with which he can do no good?

4 But you are doing away with the fear of God and hindering meditation before God.

5 For your iniquity teaches your mouth, and you choose the tongue of the crafty.

6 Your own mouth condemns you, and not I; your own lips testify against you.

Job 16:1-5

Then Job answered and said:

2 "I have heard many such things; miserable comforters are you all.

3 Shall windy words have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer?

4 I also could speak as you do, if you were in my place; I could join words together against you and shake my head at you.

5 I could strengthen you with my mouth, and the solace of my lips would assuage your pain.

Job 16:16-17

My face is red with weeping, and on my eyelids is deep darkness,
17 although there is no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure.

Job 16:20-21

My friends scorn me; my eye pours out tears to God,
21 that he would argue the case of a man with God, as a son of man does with his neighbor.

Job 19:1-5

Then Job answered and said:

2 "How long will you torment me and break me in pieces with words?

3 These ten times you have cast reproach upon me; are you not ashamed to wrong me?

4 And even if it be true that I have erred, my error remains with myself.

5 If indeed you magnify yourselves against me and make my disgrace an argument against me,

Job 19:25-27

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Job 32:1

So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

Job 42:7-10

After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to

Eliphaz the Temanite: "My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.

8 Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has."

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them, and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.

10 And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

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