

JOB 3-5

REVIEW...

- Hated
 - o Satan
 - Job –
 - his
 - o If
 - the
 - o God
 - TEST
 - not
 - o Job
 - a
 - did
 - Lord!
- Satan
- SECOND
 - o In
 - had
 - STILL
 - o SKIN
 - a
 - give
 - Satan
 - Job
 - o Satan
 - from
 - head
 - his
 - o The
 - asked
 - STILL

was his name...
demanded to test
to prove the
MOTIVE of the
INTEGRITY...
God took away
WALL – the
BLESSINGS – Job
would
immediately
CURSE God...
agreed to the
– but Satan could
TOUCH Job!
lost
EVERYTHING in
moment – but he
NOT curse God -
instead he
worshiped the

came back and
demanded a
test...
spite of all that
happened – Job
held fast his
INTEGRITY...
for SKIN – all that
man has he will
for his life –
wanted to make
sick!
struck him with
painful boils –
the top of his
to the bottom of
feet!
WIFE of Job
him – do you
hold fast your
INTEGRITY

[same words God used]

- o But Job wisely recognized her foolishness – we must accept both GOOD and BAD from God!
- o The THREE friends of Job arrived – Eliphaz / Bildad / Zophar – and said nothing for SEVEN days!

POOR COMFORT... (3 POINTS) READ THE VERSES WITH THE TEACHING

• 1ST – THE COMPLAINT OF JOB – CHAPTER 3

- o Hebrew POETRY...
 - Hebrew POETRY does not attempt to RHYME words – it is not based on similar sounds...
 - Hebrew POETRY is formed by the COMPARING or CONTRASTING ideas...
 - As we come into the SECOND section of Job - we will see this extensively!
 - An idea will be stated – then a number of verses will be dedicated to COMPARING it...
 - Then we will see the idea CONTRASTED – giving us a RHYME of ideas!
- o Four ROUNDS...
 - The SECOND section of Job – Chapters 3-37 – the Wisdom of Men...
 - Is broken up into FOUR rounds of debate – THREE between Job and his THREE friends...
 - After each FRIEND gives their OPINION – Job will respond and defend himself!
 - Then a final FOURTH section when a young man named Elihu gives his opinion...
 - After which God will give His TRUTH – which is the THIRD and final section of the Book!
- o 1st – A CURSED day... vs. 1-13
 - After this Job opened his mouth and CURSED the day... vs. 1
 - CURSED [piel] – the word means to count something as insignificant...
 - In light of suffering the loss of EVERYTHING – money / family / health...
 - Job looked back on THE day he was BORN – and wished it had NOT happened!
 - Now we begin the Hebrew POETRY ... vs. 2-9
 - Job will COMPARE ideas that reinforce how much he wished he had NOT been born...
 - May THE day PERISH [be destroyed] on which I was born... vs. 3
 - May THE day become [jussive] darkness – may God [אֱלֹהִים] NEVER [לֹא] seek it... vs. 4
 - The GENERIC name of God is used almost exclusively in this SECOND section...
 - Which gives us a good HINT at the underlying problem ALL these men had...
 - They knew ABOUT God – but they did not have a personal relationship WITH God!
 - [May men be] TERRIFIED [piel] with the darkness of THE day... vs. 5
 - May it NOT [jussive] rejoice [join] among the days of the year [calendar] ... vs. 6
 - May the night be [jussive] BARREN [childless] – let it NOT [jussive] have joy... vs. 7
 - May the stars of the morning look [piel] for dawn – but NEVER EVER [לֹא וְלֹא] see it... vs. 9
 - Let them curse THE day – who can raise LEVIATHAN... vs. 8
 - What is LEVIATHAN...
 - LEVIATHAN [5 – לִוְיָתָן] in OT – is described to us in Job 41 [entire chapter]
 - The description is unmistakable that of a DRAGON – breathes fire – **Job 41:19**
 - God also describes a sauropod – tail like a cedar / bone of bronze - **Job 40:17**
 - We have been taught in school – dinosaurs lived MILLIONS of years ago...
 - But that would be in direct contrast to the Bible – day FIVE and SIX of creation - **Genesis 1**
 - The great sea creatures [תַּיִתִּין] mentioned in **Genesis 1:21** – Dinosaurs!
 - Many cultures have stories about dragons (Egypt / China / Greece)!
 - Dinosaurs did NOT live millions of years ago – they were still around in the time of Job!
 - Why the DAY should be cursed... vs. 10-13
 - Because THE day did not shut up the door of my mothers womb... vs. 10
 - Which could have caused my SORROW to be hidden [hiphil] from my eyes...
 - Why did I not die at birth – why did the knees not prevent [piel] me... vs. 11-12

- Then I would have had PEACE – I would have had REST!
- Job wanted to ESCAPE the sorrows of LIFE – rather than LEARN from them!
- Which I am sure we can all RELATE to – no one WANTS to SUFFER...
- We want Jesus to take us OUT of the trials of life - we want the easy way...
- But more often than not God does NOT take away our PROBLEMS...
- Instead - He gives us the grace to ENDURE - go through the valleys of life...
- If life is easy - we tend not to think about God - or take the time to talk to Him...
- It is in the midst of SUFFERING - we hit our knees - we cling onto Jesus!
- And Jesus never leaves us alone in our trials - He is always right beside us!
- **Psalms 23:4** - “Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me...” [NLT]
- o 2nd – Better to be DEAD... vs. 14-26
 - Job assumes DEATH would be easier – THREE ways [three sources of TRIALS] ...
 - No HOPE in WEALTH... vs. 14-15
 - With - kings and counselors of the earth build RUINS for themselves...
 - Or with – princes who had GOLD and filled their houses...
 - Job here realizes the foolishness of seeking WEALTH...
 - Men can build great palaces – but they will ultimately fall apart...
 - Men can fill their houses with GOLD – but it cannot keep them from DEATH!
 - Solomon tried everything – looking for happiness - **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**
 - But Solomon learned instead it was all EMPTY – like chasing after the WIND!
 - There is nothing wrong with having MONEY – the problem is when MONEY has us...
 - Looking for happiness – answers in MONEY - is chasing the WIND...
 - It is not about chasing something that is hard to catch - NOTHING there to catch!
 - No HOPE in RELATIONSHIPS... vs. 16-19
 - [In DEATH] the [prisoners] cease from troubling - and there the [workers] are at rest...
 - The [prisoners] do not hear the voice of their oppressors...
 - And the [workers] are free from their masters!
 - Job realizes the futility of POSITION – because it does NOT last...
 - In the end both WORKER and MASTER – PRISONER and GUARD – all end up together!
 - **Romans 2:11** – “For there is no respect of persons with God.” [KJV]
 - No HOPE in HEALTH... vs. 20-22
 - I LONG to DIE more than hidden treasures – but it does not come...
 - I will rejoice exceedingly when I can find the GRAVE...
 - The physical state of Job was so bad – covered in sores – he just wanted to DIE!
 - When we buy food – we often check the expiration date...
 - As our bodies wear out – they are telling us we have an expiration date!
 - Aging is GRACE - as we look in the mirror – we see we are getting OLD...
 - If we never aged - just one day died - there would be no warning to prepare...
 - We are going to see Jesus soon - aging is His way to get us ready!
 - We get tired of this old achy body - it makes us long for the new model!
 - When TROUBLE comes... vs. 23-26
 - My SCREAMS [roar] pour out like water before I eat...
 - Because the TERROR I FEARED has happened to me...
 - I had no comfort / peace / rest – when TROUBLE came!
 - Life FELL apart for Job – because Job was not looking to the Lord – Job fell apart as well...
 - But he should NOT have feared the TROUBLE – he should have WELCOMED it!

- **Romans 5:3-4** – “We also GLORY in [TROUBLES], knowing that [TROUBLE] produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”
- Why do we believe the sun will rise tomorrow morning – maybe it will fail...
- We are confident the sun will rise – because it always has – it has never failed!
- In the same way we know TROUBLE brings HOPE – because we have learned...
- That just because we are in the pitch black of night – we know the dawn is coming!
- So we do not PANIC when TROUBLE comes – we PERSEVERE and wait on the Lord...
- Trusting in the Lord – our HOPE in Jesus – because we have learned He is trustworthy...
- Therefore we have GLORY in TROUBLES - because we know it has a purpose!

● **2ND – THE FIRST ACCUSATION – CHAPTER 4-5**

o **1ST – ASSUMING sin... vs. 1-11**

- The FIRST – and longest - of THREE responses from Eliphaz... vs. 1-2
 - Eliphaz [my god is gold] – from Teman [south] – a descendant of Esau – **Genesis 36:11**
 - The THREE friends had been sitting in silence for SEVEN days...
 - Eliphaz asks if speaking would offend Job – but adds he CANNOT hold back a response!
 - As we will see – it might have been BETTER if they had STAYED quiet!
- Painter – paint your house... vs. 3-5
 - [Job] had instructed [piel] and strengthened [piel] the hands of many...
 - [His] words upheld the those who were stumbling - the knees of the feeble...
 - But now [trouble] comes to you and you FAINT!
 - It is easy to tell others what to do – when we our lives are going smooth...
 - But it when life falls apart – do we listen to our own counsel!
- Questioning the INTEGRITY... vs. 6-11
 - Is not your REVERENCE your confidence – INTEGRITY [יָשׁוּר] of your ways your hope...
 - Interestingly – just like the wife of Job – Eliphaz questions the INTEGRITY of Job...
 - The same INTEGRITY – God had complimented Job on before Satan – **Job 2:3**
 - REMEMBER now [imperative] - who being INNOCENT perished – or the righteous cut off...
 - As I have SEEN – those who plow iniquity – sow trouble – reap the same...
 - By the BLAST of God they perish – by the breath of His anger they are consumed!
 - Eliphaz compares the judgement to what can happen to a FIERCE lion...
 - Even though they are STRONG – God can break their teeth / and die from lack of food!
 - The idea being it did not matter how GREAT Job was – he was not above God...
 - The command here is to admit – Job SUFFERED – as a result of his sin...
 - This did not happen to a GOOD man – Job was REAPING the results of his wickedness!
 - Which is TRUE – we do REAP what we SOW in life – **Galatians 6:7**
 - The problem – Eliphaz was NOT judging ACTIONS – he admitted those were GOOD...
 - He was making assumptions about sin in the HEART of Job!
 - We absolutely can JUDGE the actions of someone – by comparing them to the Word...
 - If what someone is doing in CONTRARY to the Word – then we can say it is WRONG!
 - But we CANNOT judge WHY someone does something – what their MOTIVE is...
 - Only God knows the motive of the heart - only He can Judge that - **Psalms 44:21**

o **2ND – WHISPERED sin... vs. 12-21**

- The God angle...
 - Eliphaz had a SECRET word – a whisper in his ear... vs. 12-15
 - A thought from the VISIONS of the night – when deep sleep falls on men...
 - Fear came upon him – trembling – which made his bones shake...
 - A spirit passed before his face – causing his hair to stand on end!
- He could NOT make out the form – but he HEARD the voice... vs. 16-19

- Can a [man] be more righteous than God!
- God who puts no trust in His servants – the Angels...
- How much less those who dwell in houses – who foundation is DUST – **Genesis 2:7**
- Again – it is TRUE no man is as RIGHTEOUS as God – **Matthew 5:48**
- But the argument here is that a SPIRIT accused Job of CLAIMING to be more righteous...
- Eliphaz had to default to a listening to a WHISPER – because there was NO evidence!
- Two PROBLEMS – FIRST – do NOT listen to WHISPERS [especially from unknown spirits]
- When people WHISPER to us – we call that GOSSIP – and it is SIN – **Leviticus 19:16**
- SECOND – do not invoke the THUS SAYS THE LORD – unless you are absolutely sure...
- People LIKE to bring God into their arguments to try and END a debate...
- But God does not take it lightly when we misspeak on His behalf!
- **Deuteronomy 18:20** – “[Anyone] who falsely claims to speak in my name... must die.”

o 3rd - PROJECTING sin... vs. 1-5

- Call [imperative] out NOW... vs. 1
 - Is there ANYONE who will answer you – to which of the HOLY ones will you turn...
 - Eliphaz points out that Job has no choice – there is nowhere left to go...
 - There is NO one and NO other god [holy one] who can save Him!
- Describing the SIN... vs. 2
 - WRATH kills a foolish man – and ENVY slays a simple one...
 - Eliphaz ASSUMES that WRATH and ENVY must be the sins of Job...
 - Both are sins that cannot be PROVEN – they are issues in the HEART!
- PROJECTING the SIN... vs. 3-5
 - I – EVEN I [emphasized in Hebrew] have seen FOOLISH [אִיל] take root...
 - But I CURSED his dwelling place suddenly!
 - Ironical that the word FOOLISH – is pronounced EVIL...
 - Eliphaz had seen WRATH and ENVY – EVIL – take root in HIS heart...
 - But he says that he REBUKED it – knowing where it LED!
 - His sons are far from SAFETY – they will be CRUSHED in COURT [lawsuits]
 - The hungry eat up his HARVEST – the thirsty drinks up his WEALTH [losing everything]
 - We are sensitive to the SINS we are convicted about ourselves...
 - If we are greedy – we see greed in others / if we are prideful – we see pride...
 - Our sin always looks worse on someone else – it is easy to see our sins in their lives...
 - But we need to first deal with our own hearts before we reach out to help others!
 - **Luke 6:42** – “Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.” [NLT]

o 4th - ORIGIN of Sin... vs. 6-7

- Affliction does not come from the dust - nor does TROUBLE spring from the ground...
- Yet man is born to trouble - as the sparks fly upward!
- The conclusion of Eliphaz – is that TROUBLE comes from somewhere...
- Problems do not just SPRING up from the GROUND – they have a SOURCE...
- His argument is the SOURCE is MEN – TROUBLE springs up from them...
- Just as often as SPARKS fly upward from a roaring bonfire!
- The problem again – is that this generalizes the TROUBLES we face in life...
- That is why we are NOT called to POINT out the SOURCE of TROUBLE in the lives of others...
- We are called to POINT them to the SOLUTION – which is ALWAYS Jesus!
- Because Jesus DOES know what is in our hearts – and He alone has the power to fix it!

• 3RD – YOU MUST REPENT – CHAPTER 5

o 1st – GO to God... vs. 8-17

- I – EVEN I [emphasized in Hebrew] would SEEK God – to God would I commit my [words] ...
 - Why go to the Lord – here comes more Hebrew POETRY...
 - He gives rain on the earth - and sends waters on the fields...
 - He sets on high those who are lowly - those who mourn are lifted to safety – **James 4:6**
 - He [breaks] the [plans] of the crafty – so their hands cannot carry out their plans...
 - They will meet with darkness in daytime [confusion] – grope at noontime as at night!
 - But He saves the needy from the sword – so the poor have HOPE!
 - God can either be FOR us – or He can be AGAINST us...
 - Of God AGAINST us – we are in trouble – we will SUFFER!
 - Therefore - it is incredibly important that we are NOT prideful!
 - **James 4:6 / I Peter 5:5** – “God resists the proud, but give grace to the humble.”
- Considering what God can do – HELP or HINDER...
 - Behold HAPPY [straight path] is the man who God corrects...
 - Therefore do NOT [jussive] despise the chastening of the Almighty!
 - God loves us too much to let us get away with our sin - so He INSTRUCTS us...
 - Not because He is angry - or mad at us - but because of His great love for us!
 - God desires to teach us - His kids - how to live a RIGHTEOUS and holy life
 - Like any child - we have a hard time believing it is for our own good...
 - But when we are punished by the Lord - it proves we are His kids!
 - **Hebrews 12:5** – “Whom the LORD loves He chastens [same word] ...”
- o 2nd – There is HOPE... vs. 18-27
 - Eliphaz finishes his FIRST response to Job – with an attempt at comfort...
 - [God] bruises - but He binds up / He wounds - but His hands make whole...
 - He shall deliver you in six troubles – yes - in seven [complete] no evil shall touch you...
 - In famine He shall redeem you from death - and in war from the power of the sword...
 - You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue [gossip]
 - You shall laugh at destruction and famine [lack of food]
 - And you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth...
 - You shall visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss [no theft]
 - You shall also know that your descendants shall be many [lots of kids / grandkids]
 - You shall come to the grave at a full age [die an old man]
 - Command to LISTEN... vs. 27
 - Behold – WE [three friends] have searched out – and it is TRUE...
 - HEAR it [imperative] – and KNOW it [imperative] for yourself!
 - The problem with the COUNSEL of Eliphaz – is it HIS opinion...
 - He mixes it with some TRUTH – but makes a lot of ASSUMPTIONS...
 - Because he did NOT know the WHOLE story – **Job 1-2**
 - The result is he ends up giving EMPTY words to Job that have no POWER!
 - We all have opinions – just ask us – and we will tell you...
 - But people do NOT need our ideas – no matter how well meaning...
 - Because we do NOT know the WHOLE story – we just end giving people EMPTY words!
 - When people come to us with problems – do NOT – give them OUR solutions...
 - Point them to the ONE who see EVERYTHING – and has ALL the answers!