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# Job

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# Job

## I. The Disasters that Happened in the Life of Job - 1:1-2:13

### A. The Godly Life of Job - 1:1-5

#### 1. The character of Job described - 1:1

##### **Job lived in the land of Uz**

(The city of Uz was in the land of Uz in Northern Arabia)

Job was a respected leader in this city - Job 29:7-8

##### **Job lived a blameless and upright life**

A blameless life is one where no charges of evil can be made - 2 Samuel 2:24

##### **Job feared God and shunned evil**

This was a true trust in God and a hatred of evil - Proverbs 9:10

#### 2. The children and possessions of Job - 1:2-4

##### **Job and his wife had seven sons and three daughters**

**Job had seven thousand sheep**

**Job had three thousand camels**

**Job had five hundred yoke of oxen**

**Job had five hundred female donkeys**

**Job had a very large household**

**Job was the greatest of all the people in the east**

Satan even said Job had been greatly blessed by the Lord - Job 1:10

**His sons would take turns having a feast in their house**

**His sons would send and invite his daughters to join them**

#### 3. The ministry of Job regarding his children - 1:5

**Job waited until they had feasted at each of the houses of his sons**

**Job would then send and sanctify them**

(Job was concerned for the spiritual life of his adult children)

**Job would rise early in the morning and offer sacrifices**

God accepted blood sacrifices as a covering for sin - Genesis 4:4

This was needed until Christ came to take away sin - John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

**Job was concerned his sons might have sinned and cursed God**

Job could not know the hearts of his children - 1 Corinthians 2:11

**Job did this regularly each time his sons had a series of feasts**

## **B. The Discussion Between God and Satan about Job - 1:6-12**

### **1. God talked with Satan about what Satan was doing - 1:6-7**

#### **One day the sons of God came to present themselves before God**

Satan will one day be confined to the earth before the final judgment - Revelation 12:9

#### **Satan also came among the sons of God**

The sons of God here speaks of the angels that God had created - Job 38:7

God gathers His angels around Him - Psalm 89:7

#### **The Lord then spoke directly to Satan (adversary)**

Satan was the most beautiful of the angels until he became proud - Isaiah 14:12-15

Satan was perfect in his ways until he became proud and fell - Ezekiel 28:14-15

Satan drew a third of the angels who followed him (became demons) - Revelation 12:4

Satan leads the powers of darkness during this age - Ephesians 6:12

#### **The Lord asked Satan where he came from**

**Satan said he was going to and fro on the earth**

**Satan said he was walking back and forth on the earth**

Satan is limited and can only be at one place at any time - 1 Peter 5:8

### **2. God asked Satan if he had considered Job - 1:8**

#### **The Lord then asked Satan a second question**

**The Lord asked if he had considered His servant Job**

God gave this challenge to Satan a second time - Job 2:3

**The Lord said that there was none like Job on the earth**

Job did not fall when Satan destroyed all that he had - Job 1:22

**God said Job was blameless and upright**

God knew both the actions and the heart of Job - 1 Samuel 16:7

**God said Job feared God and shunned evil**

Job rejected Satan's temptations to do evil - Job 2:10

### **3. Satan said Job feared God because God blessed him - 1:9-11**

#### **a. Satan said Job had a reason to fear God - 1:9**

#### **Satan answered that Job had a reason to fear God**

God had blessed Job with many children and many animals - Job 1:2-3

God allowed Satan to take the animals and children - Job 1:12-19

**Satan said that Job was getting a benefit for fearing God**

God had also placed a hedge around all that Job had - Job 1:10

God allowed Satan to afflict the body of Job - Job 2:7-8

Job also had his wife criticize him - Job 2:9

**b. Satan said God had made a hedge around Job and all that he had - 1:10**

**Satan said God had made a hedge around Job to protect him**

A hedge for a follower of the Lord is a wall of protection - Hosea 2:6

**Satan said this hedge was also around his household**

Job told God He had knit Job together with bones and sinews - Job 10:11

**Satan said this hedge was around all that Job had on every side**

Satan can only do what God allows - Job 2:6

Greater is He who is in us than he that is in the world - 1 John 4:4

**Satan said God had blessed the work of his hands**

Job was considered by others the greatest of all people of the East - Job 1:3

**Satan said his possessions had increased in the land**

The heart of Satan was and is controlled by pride and not trust - Isaiah 14:13-15

Satan appeals to our worldly sinful lusts to destroy us - 1 John 2:16

We sin when we are deceived and enticed by our own lusts - James 1:13-15

**c. Satan said Job would curse God if he lost everything - 1:11**

**Satan asked God to stretch out his hand**

God allowed Satan permission to do what he requested - Job 2:5-6

**Satan asked God to touch all that Job had**

God did not touch Job but allowed Satan to do so - Job 2:6

**Satan said Job would surely curse God to His face**

However, Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong - Job 1:22

**4. God gave Satan permission to take everything from Job - 1:12**

**The Lord told Satan what He was going to allow**

The first time God did not allow Satan to touch the body of Job - Job 1:12

The second time God did not allow Satan to take the life of Job - Job 2:6

The Lord allowed this period to extend for several months - Job 7:3

The Lord allows tests in our lives to strengthen our faith - James 1:6-8; 12

**The Lord was going to place all the possessions of Job in Satan's power**

Job recognized that the Lord gives and the Lord takes away - Job 1:21

Job did not sin and did not accuse God - Job 1:22

**The Lord said that Satan could not lay a hand on Job himself**

Satan later requested to touch even the body of Job - Job 2:4

God let him touch Job's body but not take his life - Job 2:6

**Satan then went out from the presence of the Lord**

Satan began planning what to do to destroy the faith of Job - Job. 1:13

The goal of Satan is always to steal, to kill and to destroy - John 10:10

Satan then carried out all that he had planned - Job 1:13-19

## **C. The Destruction by Satan of Everything that Job had - 1:13-22**

### **1. Satan caused the Sabeans to take the oxen and donkeys of Job - 1:13-15**

**Satan came when the children of Job were all together - 1:13**

#### **Satan waited for the day that fit his plans**

Satan has many deceptions that he uses - Ephesians 6:11

#### **Satan planned for a day when all the children of Job were together**

The adult children of Job did various things together - Job 1:4

#### **Satan learned they were all together at the house of the oldest brother**

Many of these times they enjoyed feasting together - Job 1:5

Job was concerned for his children even though they were adults - Job 1:5

**Satan used the greed of others to take all that Job possessed - 1:14-15**

#### **A messenger came to Job with sad news**

Several others with sad news quickly followed - Job 1:14, 16, 17, 18

#### **The messenger said the oxen and donkeys were together**

This was a large number of oxen and donkeys - Job 1:3

#### **The Sabeans made a raid and took all the oxen and donkeys**

The deceptions of Satan caused people to be blamed - Job 1:17

#### **The Sabeans killed all the servants with the edge of the sword**

Many servants were killed by the raiders - Job 1:17

#### **The messenger was the only person who escaped**

Only one person escaped in each situation - 1:15, 16, 17, 19

This also meant most of the servants were destroyed - Job 1:15

**2. Satan was allowed to destroy the sheep by fire - 1:16**

#### **Another messenger came while the first messenger was speaking**

The messengers brought various kinds of sad news - Job 1:19

#### **This messenger said the fire of God fell from heaven**

(This may have been a severe lightning storm)

This deception caused the messenger to blame God - James 1:13

#### **This messenger said the fire burned up the sheep and the servants**

A huge number of sheep were destroyed by fire - Job 1:3

Many servants were also killed along with the animals - Job 1:15

#### **This messenger said he was the only person that escaped**

The wiles of Satan allowed one messenger to escape each situation - Eph. 6:11

This was to cause Job to hear all these things in a few minutes - Job 1:20

Each servant arrived while the previous servant was speaking - Job 1:17



### 3. Satan caused the Chaldeans to take all the camels - 1:17

**Another messenger came while the second messenger was speaking**  
Several messengers arrived while the previous one was speaking - Job 1:16  
**This messenger said the Chaldeans had formed three groups**  
The Chaldeans raided and took the camels that had belonged to Job  
This was a total of 3,000 camels - Job 1:3  
**The Chaldeans killed the servants with the edge of the sword**  
The number of camels meant many servants were killed - Job 1:17  
**This messenger said that he was the only person that escaped**  
Job lost many of the servants in his very large household - Job 1:3  
Satan chose different ways to destroy the various animals - Job 1:14-16

### 4. Satan destroyed the house and the children of Job died - 1:18-19

#### a. A messenger came to tell Job about his children - 1:18

**Another messenger came while the third messenger was speaking**  
The messengers said that Job had lost all of his children and animals - Job 1:3  
**This messenger said that Job's children were all together**  
The adult children of Job were enjoying fellowship together - Job 1:4  
The wind caused the house to completely collapse - Job 1:19  
**This messenger said they were eating and drinking wine together**  
This was the way they feasted when they were all together - Job 1:4  
**The messenger said they were doing this at the house of the oldest brother**  
Each of the brothers would hold a feast at his house - Job 1:4  
The brothers all invited their sisters as well - Job 1:4

#### b. The messenger said that the children of Job had all been killed - 1:19

**The messenger said that suddenly a great wind came**  
Whirlwinds (probably like a tornado) could come from the south - Isaiah 21:1  
**This wind blew across the wilderness**  
This wind came suddenly with no advance warning - Job 37:9  
**This wind struck the four corners of the house**  
A whirlwind can be very destructive - Isaiah 40:24  
**The house collapsed and fell on the children**  
There was no place to hide as the house collapsed  
**The children of Job had all been killed**  
The goal of Satan is always to steal, kill and destroy - John 10:10  
**The messenger was the only one who had escaped**  
This had been true of each of the messengers - Job 1:15, 16, 17

## 5. Job responded by worshiping God - 1:20-22

### a. Job worshiped the Lord - 1:20

#### **Job arose and tore his robe**

This was a sign of mourning for one who had died - Genesis 37:34

This was a sign of sorrow when someone dies - Joshua 7:6

#### **Job shaved his head**

Israel was called to do this to show sorrow for sin - Jeremiah 7:29

#### **Job fell to the ground in his sorrow**

This is a sign of humbling himself before the Lord - 1 Peter 5:6

#### **Job worshiped the Lord in his sorrow**

Here we see that his focus was on worship of the Lord - Psalm 95:6

Worship recognizes that God is holy - Psalm 99:5

Worship exalts the Lord God - Psalm 99:9

### b. Job still chose to bless the Lord - 1:21

#### **Job then said:**

#### **Naked I came from my mother's womb**

We all come naked from our mother's womb - Ecclesiastes 5:15

#### **Naked shall I return**

When we die we carry nothing away - Psalm 49:17

It is certain we can carry nothing out of this world - 1 Timothy 6:7

#### **The Lord gave**

Riches are a gift from God to use for Him - Ecclesiastes 5:19

It is required in stewards that one be found faithful - 1 Corinthians 4:2

The Lord is the source of all good gifts - James 1:17

#### **The Lord has taken away**

The Lord allows whatever happens - 1 Samuel 2:6

Job realized that everything belonged to God - Matthew 6:24

#### **Blessed be the name of the Lord**

We are to give thanks to the Lord in everything - Ephesians 5:20

### c. Job did not sin even with all the sad news - 1:22

#### **Job did not sin even when he heard the sad news**

His ten children had all been killed by the whirlwind - Job 1:19

Job showed his great sorrow at this loss by mourning - Genesis 37:34

#### **Job did not charge God with wrong**

Job accepted adversity just as he accepted blessing - Job 2:10

God later accepted the confession of Job - Job 42:5-7

## **D. The Destruction by Satan of the Health of Job - 2:1-8**

### **1. Satan was asked by God about Job - 2:1-3**

#### **a. God saw as Satan came along with the angels - 2:1**

##### **One day the sons of God (angels) came to appear before God**

The sons of God here speaks of the angels that God had created - Job 38:7  
Satan had been a beautiful angel before his pride - Ezekiel 28:17

##### **Satan also came along with the angels**

Satan wants permission to destroy people - Job 2:2, 7

##### **Satan also came to present himself before God**

Satan can only do what God allows him to do - Job 2:6

#### **b. God asked Satan what he had been doing - 2:2**

##### **God began to question Satan**

##### **God asked Satan from where he came**

God knew just as He knew where Adam was - Genesis 3:9

##### **Satan said he had been going here and there on the earth**

Satan wanted Judas to find an opportunity without the multitude - Luke 22:6

Satan is always looking for an opportunity - 1 Timothy 5:14

##### **Satan said he came from walking back and forth on the earth**

Satan is limited and can only be at one place at any time - 1 Peter 5:8

#### **c. God asked Satan if he had considered Job - 2:3**

##### **God asked Satan a second question**

(God was blessing Job by what the Lord said about him)

##### **God asked Satan if he had considered God's servant Job**

God had given this challenge to Satan earlier - Job 1:8

##### **God said Job was blameless and upright**

God knew both the actions and the heart of Job - 1 Samuel 16:7

##### **God said Job was one who feared God and shunned evil**

Job rejected Satan's temptations to do evil - Job 2:10

##### **God said Job held fast to his integrity**

Job did not sin or charge God with wrong - Job 27:5-6

##### **God said Satan had incited Him against Job**

God told Satan what God allowed Satan to do - Job 1:12

##### **God said Satan wanted Him to destroy without cause**

God said what Satan was not allowed to do - Job 1:12

God did not allow Satan to kill Job - Job 2:6

## **2. Satan asked God to let him touch the body of Job - 2:4-6**

### **a. Satan asked God to stretch out his hand against the body of Job - 2:4-5**

#### **Satan answered the Lord**

The pride of Satan thought he could make Job sin - Isaiah 14:13-15  
Pride was the sin that caused Satan to fall - "I will" - Isaiah 14:13-15

#### **Satan said a man would do anything to protect his life**

Satan thinks evil and causes others to think evil - Genesis 6:5  
Satan thought he understood the thinking of Job - 1 Corinthians 2:6-8  
Satan cannot have spiritual discernment - 1 Corinthians 2:14

#### **Satan said Job would give all he had for his life**

Satan said Job would give up his faith (the gift of God) for his life - Ephesians 2:8  
No created thing (Satan) can separate us from the love of God - Romans 8:37-39

#### **Satan asked God to stretch out His hand against Job**

God allowed Satan to touch Job but God did not touch him - Job 2:7

#### **Satan said to touch his bone and skin**

This affected both the surface of the body and within the body - Job 19:20

#### **Satan said Job would curse God to His face**

This was the second time Satan said this - Job 1:11

### **b. Satan received permission to afflict the body of Job - 2:6**

#### **God told Satan that He would let Satan touch Job's body**

Satan could now carry out his plan to make Job suffer physically - Job 2:5

#### **God allowed Satan to do what he chose to the body of Job**

Satan will always try to destroy when allowed - John 10:10

#### **God placed one limitation on what Satan could do**

God said again Satan could not take the life of Job - Job 1:12  
Satan chose to afflict the body since he couldn't take the life - Job 2:7

## **3. Satan had a plan to afflict the body of Job - 2:7-8**

### **a. Satan struck the body of Job with painful boils - 2:7**

#### **Satan went out from the presence of the Lord**

The goal of Satan was to carry out his plan for Job - Job 2:4

#### **Satan struck Job with painful boils**

The body of Job was filled with physical pain - Job 2:10

#### **Satan caused these boils to be from his head to the bottom of his feet**

(Any part of his body that touched something felt pain)

This meant he had great pain in whatever he did - Exodus 9:10-11

Job still held to his integrity - Job 2:10

**b. Job scraped himself with a piece of a clay pot - 2:8**

**Job took a piece of a broken clay pot**

Other uses are to carry coals of fire or scooping water to drink - Isaiah 30:14

God can also make a marred pot into something useful - Jeremiah 18:4

**Job used the piece of broken pot to scrape himself**

(A broken pot cannot be remade once it is burned)

Prophecy about Christ said His strength was dried up like a potsherd - Psalm 22:15

**Job sat in the middle of some ashes**

Sorrow was shown by wearing sackcloth and sitting in ashes - Esther 4:1

Many Jews showed their mourning by sackcloth and ashes - Esther 4:3

The king of Nineveh showed sorrow for sin by sackcloth and ashes - Jonah 3:6

**E. The Discussion between Job and his Wife - 2:9-10**

**a. Job was told to curse God and die - 2:9**

**The wife of Job came and spoke to him in his pain**

His wife realized that Job was experiencing great pain - Job 1:18-20; 2:7-8

**The wife asked Job if he still held fast to his integrity**

Job said he was committed to integrity until he died - Job 27:5

Job said honest scales would show his integrity - Job 31:6

The integrity of the upright shall guide them - Proverbs 11:3

**The wife of Job told him to curse God and die**

Usually means bless but here it is used in an evil sense (curse) - Job 1:5

Satan used this word in that same evil sense - Job 2:5

**b. Job said we are to accept adversity as well as good - 2:10**

**Job said she spoke as a foolish woman speaks**

She confused short time relief and eternal judgment

**Job said that we accept good from God**

A good man obtains favor from the Lord - Proverbs 12:2

God sends the sun and the rain on both the evil and the good - Matthew 5:45

**Job said we should also accept adversity from God**

Job's three friends also saw all the evil that had come on Job - Job 2:11

**Job did not sin with his lips in spite of the pain**

The friends of Job accused him of sinning with his lips - Job 11:1-2

Zophar said that if God spoke he would accuse Job - Job 11:5-6

Even Satan could not know the thoughts of Job - 1 Corinthians 2:11

Satan only thinks of ways to do evil - Job 1:13-19

The goal of Satan is to destroy - John 10:10

## F. The Arrival of the Three Friends of Job - 2:11-13

### a. Three friends came to mourn with Job and comfort him - 2:11

**Job had three friends who heard about the adversity of Job**  
This would have taken a period of time because of distance - Job 2:7  
**Each of the friends came from his own place**  
**Eliphaz was a Temanite**  
Teman was a city in the land of Edom - Amos 1:11-12  
**Bildad was a Shuhite**  
**Zophar was a Naamathite**  
**They made an appointment to come together and mourn with Job**  
(This appointment and gathering together would have taken time)  
Mourning or grief is the result of very painful news - Nahum 3:7  
We will see that the three friends did not show real pity - Psalm 69:20  
**They made an appointment to come and comfort Job**  
We will see that the three friends did not comfort Job - Psalm 69:20

### b. Three friends did not even recognize Job - 2:12

**The three friends did not recognize Job when they saw him from a distance**  
The body of Job had so many boils that he could not be recognized - Job 2:7  
**The three friends lifted up their voices and wept**  
Jacob showed his sorrow this way when he thought Joseph was dead - Genesis 37:34  
**Each of the three tore his robe**  
Reuben had done this when he did not find Joseph - Genesis 37:29  
**Each of the three sprinkled dust toward the heaven**  
(This was a common way to show sorrow)

### c. Three friends said nothing for seven days - 2:13

**The three sat on the ground with Job for seven days and seven nights**  
They just stared at him in his sorrow (no prayer or comfort) - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4  
**The three did not speak a word to him during that entire time**  
(The three all assumed that adversity meant Job had sinned)  
(When they did speak they all accused Job of sin)  
Eliphaz said who ever perished being innocent - Job 4:7-8  
Bildad said if his sons sinned he should earnestly seek God - Job 8:3-4  
Zophar said Job's punishment was less than he deserved - Job 11:5-6  
**The three saw that the grief of Job was very great**  
With miserable comforters like that, who needed enemies - Job 16:2  
The three added to his grief by falsely accusing him - Job 15:12-13

## II. The First Round of Speeches by the Three - 3:1-14:22

### A. The Sorrow of Job as He Spoke to His Friends - 3:1-26

#### 1. Job questioned why he had not died at birth - 3:1-10

##### a. Job cursed the day of his birth - 3:1

###### **Job finally spoke after seven days**

His friends had offered no words of comfort - Job 2:13

###### **Job cursed the day of his birth**

Job questioned why he had even been born - Job 10:18-19

Job never cursed God because of his suffering - Job 2:10

Many years later Jeremiah gave the same curse - Jeremiah 20:14

##### b. Job said the day of his birth should have perished - 3:2-3

###### **Job spoke, and said:**

###### **“May the day perish on which I was born”**

Job cursed the day of his birth but did not curse God - Job 3:10

Job wanted to know why he did not die the day of his birth - Job 3:11

###### **And the night in which it was said**

Job wished there had been no joyful shout the day he was born - Job 3:7

###### **A male child is conceived**

Jeremiah said the man who brought the news should be cursed - Jeremiah 20:15

Job even wished he had been stillborn - Job 3:16

Job said his groanings poured out like water - Job 3:24

##### c. Job said the day he was born should have been a day of darkness - 3:4-5

###### **May that day be darkness**

Job felt God had set darkness in his paths - Job 19:8

###### **May God above not seek it**

Job wished he had been carried from the womb to the grave - Job 10:19

###### **May not the light shine upon it**

Amos said that God can make the day as dark as the night - Amos 5:8

###### **May darkness and the shadow of death claim it**

God can turn the shadow of death into dense darkness - Jeremiah 13:16

###### **May a cloud settle on it**

###### **May the blackness of the day terrify it**

Job felt that even the light was like darkness - Job 10:21-22

**d. Job said that day should not have become a part of the calendar - 3:6-7**

**As for that night, may darkness seize it**

(Job wished that night had been seized by the darkness)

This meant he wished that day had not existed - Job 3:4

**May it not rejoice among the days of the year**

Job wished that day had never happened - Job 3:3

**May it not come into the number of months**

Job did not feel that he had been encouraged for months by God - Job 29:2

**Oh may that night be barren**

Bildad said that the light of the wicked goes out - Job 18:5

**May no joyful shout come into it**

Zophar said the joy of the hypocrite is only for a moment - Job 20:5

**e. Job said that should not have been a day of light - 3:8-9**

**May those curse it who curse that day**

Eliphaz said Job should acquaint himself with God - Job 22:22

**Those who are ready to arouse Leviathan (their mourning)**

God questioned Job about Leviathan - Job 41:1

No one is so fierce that he wants to stir up Leviathan - Job 41:10

Only God is able to punish Leviathan (probably a type of dinosaur) - Isaiah 27:1

**May the stars of its morning be dark**

The Lord questioned Job if he was speaking without knowledge - Job 38:2

**May it look for light, but have none**

Job wished he was like the infants that never saw the light - Job 3:16

**And not see the dawning of the day**

Job wished he had been hidden like a stillborn child - Job 3:16

Job wished the morning of his birth had never come - Job 3:8

Job said it would be better to be with those who had died - Job 3:13-14

**f. Job said he should not have been born - 3:10**

**Because it did not shut up the doors of my mother's womb**

Job had encouraged many others from the time of his birth - Job 31:18

Now his relatives and friends had all forsaken him - Job 19:14

Job had suffered for many months - Job 7:3

This is why Job wished he had died at birth - Job 3:11

**Nor hide sorrow from my eyes**

Job wondered if his suffering would never end until death - Job 7:7-10

Job said that his friends were all miserable comforters - Job 16:2

(His friends never did offer any words of comfort)



## 2. Job questioned why he did not die the day of his birth - 3:11-19

### a. Job asked why he was given life - 3:11-13

**Why did I not die at birth**  
(Many babies still die at birth in some countries)  
**Why did I not perish when I came from the womb**  
**Why did the knees receive me**  
**Or why the breasts, that I should nurse**  
**For now I would have lain still and been quiet**  
**I would have been asleep**  
**Then I would have been at rest**  
Job said he had no rest, for trouble comes - Job 3:26

### b. Job said that then he would have had rest - 3:14-15

**With kings and counselors of the earth**  
Solomon made whatever he desired - Ecclesiastes 2:4-6  
**Who build ruins for themselves**  
Solomon later realized that these things were all vanity - Ecclesiastes 2:11  
**Or with princes who had gold**  
Eliphaz told Job if he repented he would have plenty of gold - Job 22:23-25  
Eliphaz did not understand the blessings of God - Matthew 6:19-24  
Solomon also gathered silver and gold in great abundance - Ecclesiastes 2:8  
A good name is better to be chosen than great riches - Proverbs 22:1  
Do not overwork to be rich, riches make themselves wings - Proverbs 23:4-5  
**Who filled their houses with silver**  
Understanding is to be chosen rather than silver - Proverbs 16:16  
The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil - 1 Timothy 6:10

### c. Job said he should have been stillborn - 3:16-19

**Why was I not hidden like a stillborn child**  
**Like infants who never saw the light**  
**There the wicked cease from troubling**  
**And there the weary are at rest**  
Job said that the dead were at rest - Job 3:13  
**There the prisoners rest together**  
**Prisoners do not hear the voice of the oppressor**  
**The small and the great are there**  
**The servant is free from his master**  
(They are no longer servants in the grave)

### 3. Job said that he longed for death - 3:20-26

#### a. Job asked why he did not die instead of suffer - 3:20-22

**Why is light given to him who is in misery**

Zophar said that Job would face even more misery - Job 20:22

**And life to the bitter of soul**

Job said he complained in the bitterness of his soul - Job 7:11

**Who long for death, but it does not come**

Job was waiting for death but it did not come - Job 30:23

**Who search for it more than hidden treasures**

Zophar said he would have hope if he prepared his heart - Job. 11:16 - 18

**Who rejoice exceedingly**

Job said the grave would bring him great joy - Job 16:16

**And are glad when they find the grave**

Job was looking forward to death in his pain - Job 7:15-16

#### b. Job asked why God had left him here on this earth - 3:23-24

**Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden**

Even in suffering Job was holding to his way - Job 17:9

**And whom God has hedged in**

Job felt God had fenced and blocked his way - Job 19:8

Job thought only death would set him free - Job 3:22

**For my sighing comes before I eat**

Job did not even feel like eating - Job 6:7

**And my groanings pour out like water**

Job felt like he was just about to be poured out like water -

Job 10:10

(Suffering and fear often go together)

#### c. Job said what he feared had come upon him - 3:25-26

**For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me**

Job felt the terrors that had come upon his life - Job 30:15

**And what I dreaded has happened to me**

Job was afraid of all his sufferings - Job 9:28

**I am not at ease, nor am I quiet**

The tents of robbers prosper - Job 12:6

**I have no rest, for trouble comes**

Man...is of few days and full of trouble - Job 14:1

In death Job said people are at rest - Job 3:17

This is only true of the righteous - Luke 16:22-23

## **B. The First Speech to Job by Eliphaz - 4:1-5:27**

**1. Eliphaz said Job had shown kindness to others in the past - 4:1-11**

**a. Eliphaz said that he could not keep quiet after hearing Job - 4:1-4**

**Eliphaz said he would answer what Job had said**  
**Eliphaz said he was afraid speaking to Job would make him weary**  
**Eliphaz said that he could not withhold himself from speaking**  
(Many people try to find someone to blame when trouble comes)  
**Eliphaz said Job had instructed many**  
**Eliphaz said Job had strengthened weak hands**  
**Eliphaz said Job had upheld those who were stumbling**  
**Eliphaz said Job had strengthened the feeble knees**  
Eliphaz recognized Job had ministered to others in the past - Job 1:5

**b. Eliphaz said now that trouble touched Job he was troubled - 4:5-6**

**Eliphaz said Job now understood how others felt**  
The people who did not understand were the friends of Job - Job 2:12-13  
(The friends are going to take turns accusing Job of secret sin)  
**Eliphaz said Job had been touched and now he was troubled**  
**Eliphaz said that Job's reverence was his confidence**  
Eliphaz thought Job was guilty of secret sin - Job 15:12-13  
**Eliphaz said that was the source of integrity and hope**

**c. Eliphaz said no one ever suffered who was innocent - 4:7-11**

**Eliphaz asked if Job knew anyone who perished being innocent**  
Eliphaz did not know what happened in heaven so accused Job of sin - Job 2:10  
**Eliphaz said the upright had never been cut off**  
**Eliphaz said he saw what happened to those who plowed iniquity**  
(Eliphaz could give no evidence of sin in Job)  
**Eliphaz said those who sow trouble will reap the same**  
A true statement but a false accusation about Job - Galatians 6:7-9  
**Eliphaz said by the blast of God they perish**  
**Eliphaz said they were consumed by the breath of God's anger**  
Eliphaz was accusing Job of secret sin (as did the disciples) - John 9:2-3  
**Eliphaz said a person knew a lion by its roaring**  
A lion that was roaring was fierce  
**The teeth of the young lions are broken**  
**The old lion perishes because he lacks food**  
**The cubs of the lioness are scattered**

**2. Eliphaz said he had been given a night vision - 4:12-21**

**A. That night vision brought great fear to Eliphaz - 4:12-16**

**Eliphaz said a word was secretly brought to him**  
Eliphaz gave his own opinion and claimed it was from God - Job 32:10  
**Eliphaz said his ear received a whisper of it**  
**Eliphaz said he had very fearful thoughts during the night**  
**Eliphaz said this happened when he was in a deep sleep**  
(This was a bad dream and not revelation from God)  
**Eliphaz said that fear and trembling came on him**  
**Eliphaz said it was so fearful that it made his bones shake**  
**Eliphaz said a spirit passed before his face**  
Demons are evil spirits who followed Satan (the father of lies) - John 8:44  
**Eliphaz said that caused his hair to stand up**  
**Eliphaz said the spirit stood still**  
(Here we see a good example of believing bad dreams)  
**Eliphaz said he could not discern the appearance of the spirit**  
**Eliphaz said there was a form he could see but it was silent**  
**That was when he heard the voice of the spirit speak and say:**  
(Eliphaz said in his dream this spirit asked the following questions)

**B. Eliphaz said it is impossible for man to be more pure than God - 4:17-19**

**Can a mortal man be more righteous than God?**  
Job had not tried to say that he was righteous - Job 3:1-26  
**Can a man be more pure than His Maker?**  
God said Job was a blameless and upright man - Job 1:8; 2:3  
**Eliphaz said God does not put trust in His servants**  
(Eliphaz claimed to know the mind of God)  
**Eliphaz said God charges His angels with error - Jude 6**  
**Eliphaz said that would be much more for those in houses of clay**  
**Eliphaz said man is made of the dust**  
(This was true but did not relate to what he was saying)  
**Eliphaz said they are crushed like a moth**

**C. Eliphaz said such people die because they lack wisdom - 4:20-21**

**Eliphaz said humans are broken in pieces from morning to evening**  
**Eliphaz said people perish forever and no one even notices**  
**Their own excellence was quickly gone and forgotten**  
**They died yet they were without wisdom**  
(This was true but unrelated to Job)

### 3. Eliphaz encouraged Job to call out to God - 5:1-7

#### a. Eliphaz said the time to call out to God was now - 5:1-2

##### **Eliphaz told Job to call out now**

(Eliphaz assumed that these things happened because Job sinned)  
Eliphaz did not know the permission God had given Satan - Job 1:12; 2:6

##### **Eliphaz asked if there was anyone to listen to Job**

##### **Eliphaz asked to which of the holy ones Job would turn**

Eliphaz said the angels had been charged with error - Job 4:18

##### **Eliphaz said wrath (grief) kills a foolish man**

The foolishness of man twists his way - Proverbs 19:3

Oh that my grief were fully weighed - Job 6:2

##### **Eliphaz said that envy slays a simple person**

Do not envy the oppressor - Proverbs 3:31

Envy is rottenness to the bones - Proverbs 14:30

#### b. Eliphaz said the foolish have no deliverer - 5:3-5

##### **Eliphaz said he had seen the foolish taking root**

In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride - Proverbs 14:3

The devising of foolishness is sin - Proverbs 24:9

##### **Eliphaz said he had cursed the dwelling place of the foolish**

The correction of fools is folly - Proverbs 16:22

##### **Eliphaz said the sons were far from a place of safety**

Job had faithfully prayed for his sons and daughters - Job 1:5

##### **Eliphaz said the sons of the foolish were crushed in the gate**

The sons and daughters were all killed when the house collapsed - Job 1:19

(This did not encourage Job in his sorrow for his children)

##### **Eliphaz said they took the harvest even though it was among thorns**

#### c. Eliphaz said that sin means we are born for trouble 5:6-7

##### **Eliphaz said the hungry eat the harvest of the foolish**

Fools die for lack of wisdom - Proverbs 10:21

##### **Eliphaz said affliction does not come from the dust**

##### **Eliphaz said trouble does not spring from the ground**

(This was a way he blamed Job for sin)

##### **Eliphaz said man is born to experience trouble**

The foolish pulls it down with his hands - Proverbs 14:1

##### **Eliphaz said it is like the sparks that fly upward**

(It is normal for sparks from a fire to go up)

**4. Eliphaz said that is what he would do - 5:8-16**

**a. Eliphaz said that he would seek God - 5:8-9**

**Eliphaz said that he would turn to God**

Job said they were looking for his sin not God - Job 10:6

**Eliphaz said he would commit his cause to God**

Eliphaz was actually calling Job wicked - Psalm 10:4

**Eliphaz said God does great and unsearchable things**

(This is true but Eliphaz did not understand them)

**Eliphaz said God does marvelous things without number**

**b. Eliphaz said God meets the needs of the humble - 5:10-11**

**God gives rain to the earth**

**God sends water to the fields**

**God sets on high those who are lowly**

God regards the lowly; but the proud He knows from afar - Psalm 138:6

**God lifts to safety those who mourn**

**c. Eliphaz said God frustrates the crafty - 5:12-14**

**God frustrates the devices of the crafty**

Eliphaz later said that Job chose the tongue of the crafty - Job 15:5

**God makes it impossible for them to carry out their plans**

**God catches the wise in their own craftiness**

The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God - 1 Corinthians 3:19

**God causes the counsel of the cunning to come quickly on them**

**God causes them to meet darkness in the daytime**

They grope in the dark without light - Job 12:25

**God causes them to grope at noontime as if it were night**

**d. Eliphaz said that God gives hope to the poor - 5:15-16**

**God saves the needy from the sword**

Job was a father to the poor - Job 29:16

**God saves the needy from the mouth of the mighty**

In contrast, the murderer kills the poor and needy - Job 24:14

**God saves the needy from the hand of the mighty**

**God gives hope to the poor**

God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble - James 4:6

**God causes injustice to shut her mouth**

**5. Eliphaz said that Job was being disciplined by the Lord for sin - 5:17-27**

**a. Eliphaz said a man should be happy when God corrects him - 5:17-20**

**Eliphaz says a man is happy when God corrects him**  
Job would be happy as soon as he confessed his sin - 1 John 1:9  
**Eliphaz encouraged Job not to despise the Almighty**  
Job was told not to despise the discipline of the Lord - Proverbs 3:11-12  
**Eliphaz said God bruises but He binds up**  
Christ came to heal the brokenhearted - Luke 4:18-19  
Job prayed for his friends and the Lord restored them - Job 42:7-11  
**Eliphaz said God wounds, but his hands make whole**  
**Eliphaz said that God would deliver in six troubles**  
**Eliphaz said that God would even deliver from seven**  
**Eliphaz said in famine God redeems from death**  
Gods does deliver those who fear Him - Psalm 33:18-19  
**Eliphaz said in war God redeems from the power of the sword**

**b. Eliphaz said that God is able to give peace - 5:21-24**

**Eliphaz said Job would be delivered from the scourge of the tongue**  
(The three friends all assumed Job was being judged for sin)  
Job probably wanted to be delivered from his friend's tongue - Job 5:1  
**Eliphaz said Job did not need to fear destruction when it comes**  
**Eliphaz said Job could laugh at destruction and famine**  
**Eliphaz said Job did not need to be afraid of the beasts of the earth**  
**Eliphaz said Job would have a covenant with the stones of the field**  
**Eliphaz said the beasts of the field would be at peace with Job**  
**Eliphaz said Job would go into his tent in peace**  
**Eliphaz said he would find nothing amiss at his dwelling**  
Eliphaz did not understand that God tests us - James 1:12

**c. Eliphaz said that God blesses those who trust Him - 5:25-27**

**Eliphaz said Job could know that his descendants would be many**  
**Eliphaz said his offspring would be like the grass of the earth**  
**Eliphaz said that Job would come to the grave at a full age**  
**Eliphaz said Job would be like a sheaf of grain that ripens in season**  
**Eliphaz said that they had searched this out and, "It is true"**  
Job was innocent but Eliphaz said the wisdom was true - James 3:13-17  
**Eliphaz told Job to hear this and know it for himself**  
By his boasts, Eliphaz saw himself as the source of wisdom - Job 5:27

## C. The Answer of Job to Eliphaz - 6:1-7:21

### 1. Job asked his friends to understand his grief - Job 6:1-7

#### a. Job said that his grief was very great - 6:1-4

**Job then gave his answer**  
**Job asked that his grief could be fully weighed**  
Job said his eye had grown dim because of sorrow - Job 17:7  
**Job asked that his calamity could be placed on the scales**  
**Job said those things would be heavier than the sand at the sea**  
**Job said that the words had been rash**  
(Eliphaz had said nothing to comfort or encourage Job)  
**Job said the arrows of the Almighty were within him**  
**Job said his spirit drank in their poison**  
**Job said the terrors of the Lord were all against him**  
A similar thought is given in Psalms - Psalm 88:16-18

#### b. Job said even the animals get food they can eat - Job 6:5-7

**Job asked if the wild donkey brayed when it had grass**  
Job prayed for others during the time that he was blessed - Job 1:5  
**Job asked if the ox lowed over his food**  
**Job asked if flavorless food could be eaten without salt**  
**Job asked if there was any taste to the white of an egg**  
**Job said he did not even want to touch such food**  
**Job said they were loathsome food to him**

### 2. Job said that he wished he would be cut off (die) - Job 6:8-10

**Job wished that his request would be heard**  
Job really wanted God to speak to Him - Job 7:3  
**Job asked that God would grant him what he longed for**  
**Job asked if it would please the Lord to crush him**  
**Job said He could loose His hand and cut off Job's life**  
**Job said that then he would have comfort**  
Job said that there would be comfort in death - Job 3:11  
**Even in his anguish Job knew the Lord would not spare**  
Job understood that God is a righteous God - Job 9:2  
Job understood that he was not righteous - Job 9:15, 9:20  
**Job said he had not concealed the words of the Holy One**  
Job had not turned aside from following the Lord - Job 23:11-12



### 3. Job said he had nothing to give hope - Job 6:11-13

**Job asked what strength he had to give him hope**

The Lord is our strength because we are weak - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

**Job asked what his end was that God would prolong his life**

At this time Job had no hope for his future on earth - Job 14:14

Job asked if his complaint was against man - Job 21:4

**Job asked if his strength was like the strength of stones**

**Job asked if his flesh was like bronze**

**Job asked if his help was not within him**

Job realized that he had no power or strength - Job 26:2

**Job said success had been driven from him**

### 4. Job said that his friends had treated him deceitfully - Job 6:14-23

#### a. Job compared his friends to ice which quickly vanishes - 6:14-16

**Job said when one is afflicted his friend should show him kindness**

A friend loves at all times and a brother is for adversity - Proverbs 17:17

We are to pray for one another that we might be healed - James 5:16

**Job said that was true even if the person forsook the fear of the Almighty**

Christ was a friend of tax collectors and sinners - Luke 7:34

**Job said his brothers had dealt deceitfully like a brook**

Let them be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause - Psalm 25:3

**Job said the streams of the brook pass away**

**At first the waters are dark because of the ice**

(Soon though the ice on the creek melts and the water becomes clear)

**The snow vanishes when its lands**

#### b. Job said his friends were like a brook that dries up - 6:17-20

**When it is warm the brooks stop flowing**

**When the weather becomes hot the brooks become dry and vanish**

It came to pass after a while that the brook dried up - 1 Kings 17:7

**The paths of the brook turn aside**

**They go nowhere and stop**

**The caravans of Tema look**

**The travelers of Sheba hope for them**

**They are disappointed and have false confidence**

Children are ashamed when they can find no water - Jeremiah 14:3

**They came to the brooks and were confused**

(The hot weather causes the brooks to become dry)

**c. Job said his friends had offered him no help - Job 6:21-23**

**Job said his friends were no help**  
**They saw terror and were afraid**  
They were speaking out of fear instead of love - 1 John 4:18  
**Job asked if he had ever asked them to bring something to him**  
**Job said they had never asked for a bribe from his wealth**  
**Job asked that he would be delivered from the hand of the enemy**  
**Job asked to be redeemed from the hand of the oppressors**  
Eliphaz will accuse him of oppressing the poor - Job 20:19

**5. Job asked his friends to teach him how he had erred - Job 6:24-30**

**a. Job said they were arguing and not teaching him - 6:24-27**

**Job asked his friends to teach him where he had sinned**  
Eliphaz based his argument on a dream he had in the night - Job 4:12-16  
**Job asked them to cause him to understand where he erred**  
Job had been careful to avoid sin even with his tongue - Psalm 39:1  
**Job said that right words are forceful**  
We are to be quick to hear and slow to speak - James 1:19  
**Job said their arguing proved nothing**  
Job's friends exalted themselves against him - Job 19:5  
**Job asked if they intended to rebuke his words**  
Job desired to reason with God to know why this happened - Job 13:3  
**Job said they were the speeches of a desperate one**  
**Job said they would overwhelm the fatherless**  
Job had delivered the fatherless and the one who has no helper - Job 29:12  
**Job said they had undermined their friend**  
They were like one who prepared a net (trap) - Psalm 57:6

**b. Job asked them to recognize he was righteous - 6:28-30**

**Job asked them to carefully look at him**  
**Job said that he would not lie to their face**  
Job said that he would not speak deceit - Job 27:4  
**Job asked them to yield so that there would be no injustice**  
**Job asked them to concede that his righteousness still stood**  
God said that Job was blameless and upright - Job 1:8  
**Job asked them if there was any injustice on his tongue**  
(They had never heard him speak any injustice)  
**Job asked if his taste could be unsavory**

**6. Job then asked God about his allotted time - Job 7:1-5**

**a. Job said that he had experienced futility for months - 7:1-3**

**Job asked if there is a time for hard service for man on the earth**  
Job asked if he had suffered enough until his change came - Job 14:14  
**Job said that the days of man are like the days of a hired man**  
**Job said it was like a servant who really wanted the shade**  
**Job said it was like a hired man who eagerly looked for his wages**  
**Job said that he had been given many months of futility**  
Job was ready to give up and die - Job 15:31  
**Job said that he had been appointed to wearisome nights**  
Job said, "My bones are pierced in me at night" - Job 30:17

**b. Job said the night was worse than the day - 7:4-5**

**When Job laid down, he asked when he would get up**  
Job knew the number of his days was determined - Job 14:5  
**Job asked when the night would be ended**  
**Job said he had his fill of tossing to the dawn**  
Job had hoped he would not see the dawn - Job 3:9  
**Job said his flesh was caked with worms and dust**  
Job had painful boils from his head to his foot - Job 2:7  
**Job said his skin was cracked and broken open**

**7. Job told God it looked like he would never see good again - Job 7:6-10**

**Job said his days were faster than a weaver's shuttle**  
**Job said his days were spent without any hope**  
**Job said that his life was just a breath**  
Human life is just a vapor that vanishes away - James 4:14  
**Job said he would never again see the good**  
Job said, "When I looked for good, evil came to me" - Job 30:26  
**Job said the eye that sees him will see him no more**  
**Job said that while they watched he would no longer be**  
**Job said his life was like a cloud that vanishes away**  
**Job said one who goes down to the grave does not come up**  
Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God - 1 Corinthians 15:42-50  
**Job said he would never return to his house (sinful body)**  
Job looked forward to the day he would see His Redeemer - Job 19:25-27  
**Job said his place would not know him any longer**  
Christ revealed through Paul how this change would happen - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

**8. Job said he spoke out of the bitterness of his soul - Job 7:11-16**

**a. Job said he would speak about what he felt - 7:11-12**

**Job said he would not restrain his mouth**

Job could not keep quiet as he was falsely accused - Job 8:2

**Job said he would speak of the anguish in his spirit**

David also cried out to the Lord in the day of his distress - Psalm 18:6

**Job said he would complain of the bitterness in his soul**

Job asked why he had life in the bitterness of his soul - Job 3:20; 10:1

**Job asked if he was a sea or a sea serpent**

**Job said then they could set a watch over him**

**b. Job said that when he slept he had painful dreams - 7:13-16**

**Job at first thought his bed would comfort him**

**Job thought his couch would ease his complaint**

**Instead God scared him with dreams**

**God terrified him with visions**

These dreams and visions were actually from Satan - Job 2:6

**Job said his soul would prefer being strangled**

**Job said he would prefer death over any body**

**Job said he loathed his life and he would not live forever**

**Job said to let him alone for his days were just a breath**

Job felt his days were fleeing away and he would see no good - Job 9:25

**9. Job asked God why he had been made a target - Job 7:17-21**

**Job said, "What is man that You should exalt him"**

**Job asked why the Lord would set His heart on him**

**Job asked why he was being tested at every moment**

Job did not realize that Satan was trying to break him - Job 2:5

**Job asked if the Lord could at least look away from him**

**Job asked if he could have enough time to swallow his saliva**

This testing was going on throughout both the day and night - Job 17:12

**Job asked if he had sinned that the Lord would watch him so much**

**Job asked why the Lord had made him a target and a burden**

**Job asked why the Lord did not pardon his transgression**

**Job asked why the Lord did not take away his iniquity**

Job asked why the Lord would not take away his sin - Psalm 32:5

**Job said that all he could do now was lie down in the dust**

**Job said then the Lord could seek him but he would no longer be**

## **D. The First Speech to Job by Bildad - 8:1-22**

### **1. God will judge sin and you speak a lot of wind - 8:1-7**

#### **a. Job, it is time for you to stop speaking such things - 8:1-4**

**Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:  
How long will you speak these things  
The words of your mouth are like a strong wind**  
Bildad said the wind carries away the straw and chaff - Job 21:18  
**Does God subvert judgment?**  
Bildad said Job was guilty of speaking false words - Job 9:2-3  
**Does the Almighty pervert justice?  
If your sons sinned against God**  
Bildad said the sons were being judged for their sin - Job 1:19  
**God cast them away for their transgression**

#### **b. Job, it is time to seek the Lord - 8:5-7**

**If you would earnestly seek God  
If you make your supplication to the Almighty**  
(All three friends assumed Job was guilty of hidden sin)  
Bildad said that Job needed to repent of his sin - Job 4:7  
**If you were pure and upright**  
Bildad did not think that Job was righteous - Job 42:7  
**Surely now he would awake for you  
He would prosper your rightful dwelling place**  
The Lord restored Job when Job prayed for his friends - Job 42:10  
**Though your beginning was small  
Your latter end will increase abundantly**  
This did happen after God rebuked the friends - Job 42:12

### **2. Those who lived before can teach you - 8:8-10**

**Inquire, please, of the former age  
Consider the things discovered by their fathers  
We were born yesterday and know nothing  
Our days on the earth are a shadow**  
Our days will soon come to an end - Job 24:17  
**Will they not teach you and tell you**  
Wise men have passed on to us what they learned - Job 15:18  
**They will utter words from the heart**

### 3. Job, you need to see you have forgotten God - 8:11- 18

#### a. Job you are a hypocrite - 8:11-14

**Can papyrus grow up without a marsh?**

**Can the reeds flourish without water**

**When it is still green and not cut down**

**It withers before any other plant**

**These are the paths of all who forget God**

Bildad was suggesting that Job had forgotten God - Psalm 9:17

**The hope of the hypocrite shall perish**

Job answered the charge of Bildad after his next speech - Job 27:8-10

**The confidence of the hypocrite shall be shut off**

Job made it clear he had his hope in God - Job 27:11-12

**His trust is in a spider's web**

(Bildad said Job depended on something as weak as a spider web)

#### b. Job, you will not be able to stand - 8:15-18

**He leans on his house but it does not stand**

**He holds fast but it does not endure**

The spider web does not endure - Job 8:14

**He grows green in the sun**

**His branches spread out in his garden**

**His roots wrap around the rock heap**

**They look for a place in the stones**

**If he is destroyed from his place**

**It will deny him saying, I have not seen you**

### 4. Job, you can still rejoice if you will repent - 8:19-22

**Behold, this is the joy of his way**

**Out of the earth others will grow**

**God does not cast away the blameless**

Bildad did not think Job was blameless - Job 1:8; 2:3

Bildad was the one who learned he was not blameless - Job 42:7

**God does not hold up the evildoers**

Job said the wicked are reserved for the day of doom - Job 21:30

**He will yet fill your mouth with laughing**

**He will fill your lips with rejoicing**

**Those who hate you will be clothed in shame**

**The dwelling place of the wicked will come to nothing**

Zophar said, "Do not let wickedness dwell in your tents" - Job 11:14-15

## **E. The Answer of Job to Bildad - 9:1-10:22**

### **1. Job recognized the greatness of God - 9:1-13**

#### **a. Job asked how a man could be righteous before God - 9:1-3**

**Job answered the charge Bildad made against him**  
**Job said he knew that Bildad was right**  
Job knew he could not be righteous by his own efforts - Job 9:15  
**Job knew that a man cannot stand in his own righteousness**  
There is none righteous not even one - Psalm 14:3  
**Job also knew that a person cannot contend with God**  
No one can stand in his own strength but there is forgiveness - Psalm 130:3-4  
**Job said he would not be able to answer one time out of a thousand**

#### **b. Job said God is the one who is wise and mighty - 9:4-6**

**God is wise in heart and mighty in strength**  
God is mighty in strength and understanding - Job 36:5  
**Not one person who has contended against God has prospered**  
Job wanted to know why God was contending against him - Job 10:2  
**God can move the mountains and people will not know how**  
**God can overturn the mountains in His anger**  
**God shakes the earth out of its place**  
**God causes the pillars of the earth to tremble**

#### **c. Job said God is the One who controls the stars - 9:7-13**

**God commands the sun and the stars**  
Job knew that God was in total control - Psalm 147:4  
**God spreads out the heavens and treads the waves of the sea**  
**God made the various constellations of the stars**  
**God also made the constellations of the south**  
**The ways of God are past finding out**  
The ways of God cannot be known - Job 5:9  
**The wonders of God are without number**  
Job realized that the wonders of God are past finding out - Job 42:3  
**Job said God could go by him and he would not see God**  
**Job said if God takes away who can hinder Him**  
**People cannot ask God what He is doing**  
**God will not withdraw His anger**  
**The allies of the proud lay prostrate before Him**

**2. Job knew that God is the One with true righteousness - 9:14-24**

**a. Job said that God is the One who is righteous - 9:14-16**

**Job asked how he could answer God**

God said Job was righteous but had not told Job - Job 2:3

**Job asked how he could even choose words to reason with God**

I am blameless, yet I do not know myself - Job 9:21

**Job said that if he were righteous he would not try to answer**

**Job said he would beg mercy from his Judge**

At the final judgment it will be too late for mercy - Revelation 20:11-15

**Job said he would not expect an answer if he called**

Job had already suffered for many months - Job 7:3

**Job said he would not believe God was listening to his voice**

**b. Job said that he would not try to claim he was righteous - 9:17-20**

**Job said God was crushing him with a tempest**

**Job said God was multiplying his wounds without cause**

**Job said God did not even allow him to catch his breath**

Job said he did not even have time to swallow his saliva - Job 7:19

**Job said God was filling him with bitterness**

**Job said it is very true that God is strong**

**Job said if he was seeking justice he would want his day in court**

**Job said his own mouth would condemn him even if he was righteous**

Job knew he was righteous but also committed sin - Philippians 3:12

**Job said if he was blameless his mouth would show he was perverse**

Job loved God and would not curse God - Job 2:10

**c. Job knew that he had lived a blameless life - 9:21-24**

**Job said he felt blameless but did not know himself**

Job realized he had sinned but did not know his unconfessed sins - Job 1:5

**Job said his suffering caused him to despise his life**

He had suffered for many months already - Job 7:3

**Job said everyone faces the same end**

**God destroys both the blameless and the wicked**

**Job said he wished this scourge killed him suddenly**

**Job said God laughs at the plight of the innocent**

**Job said the earth is given into the hand of the wicked**

**Job said God covers the face of the judges**

**Job asked if it was not God then who could it be**



### 3. Job realized he could not change his own condition - 9:25-31

#### a. Job said that his days were passing quickly - 9:25-26

**Job said his days were going swifter than a runner**  
**Job said his days were fleeing and seeing no good**  
Job said his days and he would never see good - Job 7:6-7  
**Job compared his days to a fast ship**  
**Job compared his days to an eagle going after its prey**  
They fly as an eagle that hastens to eat (over 100 mph) - Habakkuk 1:8

#### b. Job said he could not cleanse himself - 9:27-31

**Job asked if he could forget his complaint**  
Job was covered from head to foot with boils - Job 2:7-8  
**Job asked if he could put off his sad face and put on a smile**  
Job knew that a smile would be hypocrisy - 1 Peter 2:1  
**Job said he was afraid of all of his sufferings**  
The Lord understands when we admit our fears to Him - Hebrews 4:15-16  
**Job said he knew that God would not hold him innocent**  
**Job said if he was condemned and his labor was in vain**  
Job had faithfully prayed to the Lord - Job 1:5  
**Job said he washed himself in snow water**  
**Job said he cleansed his hands with soap**  
Job also said he had terrifying dreams at night - Job 7:13-14  
**Job said God was still plunging him into the pit**  
Job felt like he was quickly going to the grave - Job 33:22-24

### 4. Job wished there was a mediator for him - 9:32-35

**Job said he was a man so he could not answer God**  
**Job said they could not go to court together**  
**Job said they needed a mediator between them**  
Christ is the only Mediator between man and God - 1 Timothy 2:5  
**Job said a mediator could lay his hands on both of them**  
Jesus is the Mediator of the new covenant - Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24  
**Job asked that God would take away His rod from him**  
Job considered his suffering a rod of discipline - Proverbs 15:10  
**Job did not want dread of God to terrify him**  
Job did not want to strive with his Maker - Isaiah 45:9  
**Job said that then he could speak and not fear God**  
**Job said that at the present that was just not true**

**5. Job said that God knew that he was not wicked - 10:1-7**

**a. Job asked God to show him what he had done wrong - 10:1-2**

**Job said he was grieved with his life**  
**Job said he would speak plainly about his complaint**  
**Job said he would speak out of the bitterness of his soul**  
Job said he loathed his life - Job 7:16  
**Job asked God not to condemn him**  
**Job asked God to show him why He was contending with him**  
Job had no understanding of what God was really doing - Job 1:8-12; 2:3-7

**b. Job asked God if He saw things as men see them - 10:3-7**

**Job wanted to know if it seemed good to God to oppress**  
**Job wanted to know if it was good to despise the work of His hands**  
**Job wanted to know if God smiled on the counsel of the wicked**  
The wicked look like they are happy until we see their end - Psalm 73:17-18  
**Job asked God if he sees as man sees**  
God's thoughts and ways cannot even be compared to ours - Isaiah 55:8-9  
**Job asked if the days of God were like the days of man**  
**Job asked if God's years were like the days of a mighty man**  
**Job asked if that was why God searched out his sin**  
**Job said that he had not lived a wicked life**  
**Job said there was no one to deliver him from his suffering**  
Job had been crying out to the Lord without an answer - Psalm 139:1-2

**6. Job said that God was the One who had made Him - 10:8-12**

**Job said God had made him with intricate unity**  
God had made him and fashioned him - Psalm 119:73  
**Job said now God was destroying him**  
**Job asked God to remember that he was like clay**  
**Job asked if God wanted to turn him into dust again**  
Job felt like he had become like dust and ashes - Job 30:19  
**Job wanted to know if God wanted to pour him out like milk**  
**Job wanted to know if God wanted to curdle him like cheese**  
**Job asked to be clothed with skin and flesh**  
**Job asked to be put together with bones and sinews**  
**Job said God had granted him life and favor**  
**Job said the care of God had preserved his spirit**  
Job knew that God had blessed him in the past - Job 1:3-4

**7. Job said that nothing can be hidden from God - 10:13-17**

**Job said God had hidden certain things in his heart**

God keeps His wisdom hidden until the time He has chosen - 1 Corinthians 2:7

**Job knew that was why his life had been blessed earlier**

**Job said God would take note of it if he sinned**

Job asked God if he had sinned - Job 7:20

**Job said God would not acquit him of his sin**

Acquit means to hold innocent (forgive), paid for by Christ - 1 John 1:9

**Job said if he was wicked judgment would come upon him**

**Job said even if he was righteous he could not lift his head**

**Job said he was full of disgrace and misery**

**Job said if he was exalted God would hunt him like a fierce lion**

**God would show Himself awesome against Job**

**Job said God would renew His witness against him**

**Job said it would continue to get worse**

Job said he had been allotted months of futility - Job 7:3

**8. Job said God was bringing him to the grave - 10:18-22**

**a. Job questioned why he had even been born - 10:18-19**

**Job asked why he had even been born**

**Job wished he had died before anyone saw him**

**Job said it would then have been as though he never existed**

Solomon had a similar thought for his life - Ecclesiastes 4:3

**Job said he would have been carried from the womb to the grave**

**b. Job said he would soon be among the dead - 10:20-22**

**Job said that his days were few**

**Job asked the Lord to leave him alone so he had a little comfort**

**Job said he would soon go to the place from which he would not return**

Job said he longed for death but it did not come - Job 3:21

**Job said it was a land of darkness and the shadow of death**

Christ walks with us through the shadow of death - Psalm 23:4

**Job said it was a land that was as dark as darkness**

Job looked forward to when his change would come - Job 14:13-14

**Job said it had the shadow of death and lacked order**

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression - Proverbs 12:25

**Job said even the light was like darkness**

## F. The First Speech to Job by Zophar - 11:1-20

### 1. Zophar said the words of Job must be answered - 11:1-6

#### a. Zophar said the empty talk of Job needed to be rebuked - 11:1-3

**Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:**

**Should not the multitude of words be answered**

Eliphaz said Job had filled himself with the east wind - Job 15:2

**Should a man full of talk be vindicated**

Bildad asked, "How long till you put an end to words" - Job 18:2

**Should your empty talk make men hold their peace**

Bildad had said his words were like a strong wind - Job 8:2

**When you mock, should no one rebuke you**

All three friends felt Job was guilty of great hidden sin

#### b. Zophar said Job deserved greater punishment - 11:4-6

**You said that your doctrine is pure**

**You said you are clean in your eyes**

**Oh that God would speak**

God did speak and Job said God spoke what he did not understand - Job 42:3

**Oh that God would open His lips against you**

Job saw how limited his understanding was and repented - Job 42:6

**He would show you the secrets of wisdom**

**They would double your prudence**

**Know therefore what God exacts from you**

**It is less than your iniquity deserves**

Zophar added his conclusion that Job was very sinful - Job 20:4-7

### 2. Zophar asked if Job could know the deep things of God - 11:7-9

**Can you search out the deep things of God**

His judgments are unsearchable and His ways past finding out - Romans 11:33

**Can you find out the limits of the Almighty**

God is great and we do not know Him - Job 36:26

**They are higher than heaven—what can you do**

**They are deeper than Sheol—what can you know**

He enlarges his desire as hell - Habakkuk 2:5

**Their measure is longer than the earth**

**Their measure is broader than the sea**

### 3. Zophar said that Job had an empty head - 11:10-12

**If God passes by He imprisons, and gathers to judgment**  
God is coming to judge the earth - Psalm 96:13  
**Who can hinder Him then**  
**He knows deceitful men, He sees wickedness also**  
God sees because he observes trouble and grief - Psalm 10:14  
**Will He not consider that as well**  
**An empty-headed man will be wise**  
Many who profess to be wise are actually fools - Romans 1:22  
**This will only happen when a wild donkey's colt is born to a man**

### 4. Zophar said Job needed to prepare his heart - 11:13-20

#### a. If Job would prepare his heart, he would forget his misery - 11:13-17

**If you will prepare your heart**  
**If you will stretch out your hands toward God**  
Zophar said Job needed to pray and confess his sins - 1 John 1:9  
**If iniquity is in your hand and you put it away**  
**If you will not let iniquity dwell in your tents**  
**Then surely you will lift up your face without spot**  
Happy is the man whom God corrects - Job 5:17  
**Then you could be steadfast and without fear**  
One who repents can be strong and fearless - Hebrews 4:16  
**Then you would forget your misery**  
**You would remember it as waters that have passed away**  
**Your life would be brighter than noonday**  
**Though you were dark, you will be like morning**

#### b. If he did not prepare his heart, death was his only hope - 11:18-20

**You would be secure because there is hope**  
Job would be able to rest in the hope the Lord gives - Psalm 16:9  
**You would dig around you and rest in safety**  
You will lie down and your rest will be sweet - Proverbs 3:24  
**You would lie down and no one would make you afraid**  
Job was told that fear is the result of our sins - Job 22:10  
**Many would court your favor**  
**The eyes of the wicked shall fail, they shall not escape**  
Job said if they left him alone it would bring comfort - Job 10:20  
**Their hope—loss of life**  
The fear of the wicked will come upon him - Proverbs 10:24

## **G. The Answer of Job to Zophar - 12:1-14:22**

### **1. God does not punish the wicked immediately - 12:1-25**

#### **a. God heard the mocking of the friends of Job - 12:1-6**

##### **1) Job said he was not inferior to his friends - 12:1-3**

**Job answered and said:  
No doubt you are the people  
Wisdom will die with you**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom - Proverbs 9:10

**Job said he had understanding as well as them**

**Job said he was not inferior to his three friends**

Job knew the things that his friends knew - Job 13:2

**Job said that everyone knew what his friends were saying**

##### **2) Job said he was mocked by his friends - 12:4-6**

**Job said he was one who was being mocked by his friends**

Job asked to speak and then they could continue mocking - Job 21:1-3

**Job asked who had called on God and had God answer him**

**Job said it was the just and the blameless who was being ridiculed**

Job knew that he had walked uprightly before the Lord - Job 1:5

**Job said a lamp is despised in the thought of one who is at ease**

**Job said a lamp is made ready for those whose feet slip**

**Job said the tents of robbers prosper**

**Job said those who provoke God are secure**

God sends His rain on both the just and the unjust - Matthew 5:45

**Job said that is what God provides by His hand**

Job said the counsel of the wicked was far from him - Job 22:18

#### **b. God holds everything in His hands - 12:7-12**

##### **1) Job said to learn from the animals and fish - 12:7-8**

**Job asked if they would speak wickedly for God**

**Job asked if they would talk deceitfully for God**

They did not even know what God was doing - Job 2:7; 42:7-9

**Job asked if they would claim partiality for God**

God says if we show partiality that we commit sin - James 2:9

**Job asked if they would contend for God**

**2). Job said that God controls all things - 12:9-10**

**Are there any that do not know what these animals know**

Even the ants show great wisdom - Prov. 6:6; 30:24-25

**They all show that the hand of the Lord has done this**

The Lord even turns the hearts of kings - Prov. 21:1

**The life of every living thing is in the hand of the Lord**

God gave this life to every creature during creation - Gen. 1:20-25

**The Lord is the One who gives breath to all mankind**

God breathed life into the nostrils of all mankind - Gen. 2:7

**3) Job said we can all gain wisdom and understanding - 12:11-12**

**The ear tests the words that it hears**

The Lord gives His followers wisdom to know false teachers - 1 John 4:1-3

**The mouth tastes the food**

**Wisdom is with the aged men**

For this reason the friends thought they had wisdom - Job 15:9-10

The Lord is the real source of wisdom - Ps. 119:97-100

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom - Prov. 9:10

**With length of days there is understanding**

A good understanding have those who do His commands - Ps. 111:10

**c. God is the ruler over all things - 12:13-25**

**1) Job said God is the source of wisdom and understanding - 12:13-15**

**The Lord is the source of wisdom and strength**

The thoughts and ways of the Lord are much higher than ours - Is. 55:8-9

**The Lord has counsel and understanding**

In the past the people had looked to Job for counsel - Job 29:21

That counsel and wisdom had been given by God - Prov. 8:12-14

**The Lord is able to break a thing down so it cannot be rebuilt**

God stopped the Tower of Babel by changing the languages - Gen. 11:7-9

**When the Lord imprisons a man there can be no release**

When the Lord releases prisoners man cannot stop Him - Acts 5:18-25

The Lord delivered Peter from Herod in this way - Acts 12:4-10

**If the Lord withholds the waters they will dry up**

The Lord caused the waters to stop and recede after the flood - Gen. 8:1-4

The Lord also dries up the brooks and rivers - 1 Kings 17:7

**If the Lord sends out the waters they overwhelm the earth**

This was what happened at the time of the flood - Gen. 7:19-20

**2) Job said God controls the counselors and judges - 12:16-17**

**With God are strength and prudence**  
God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to the righteous - Ecclesiastes 2:26  
**The deceived and the deceiver are His**  
**He leads counselors away plundered**  
Kings and counselors built ruins for themselves - Job 3:14  
**He makes fools of the judges**  
The three friends had made themselves judges of Job - Job 9:24

**3) Job said God rules over the kings and princes - 12:18-21**

**God loosens the bonds of kings**  
**He binds their waist with a belt**  
**He leads princes away plundered**  
**He overthrows the mighty**  
God draws the mighty away with His power - Job 24:22  
**He deprives the trusted ones of speech**  
Great men are not always wise - Job 32:9  
**He takes away the discernment of elders**  
God is the One who can stop their understanding - Job 17:4  
**He pours contempt on princes**  
God pours contempt on princes - Psalm 107:40  
**He disarms the mighty**  
He binds their waist with a belt - Job 12:18

**4) Job said God is the One who controls the nations - 12:22-25**

**God uncovers deep things out of darkness**  
**He brings the shadow of death to life**  
Christ came to bring life to those who sit in the shadow of death - Luke 1:79  
**He makes nations great, and destroys them**  
God brings the counsel of nations to nothing - Psalm 33:10  
**He enlarges nations, and guides them**  
God guides with His counsel - Psalm 73:24  
**He takes away the understanding of the chiefs of the people**  
He takes away the discernment of elders - Job 12:20  
**He makes them wander in a pathless wilderness**  
Those without Christ wander in a wilderness - Psalm 107:4  
**They grope in the dark without light**  
Job felt he was in a land as dark as darkness itself - Job 10:22  
**He makes them stagger like a drunken man**



## 2. God heard the charges the friends were making against Job - 13:1-28

### a. The friends were not even listening to Job - 13:1-10

#### 1) Job wanted to speak with the Almighty - 13:1-3

**Job said that his eye had seen the way God works in people**  
The Lord had ministered to others through Job many times - Job 31:18  
**Job said he had heard the things in chapter twelve and understood**  
Job knew that God is in control of all things - Job 12:10  
**Job said he knew what his friends knew**  
**Job said he was not inferior to his friends**  
Job was not inferior to his friends - Job 12:3  
**Job said he wanted to speak with the Almighty**  
Eliphaz told Job he needed to return to the Almighty - Job 22:23  
**Job said he desired to reason with God**  
Job said he would trust the Lord even if the Lord would slay him - Job 13:15

#### 2) Job asked his friends to be quiet and listen - 13:4-6

**Job said his friends were forgers of lies**  
The proud forge lies against others - Psalm 119:69  
**Job said they were all worthless doctors**  
The Lord is against those who prophesy false dreams - Jeremiah 23:32  
**Job asked them to please be silent**  
Job asked them to put their hand over their mouth - Job 21:5  
**Job said that would be wisdom**  
**Job asked his friends to hear his reasoning**  
**Job asked them to pay attention to the pleading of his lips**  
Eliphaz accused Job of letting his heart carry him away - Job 15:12

#### 3) Job said his friends were trying to speak for God - 13:7-10

**Job said they were speaking wickedly while claiming to speak for God**  
**Job said they were talking deceitfully for God**  
Job said he would not speak wickedness or deceit - Job 27:3  
**Job said they were showing partiality while claiming to speak for God**  
God judges without partiality as He judges - 1 Peter 1:17  
**Job asked if they were trying to contend for God**  
It is not good to show partiality in judgment - Proverbs 24:23  
**Job asked if it would be well for them when God searched them out**  
**Job asked if they could mock God as they mocked a man**

**b. The friends did not hear that Job trusted God - 13:11-19**

**1) Job said his friends did not show respect for God - 13:11-13**

**Job asked why the excellence of God did not make them afraid**

**Job asked why the dread of God did not fall on them**

Job said destruction from God was a terror to him - Job 31:23

**Job said their platitudes were proverbs of ashes**

Job later said he had become like dust and ashes - Job 30:19

**Job said their defenses were defenses of clay**

Job realized the Lord had made him like clay - Job 10:9

**Job asked them to hold their peace and let him speak**

The friends had not really listened to what Job had said - Job 13:17

**Job said that whatever came on him would come**

Job said that his purposes were broken off - Job 17:11

**2) Job said he would trust God whatever happened - 13:14-16**

**Job asked why he took his flesh in his teeth**

**Job asked why he put his life in his hands**

**Job said he would trust the Lord even if the Lord were to slay him**

Job knew he was ready to die because his trust was in the Lord - Psalm 5:11

**Job said he would still defend his ways before the Lord**

Job knew that he had lived to serve the Lord - Job 2:3

**Job said the Lord would be his salvation**

Salvation belongs to the Lord - Psalm 3:8

**Job said a hypocrite could not come before God**

The joy of a hypocrite is but for a moment - Job 20:5

**3) Job asked his friends to listen carefully to what he said - 13:17-19**

**Job asked his friends to listen carefully to his speech**

The friends assumed that Job was guilty of great sin - Job 15:20

**Job asked his friends to listen to his declaration with their ears**

**Job said that he had prepared his case**

Job was anxious to present his case before God - Job 23:4

**Job said he knew that he would be vindicated**

Even if he was righteous, his own mouth would condemn him - Job 9:15

**Job asked who would contend with him**

Job looked to the One who would justify him - Isaiah 50:8

**Job said that if he held his tongue that he would perish**

Job had asked the Lord to take away his iniquity - Job 7:21

**c. Job told God that he knew that he was sinful - 13:20-28**

**1) Job asked God to let him speak - 13:20-22**

**Job had only two requests as he spoke**

**Job said that then he would not hide from God**

Job was ready to deal with any unknown sin in his life - Job 7:20

**Job asked God not to withdraw His hand far from Job**

Job wanted to experience again his relationship with God - Job 13:3

**Job asked that God would not cause the dread of Him to make him fear**

Job wanted God to stop him from experiencing these fears - Job 3:25

**Job asked God to call and he would answer**

Job was very anxious to answer when God spoke to him - Job 14:15

**Job asked that God would respond when he spoke to God**

Job just wanted to talk with God and know God heard - Job 9:16

**2) Job understood he had committed many sins - 13:23-25**

**Job asked how many were his iniquities and sins**

Job wanted to know his sins to understand why he was suffering - Job 7:21

**Job asked God to show him his transgression and sin**

**Job asked why God was hiding his face**

Others had this same feeling at times in their lives - Psalm 88:14

**Job asked why God was regarding him as an enemy**

Job felt like he was being treated as one of the enemies of God - Job 19:11

**Job felt like he was a leaf being driven to and fro**

We are not to be like a leaf being driven to and fro - Ephesians 4:14

**Job asked if he would be pursued as dry stubble**

The chaff is carried away by the storm - Job 21:18

**3) Job said God had placed limits on what he could do - 13:26-28**

**Job said God had written bitter things against him**

Job felt like he could not even catch his breath - Job 9:18

**Job asked God if he was receiving for the iniquities of his youth**

David asked God not to remember the sins of his youth - Psalm 25:7

**Job said God had put his feet in stocks**

Job was later reminded of these words by Elihu - Job 33:8-11

**Job said God watched closely all of his paths**

**Job said God had set a limit for the soles of his feet**

**Job said that man decays like a rotten thing**

**Job said man is like a garment that is moth eaten**

Both a moth and rust will destroy - Matthew 6:19-20

**3. God knows the number of our days - 14:1-22**

**a. Our lives are very short - 14:1-6**

**1) Job said the life of man passes quickly - 14:1-3**

**Man is born to a woman  
Man has few days and they are full of trouble  
Man comes like a flower and then fades away  
Man flees like a shadow and is gone  
Man may see a person come and go  
Man will come to judgment after death**  
This can be judgment for rewards - 1 Corinthians 3:14  
This can be eternal judgment for sin - Revelation 20:15

**2) Job said God has set limits that man cannot pass - 14:4-6**

**Who can make an unclean thing clean  
No man can do such a thing  
The days and months of a person are determined by God  
A person cannot increase the time that God has given him  
Look away from man so that he may rest  
Like a hired man let him finish his day**

**b. Our lives cannot be renewed - 14:7-17**

**1) Job said a tree can experience a new life - 14:7-9**

**There is hope for a tree that is cut that it will sprout again  
The tender shoots of a tree will not cease  
The root may grow old in the ground  
The stump may die in the ground  
At the scent of water it will bud  
It will bring forth branches like a plant**

**2) Job said that when a man dies that he will not rise - 14:10-12**

**A man dies and is laid away  
He breathes his last and where is he  
Water disappears from the sea  
A river becomes parched and dries up  
A man lies down and does not rise till the heavens are no more  
They will not awake or be roused from their sleep**

**3) Job asked that he might go to the grave - 14:13-14**

**Oh that you would hide me in the grave  
That you would conceal me until your wrath is past  
That you would appoint me a set time and remember me  
If a man dies shall he live again**  
Job knew that he would see his redeemer again - Job 19:26-27  
**All the days of my hard service I will wait, till my change comes**  
Job looked forward to the resurrection - Job 19:25

**4) Job asked God to cover his iniquity - 14:15-17**

**You shall call, and I will answer You**  
Job was anxious to talk with the Lord - Job 13:22  
**You shall desire the work of Your hands  
For now you number my steps**  
The Lord ponders all our paths - Proverbs 5:21  
**Do not watch over my sin  
My transgression is sealed up in a bag**  
Job wanted to be certain his transgressions were pardoned - Job 7:21  
**You cover my iniquity**  
Job knew that his sin was covered - Psalm 32:1

**c. Our physical lives end at death - 14:18-22**

**1) Job said man does not know what happens after his death - 14:18-20**

**A mountain falls and crumbles away  
A rock is moved from its place  
Water wears away stones  
Torrents wash away the soil of the earth  
So You destroy the hope of man**  
Job said his days were without hope - Job 7:6  
**You prevail forever against him, and he passes on  
You change his countenance and send him away**

**2) Job said a man does not know what happens to his children - 14:21-22**

**His sons come to honor and he does not know it  
They are brought low and he does not perceive it  
His flesh will be in pain over it  
His soul will mourn over it**

### III. The Second Round of Speeches by the Three - 15:1-21:34

#### A. The Second Speech by Eliphaz to Job - 15:1-35

##### 1. Eliphaz did not believe that Job was righteous - 15:1-6

###### A. Eliphaz said Job was filled with the east wind - 15:1-3

**Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:  
Should a wise man answer with empty knowledge  
Should he fill himself with the east wind  
Should he reason with unprofitable talk**  
Eliphaz said (his own problem) Job was giving empty words - Job 4:12-16  
**Should he give speeches with which he can do no good**  
The speeches of Eliphaz were based on his own opinions - Job 5:2-4

###### B. Eliphaz said Job was condemned by his own words - 15:4-6

**Eliphaz asked if Job had cast off fear  
Eliphaz asked if Job was coming to God in righteous prayer**  
Job had suffered many months without an answer from God - Job 7:3  
**Eliphaz said sin was teaching the mouth of Job**  
Job really wanted to speak with God but Eliphaz never heard it - Job 13:3  
**Eliphaz said Job spoke with the tongue of the crafty (subtle)**  
This word was used to describe Satan - Genesis 3:1  
**Eliphaz said Job's own mouth was condemning Job**  
Though I were righteous, my own mouth would condemn me - Job 9:20  
**Eliphaz said Job's own lips testified against him**

##### 2. Eliphaz felt the three had spoken gently to Job - 15:7-13

###### A. Eliphaz asked if Job had a special connection to God - 15:7-9

**Eliphaz asked if Job was the first man to be born  
Eliphaz asked if Job was made before the hills  
Eliphaz asked if Job even heard the counsel of God**  
God had said Job was blameless - Job 2:3; 2:10  
**Eliphaz asked if Job was limiting wisdom to himself**  
Job said he had understanding as well as them - Job 12:3  
**Eliphaz asked what Job knew that they did not know**  
Job wanted to speak with the Almighty - Job 13:3  
**Eliphaz asked what Job understood that his friends did not know**

## **B. Eliphaz said the three friends were much older and had wisdom 15:10**

**Eliphaz said the three were gray-haired and aged**

Bildad asked Job to hear the words of their fathers - Job 8:8-10

**Eliphaz said they were much older than the father of Job**

Those who meditate on the Word of God become wise - Psalm 119:97-100

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom - Proverbs 9:10

## **C. Eliphaz accused Job of turning his spirit against God - 15:11-13**

**Eliphaz asked if the consolations of God were too small for Job**

Job asked his friends to listen carefully to what he said - Job 21:2

(people are often so busy planning their own answer that they do not hear)

**Eliphaz said that they had spoken gently to Job**

The commandment of God was more important to Job than food - Job 23:12

**Eliphaz asked why the heart of Job was carrying him away**

The Lord is the only One who can look on the heart - 1 Samuel 16:7

**Eliphaz asked at what would Job wink**

Job was obedient to the Lord and not just a hearer - James 1:22

**Eliphaz said Job had turned his spirit against God**

(The three friends all assumed Job was suffering because of sin)

Job understood that God was testing him - Job 23:10

**Eliphaz said this was shown by the words Job spoke**

Job just wanted to hear from God - Job 23:6-12

Job wanted the wisdom of God because he was righteous (pure) - Job 25:4-6

## **3. Eliphaz said no man could be righteous - 15:14-16**

**Eliphaz asked how a man could be pure**

This happens when God blots out all of our sins - Psalm 51:1, 9

Christians can now come boldly to the throne of grace - Hebrews 4:15-16

**Eliphaz asked how one born of a woman could be righteous**

This is a true statement in itself - Romans 3:10

However we stand in the righteousness of Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:21

This was made possible because Christ died on the cross for us - 1 Peter 2:24

**Eliphaz said God puts no trust in His saints**

We are to put our trust in Him - Proverbs 3:5-6

**Eliphaz said the heavens are not pure in the sight of God**

Satan rebelled because of pride - Is 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-15

**Eliphaz said man is abominable and filthy**

This is true unless God has declared a man righteous - Romans 3:10

However, God had declared Job righteous - Job 1:8; 2:3

The friends condemned Job even though they had no answer - Job 32:3

#### 4. Eliphaz said Job was in rebellion against God - 15:17-26

##### A. Eliphaz said this wisdom had been passed down -15:17-20

**I will tell you, hear me**  
Eliphaz was saying the things in this chapter about Job - Job 15:5  
**What I have seen I will declare**  
Eliphaz said that the talk of Job was unprofitable - Job 15:3  
**This is what the wise men have said**  
Eliphaz said he depended on the opinions of others - Job 15:10  
**They had not hidden anything they had received from their fathers**  
The wise men had passed on the traditions of their fathers - Matthew 15:2-3  
**The land was originally given to them alone**  
**There was no alien that passed among them**  
**The wicked man writhes with pain all his days**  
Eliphaz said Job was in pain because he was a wicked man - Job 21:16  
**The number of years is hidden from the oppressor**  
Instead Job had asked to be redeemed from the oppressor - Job 6:23

##### B. Eliphaz said the wicked man is in darkness - 15:21-23

**Dreadful sounds are in his ears**  
**In prosperity the destroyer came upon him**  
This refers to the way Job lost everything - Job 1:13-22  
**He did not believe that he would return from darkness**  
Job said he was going to the land of darkness - Job 10:21  
**He felt a sword was waiting for him**  
Job said his friends needed to be afraid of the sword - Job 19:29  
**He wanders about for bread asking, Where is it?**  
**He knows that a day of darkness is near him**  
Job wished for a day of darkness so that he would not have been born - Job 3:5

##### C. Eliphaz said a defiant man acts defiantly against the Almighty - 15:24-26

**Trouble and anguish make him afraid**  
Job said he would speak in the anguish of his spirit - Job 7:11  
**They overpower him, like a king ready for battle**  
**He stretches out his hand against God**  
Eliphaz said Job turned his spirit against God - Job 15:13  
**He acts defiantly against the Almighty**  
Instead Job wanted to speak with the Almighty - Job 13:3  
**He keeps running stubbornly against him**  
**He runs with his strong embossed shield**



**5. Eliphaz said Job had to be a hypocrite and wicked man - 15:27-35**

**A. Eliphaz said the wicked man will not become rich - 15:27-29**

**He has covered his face with his fatness**  
(Eliphaz said that Job was guilty of doing these things)  
They have closed up their fat hearts - Psalm 17:10  
**He has made his waist heavy with fat**  
**He lives in desolate cities**  
**He lives in houses which no one inhabits**  
**Those houses are destined to become ruins**  
Rulers often build houses that become ruins - Job 3:14  
**He will not be rich**  
**He will not have his wealth continue**  
Job said he would die as he had been born - Job 1:21  
**He will not have his possessions spread over the earth**  
Job had lost all of his possessions in a short time - Job 1:13-20

**B. Eliphaz said the wicked deceives himself - 15:30-32**

**He will not depart from darkness**  
Eliphaz said Job would not return from darkness - Job 15:22  
**The flame will dry out his branches**  
**By the breath of his mouth he will go away**  
His life will come to an end quickly - Job 21:18  
**Let him not trust in futile things deceiving himself**  
Job knew that he had not walked in deceit - Job 31:5-6  
**Futility will be his reward**  
Job had experienced many months of futility - Job 7:3  
**It will be accomplished before his time**  
**His branch will not be green**  
Bildad said his life would wither like a branch - Job 18:16

**C. Eliphaz said hypocrites will not be blessed - 15:33-35**

**He will shake off his unripe grape like a vine**  
**He will cast off his blossom like an olive tree**  
**The company of hypocrites will be barren**  
Bildad had said that the hope of the hypocrite would perish - Job 8:13  
**Fire will consume the tents of bribery**  
**They conceive trouble and bring forth futility**  
Zophar said not to let wickedness dwell in his tents - Job 11:14  
**Their womb prepares deceit**

**B. The Second Answer of Job to Eliphaz - 16:1-17:16**

**1. Job said that his friends provided no comfort - 16:1-22**

**a. Job said his friends were miserable comforters - 16:1-5**

**Job answered and said:  
I have heard many such things  
Miserable comforters are you all**  
They had come together to mourn with him and comfort him - Job 2:11  
**Shall words of wind have an end  
What provokes you that you answer  
I also could speak as you do if your soul was in my place  
I could heap up words against you and shake my head at you  
Instead I would strengthen you with my mouth**  
Job had strengthened with his words - Job 4:4  
**The comfort of my lips would relieve your grief**  
Job felt like they had spit in his face - Job 30:10

**b. Job said that he had been worn out - 16:6-8**

**Though I speak, my grief is not relieved**  
Eliphaz said he was filled with the east wind - Job 15:2  
**If I remain silent, how am I eased  
Now He has worn me out  
You have made desolate all my company  
You have shriveled me up and it is a witness against me**  
Job did not realize it was Satan causing him his trouble - Job 2:7  
**My leanness rises up against me and bears witness to my face**

**c. Job said God had delivered him to the ungodly - 16:9-11**

**He tears me in His wrath and hates me  
He gnashes me with His teeth  
My adversary sharpens His gaze on me**  
Job said God was counting him as one of His enemies - Job 19:11  
**They gape at me with their mouth  
They strike me reproachfully on the cheek  
They gather together against me**  
Job felt the friends had gathered together to attack him - Job 15:2  
**God has delivered me to the ungodly  
God has turned me over to the hands of the wicked**  
Job said the earth is given into the hand of the wicked - Job 9:24

**d. Job said that he had been shattered - 16:12-14**

**I was at ease but He has shattered me**  
**He also has taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces**  
**He has set me up for His target**  
Job felt like he was a target of God's judgment - Job 1:21  
**His archers surround me**  
**He pierces my heart and does not pity**  
**He pours out my gall on the ground**  
**He breaks me with wound upon wound**  
Job felt like he had been broken before God - Job 30:14  
**He runs at me like a warrior**

**e. Job said that his prayer to God was pure - 16:15-17**

**I have sewn sackcloth over my skin**  
Sackcloth was a sign of repentance and mourning - Jonah 3:5-6  
**I laid my head in the dust**  
His friends had found him on the ground when they came - Job 2:12-13  
**My face is flushed from weeping**  
**On my eyelids is the shadow of death**  
Job felt he was experiencing the terrors of the shadow of death - Job 24:17  
**Although no violence is in my hands**  
**My prayer is pure**  
Bildad had said if Job was pure God would hear him - Job 8:6

**f. Job asked that a man could plead before God - 16:18-22**

**O earth do not cover my blood**  
**Let my cry have no resting place**  
**Surely even now my witness is in heaven**  
Job knew that he was righteous with God because he trusted in God - Job 2:10  
**My evidence is on high**  
**My friends scorn me**  
His friends were sitting in the seat of the scornful - Psalm 1:1  
**My eyes pour out tears to God**  
Job looked for God to show he was righteous - Job 42:8  
**O that one might plead for a man with God**  
Job looked for deliverance from God - Proverbs 14:25  
**As a man pleads for his neighbor**  
**When a few years are finished**  
**I shall go the way of no return**  
Job thought his life would soon end in death - Job 30:23

## 2. Job said he would find rest in death - 17:1-16

### a. Job said his spirit was broken - 17:1-2

#### **My spirit is broken**

By sorrow of heart the spirit is broken - Proverbs 15:13

#### **My days are extinguished**

Job saw no hope for prolonging his life - Job 14:11-12

#### **The grave is ready for me**

Job said it would have been better not to have been born - Job 10:19

#### **Are not mockers with me**

Job felt like his friends were just mocking him - Job 20:5

#### **Does not my eye dwell on their provocation**

Job said he was experiencing their rebellion - Job 34:37

### b. Job asked God to hear his case - 17:3-5

#### **Put down a pledge for me with Yourself**

Those who cosign the bill of another will smart for it - Proverbs 11:15

#### **Who is he who will shake hands with me**

This is a handshake or pledge of agreement - Proverbs 22:26

#### **You have hidden their heart from understanding**

The friends did not look to God for understanding - Proverbs 3:5-6

Understanding is a wellspring of life - Proverbs 16:22

#### **Therefore you will not exalt them**

God will judge those who exalt themselves - Job 21:22

#### **He who speaks flattery to his friends**

Flattering words can be very destructive - Proverbs 7:21

#### **Even the eyes of his children will fail**

The eyes of the wicked shall fail - Job 11:20

### c. Job said that his suffering would produce strength - 17:6-9

#### 1) Job said he had been treated with contempt - 17:6-7

#### **He has made me a byword of the people**

This is the reason his friends were taunting Job - Job 30:9

#### **I have become one in whose face men spit**

#### **My eye has also grown dim because of sorrow**

Job was in sorrow but not because of sin - Psalm 38:17

#### **All my members are like shadows**

Our days on earth are a shadow - Job 8:9

Our lives will be gone quickly like a shadow - Job 14:2

**2) Job said the righteous will hold to his way - 17:8-9**

**Upright men are astonished at this**  
**The innocent stirs himself up against the hypocrite**  
Job felt that his friends were acting like hypocrites - Proverbs 11:9  
**Yet the righteous will hold to his way**  
God had said that Job was righteous - Job 1:8; 2:3  
Job was going to continue to be righteous - Job 2:10  
Job was weary and just wanted to rest with the Lord - Job 3:17  
**He who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger**  
Job knew that his hands were clean before God - Psalm 19:9  
David wanted a heart that was clean before the Lord - Psalm 51:10

**d. Job knew that his hope was in God - 17:10-16**

**1) Job said his purposes had been broken off - 17:10-12**

**Please, come back again, all of you**  
**For I shall not find one wise man among you**  
Job wanted to hear the wisdom of God rather than opinions of man - Job 16:2  
**My days are past**  
**My purposes are broken off**  
The first thing Job did when he lost everything was worship - Job 1:20  
Job could not carry out his purposes because of his suffering - Job 2:8  
Our purpose should also be to worship God - Psalm 29:2  
**Even the thoughts (delights) of his heart**  
Bildad said Job's confidence had to be rooted out of his body - Job 18:14  
**They change the night into day**  
**The light is near, they say, in the darkness**

**2) Job said this is why His hope was only in God - 17:13-16**

**If I wait for the grave as my house**  
**If I make my bed in the darkness**  
**If I say to corruption, "You are my father"**  
**If I say to the worm, "You are my mother and my sister"**  
**Where then is my hope**  
Bildad said Job was without hope because he had forgotten God - Job 8:13  
**As for my hope, who can see it**  
The friends of Job could not see that his hope was in the Lord - Job 6:8  
**Will they go down to the gates of Sheol**  
**Shall we rest together in the dust**  
Job was going to trust the Lord even in death - Job 13:15

## C. The Second Speech by Bildad to Job - 18:1-21

### 1. Bildad said Job was walking right into a trap - 18:1-11

#### a. Bildad asked when Job was going to stop talking - 18:1-4

**Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:**

**How long until you put an end to words**

They still had not heard that Job was doing right - Job 1:5  
(Job had told them but they only heard what they wanted to hear)

**Gain understanding and then we will speak**

(Bildad said they could not speak to a man who had no understanding)

**Why are we counted as beasts**

**And regarded as stupid in your sight**

The friends only heard what helped them to condemn - Job 18:2

**You who tear yourself in anger**

**Shall the earth be forsaken for you**

**Shall the rock be removed from its place**

#### b. Bildad said that the light of a sinful man would be put out - 18:5-7

**The light of the wicked indeed goes out**

This is how Bildad called Job a wicked man - Job 8:22  
Eliphaz (Job 15:20) and Zophar (Job 11:20) also called Job wicked

**The flame of his fire does not shine**

**The light is dark in his tent**

**His lamp beside him is put out**

**The steps of his strength are shortened**

**His own counsel casts him down**

Job said the counsel of the wicked was far from him - Job 21:16

#### c. Bildad said such a person walks into a trap - 18:8-11

**He is cast into a net by his own feet**

**He walks into a snare**

**The net takes him by the heel**

**A snare lays hold of him**

**A noose is hidden for him on the ground**

This trap was the work of his friends as they condemned him - Job 16:2-3

**A trap is set for him in the road**

**Terrors frighten him on every side**

Job said that he could speak like they spoke to him - Job 16:4-5

**Terrors drive him to his feet**

**2. Bildad said such a person would die and be forgotten -18:12-21**

**a. Bildad said his strength is destroyed - 18:12-14**

**His strength is starved**  
**Destruction is ready at his side**  
Bildad said that destruction was coming on the wicked man - Job 8:22  
**It devours patches of his skin**  
His skin was covered with painful boils - Job 2:7  
This caused Job to scrape himself with a piece of a broken pot - Job 2:8  
**The firstborn of death devours his limbs**  
**He is uprooted from the shelter of his tent**  
**They parade him before the king of terrors**  
Death is the greatest of all terrors for the unbeliever - Genesis 2:17;  
1 Corinthians 15:55-56

**b. Bildad said he is forgotten on the earth - 18:15-17**

**They dwell in his tent who are none of his**  
**Brimstone is scattered on his dwelling**  
This speaks of eternal judgment - Revelation 20:10, 15  
**His roots are dried out below**  
This speaks of a lack of godly character within him - Matthew 23:27  
**His branch withers above**  
This speaks of the physical suffering he was experiencing - Job 2:7  
**The memory of him perishes from the earth**  
Job has been an example for all the godly who are suffering - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4  
**He has no name among the renowned**  
Job is renowned for his suffering, his friends for judging - Job 19:1-5

**c. Bildad said this is the fate of one who does not know God - 18:18-21**

**He is driven from light into darkness**  
The eternal darkness of eternal judgment - Matthew 25:30  
**He is chased out of the world**  
**He has neither son nor posterity among his people**  
**There is not any remaining in his dwellings**  
**Those in the west are astonished at his day**  
**Those in the east are frightened**  
**Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked**  
Where is the dwelling place, the tent of the wicked - Job 21:28  
**This is the place of him who does not know God**  
This is true of all who have not placed their faith in Christ - Revelation 20:11-15  
However, Job was a righteous man in the sight of God - Job 1:8, 2:3

## **D. The Second Answer of Job to Bildad - 19:1-29**

### **1. Job said he knew that he had been wronged - 19:1-6**

#### **a. Job said that he had been wronged ten times - 19:1-3**

**Then Job answered and said:**

**How long will you torment my soul**

Job felt he was being crushed with the words of his friends - Job 16:2-3

**How long will you break me in pieces with words**

Later Elihu said that God does not commit sin - Job 34:10

**These ten times you have reproached me**

**You are not ashamed that you have wronged me**

Job said his friends assumed he was guilty of sin - Job 18:2

#### **b. Job said there were three possible sources of error - 19:4-6**

**If I have indeed erred**

**My error remains with me**

**If indeed you exalt yourselves against me**

They seemed to be rejoicing in his hurt - Psalm 35:26

**And plead my disgrace against me**

**Know then that God has wronged me**

If God sent his friends, then God wronged Job - Job 16:11

**Know God has surrounded me with His net**

God would then be using his friends as a net - Job 18:8-10

### **2. Job said he had been given no hope - 19:7-12**

#### **a. Job said darkness was his path - 19:7-9**

**If I cry out concerning my wrong, I am not heard**

Job was crying out to God but getting no answer - Job 30:20

(Job did not know that these things came from Satan instead of God)

**If I cry aloud, there is no justice**

**He has fenced up my way so that I cannot pass**

God had blocked his way so that he could get no help - Job 3:23

**He has set darkness in my path**

Bildad said Job had been driven from light into darkness - Job 18:18

**He has stripped me of my glory**

Job felt like one who once guided others but had been removed - Job 12:17-19

**He has taken the crown from my head**

His head was now in the dust - Job 16:15



**b. Job said he was treated like an enemy - 19:10-12**

**He breaks me down on every side and I am gone**  
Anything God breaks down cannot be rebuilt - Job 12:14

**My hope He has uprooted like a tree**  
Job felt there was no hope for him in the future - Job 17:14-16

**He has also kindled His wrath against me**  
Job felt that he was experiencing the wrath of God - Job 16:9

**He counts me as one of His enemies**  
**His troops come together and build up their road against me**  
**They encamp all around my tent**

**3. Job said he had been forsaken by family and friends - 19:13-20**

**a. Job said he is left without family or friends - 19:13-15**

**He has removed my brothers far from me**  
**My acquaintances are completely estranged from me**

Job said that his friends scorned him - Job 16:20

**My relatives have failed**

**My close friends have forgotten me**

**Those living in my house and my maidservants count me as a stranger**

**I am an alien in their sight**

**b. Job said all those in his household despise him - 19:16-18**

**I call a servant but he gives no answer**

**I beg him with my mouth**

**My breath is offensive to my wife**

**I am repulsive to the children of my body**

**Even young children despise me**

**I arise and they speak against me**

Respect caused children to rise up for older people - Proverbs 31:28

**c. Job said even his health was against him - 19:19-20**

**All my close friends abhor me**

Job was being condemned by his friends - Job 55:12-13

**Those whom I love have turned against me**

His wife had told him to curse God and die - Job 2:9

**My bone clings to my skin and my flesh**

Job looked like just skin and bones - Job 16:8

**I have escaped by the skin of my teeth**

**4. Job said that he knew that his Redeemer lives - 19:21-29**

**a. Job asked his friends to have pity on him - 19:21-22**

**Have pity on me, have pity on me O you my friends  
The hand of God has struck me  
Why do you persecute me as God does  
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh**

**b. Job said that he knew his Redeemer lives - 19:23-25**

**Oh that my words were written  
Oh that there were inscribed in a book  
That they were engraved on a rock  
With an iron pen and lead forever  
For I know that my Redeemer lives**  
Job knew that he had a witness in heaven - Job 16:19  
Job knew that one day God would provide deliverance - Psalm 78:35  
Christ is the One who has redeemed us - Galatians 3:13  
**He shall stand at last on the earth**  
In that day He shall stand on the Mount of Olives - Zechariah 14:4

**c. Job said he knew that he would see God - 19:26-27**

**After my skin is destroyed this I know**  
Job looked forward to the future resurrection - 1 Corinthians 15:53-57  
**That in my flesh I shall see God**  
The dead will be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed - 1 Corinthians 15:52  
**Whom I shall see for myself**  
We will be like Him for we shall see Christ as He is – 1 John 3:2  
**My eyes shall behold and not another**  
This understanding causes us to purify ourselves - 1 John 3:3  
**How my heart yearns within me**  
Our flesh and heart may fail but God is our strength - Psalm 73:26

**d. Job warned his friends of their need to fear - 19:28-29**

**If you should say “How should we persecute him”  
Since the root of the matter is found in me  
Be afraid of the sword for yourselves  
For wrath brings the punishment of the sword  
That you may know that there is a judgment**  
God said to sacrifice to cover their sins and avoid judgment - Job 42:8

## **E. The Second Speech of Zophar to Job - 20:1-29**

### **1. Job was called a wicked man by Zophar - 20:1-11**

#### **a. Zophar said that he must answer the words of Job - 20:1-3**

**Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:**

**My anxious thoughts made me answer**

**My heart was filled with turmoil**

**I heard the rebuke that reproaches me**

He said the rebuke that Job had given him had insulted him - Job 19:3

**The spirit of my understanding causes me to answer**

Zophar wanted to respond as a witness for himself against Job - Job 16:8

#### **b. Zophar begins to verbally attack Job as a wicked man - 20:4-8**

**Zophar said what he said was known from of old**

**He said it was known since man was placed on the earth**

**He said the triumphing of the wicked is short**

The wicked will experience their judgment in the day of doom - Job 21:30

**The joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment**

His hope will quickly be destroyed - Job 8:12-13

**His haughtiness mounts up to the heavens**

The height of his pride reaches to the heavens - Proverbs 13:10

**His head reaches to the clouds**

**He will perish forever in his own refuse**

**Those who had seen him will say, "Where is he"**

**He will fly away like a dream**

His dream will be a nightmare when he wakes up - Psalm 73:20

**He will be chased away like a vision in the night**

#### **c. Zophar said that Job would not live any longer - 20:9-11**

**The eyes that saw him will see him no more**

**His place will not behold him any more**

**His children will seek the favor of the poor**

Zophar said his descendants would not have enough food - Job 27:14

**His hands will give back his wealth**

Job would lose his wealth and not benefit from it - Job 20:18

**His bones are full of his youthful vigor**

**That vigor will lie down with him in the dust**

(Zophar said that Job would still be young when he died)

Job said that some do die while they are still full of strength - Job 21:23-24

## 2. Job was one who destroyed others - 20:12-20

### a. Zophar said Job was filled with cobra venom - 20:12-14

**Zophar said evil was sweet in Job's mouth**  
(Zophar is claiming to have great knowledge about Job)  
**He hides it under his tongue**  
Eliphaz said he drinks iniquity like water - Job 15:16  
**When he spares it he does not forsake it**  
**He still keeps it in his mouth**  
God will send his wrath while Job is eating - Job 20:23  
**His food in his stomach becomes sour**  
**It becomes cobra venom within him**

### b. Zophar said that Job would not again experience blessing - 20:15-17

**He swallows down riches and vomits them up again**  
(Here Zophar said God caused Job to lose his riches)  
Satan was the one who destroyed the riches of Job - Job 1:12-20  
**God casts his riches out of his belly**  
**He will suck the poison of cobras**  
This is the poison of snakes of the dust - Deuteronomy 32:24  
**The viper's tongue will slay him**  
**He will not see the streams**  
Job had seen great blessing in the past - Job 29:6  
**The rivers flowing with honey and cream**  
A land flowing with milk and honey speaks of a rich land - Exodus 33:3

### c. Zophar said that Job had treated the poor with violence - 20:18-20

**He will restore that for which he labored**  
Job would lose all that he had gained - Job 20:15  
**He will not swallow it down**  
**From the proceeds of business he will get no enjoyment**  
Job would not use what he had worked to acquire - Job 20:10  
**He has oppressed and forsaken the poor**  
The wicked do oppress the poor - Job 24:10  
**He has violently seized a house which he did not build**  
Evil people do take what belongs to the needy - Matthew 23:14  
**He knows no quietness in his heart**  
There is no peace for the wicked - Isaiah 48:22  
**He will not save anything he desires**  
He cannot take anything with him when he dies - Ecclesiastes 5:13-15

### 3. Zophar said Job would be judged as a wicked man - 20:21-29

#### a. Zophar said that Job would not save anything that he had - 20:21-23

**Zophar said nothing would be left for Job to eat**  
(Zophar said there would be a day when Job had no food)

**As a result, the wellbeing of Job would not last**

**In his self sufficiency he would be in distress**

**Every hand of misery would come against him**

**When he would be about to fill his stomach**

**God would cast on him the fury of His wrath**

The wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience - Colossians 3:6

**Wrath would rain on him while he is eating**

Instead God blessed Job even greater than before - Job 42:10-13

#### b. Zophar said Job would fear iron weapons - 20:24-26

**He will flee from the iron weapon**

**A bronze bow will pierce him through**

**It is drawn, and comes out of the body**

**The glittering point comes out of his gall**

**Terrors come upon him**

Job asked the Lord not to let the terror of the Lord make him afraid - Job 13:21

**Total darkness is reserved for his treasures**

Eliphaz said Job did not believe he would return from the darkness - Job 15:22

This darkness would make it so Job could not see - Job 22:11

**An unfanned fire will consume him**

**It shall go ill for him who is left in his tent**

Eliphaz said all in the household of Job would tremble - Psalm 106:32

#### c. Zophar said Job would receive the judgment of a wicked man - 20:27-29

**The heavens will reveal his iniquity**

Zophar said God would reveal the sins of Job (this was reversed) - Job 42:7-8

**The earth will rise up against him**

All the brothers, sisters and acquaintances of Job comforted him - Job 42:11

**The increase of his house will depart**

God blessed Job with twice as much as before - Job 42:10

**His goods will flow away in the day of God's wrath**

His goods did flow away because of Satan's wrath - Job 1:12-21

**This is the portion from God for a wicked man**

His friends continue to assume that Job is a wicked man - Job 11:6

**The heritage appointed to him by God**

## **F. The Second Answer of Job to Zophar - 21:1-34**

### **1. Job said many have a life of ease - 21:1-18**

#### **a. Job said to let him speak and then they could mock - 21:1-3**

**Then Job answered and said:  
Listen carefully to my speech**  
The three friends never did listen carefully - Job 25:6  
**Let this be your consolation  
Bear with me that I may speak  
After I have spoken, keep mocking**

#### **b. Job said that his complaint was not against man - 21:4-6**

**Job said his complaint was not against man  
Job asked why he should not be impatient**  
Job wanted his answer from God and it had been many months - Job 7:3  
Job looked for the day when God would watch over him again - Job 29:2  
**Look at me and be astonished  
Put your hand over your mouth  
When I remember I am terrified  
Trembling takes hold of my flesh**

#### **c. Job said that many wicked have long life and are blessed - 21:7-9**

**Why do the wicked become old**  
The judgment of the wicked is still future - Revelation 20:11-15  
**Why are some mighty in power  
Their descendants are established with them in their sight  
Their offspring are before their eyes  
Their houses are safe from fear  
The rod of God is not on them**  
God is longsuffering with the wicked - Psalm 86:15; 1 Peter 3:20

#### **d. Job said their flocks and families are blessed - 21:10-12**

**Their bull breeds without failure  
Their cow calves without miscarriage  
They send forth their little ones like a flock  
Then their children dance  
They sing to the tambourine and harp  
They rejoice to the sound of the flute**

**e. Job said they live their days and then die - 21:13-15**

**They spend their days in wealth**

The rich often enjoy their wealth and ease until they die - Job 21:23

**In a moment they go down to the grave**

**Yet they say to God, "Depart from us"**

The wicked do not want God to convict them - Genesis 6:5

**We do not desire the knowledge of your ways**

**Who is the Almighty that we should serve Him**

The Almighty has blessed them in spite of their attitude - Job 22:17-18

**What profit do we have if we pray to Him**

**f. Job asked how many wicked are destroyed early - 21:16-18**

**Their prosperity is not in their hand**

**The counsel of the wicked is far from me**

**How often is the lamp of the wicked put out**

**How often does their destruction come upon them**

**The sorrows God distributes in His anger**

**They are like straw before a wind**

**They are like chaff that a storm carries away**

The ungodly are like the chaff which the wind drives away - Ps. 1:4

**2. Job said it is impossible to see how God works - 21:19-34**

**a. Job said some do not worry about their families - 21:19-21**

**They say, "God lays up one's iniquity for his children"**

**Let Him recompense him, that he may know it**

**Let his eyes see his destruction**

**Let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty**

**For what does he care about his household after him**

**When the number of his months is cut in half**

**b. Job said some live in prosperity - 21:22-24**

**Can anyone teach God knowledge**

God is the One who teaches us knowledge - Job 35:10-11

**Since He judges those on high**

**One dies in his full strength**

**Being wholly at ease and secure**

**His pails are full of milk**

**The marrow of his bones is moist**

**c. Job said some live in bitterness of soul - 21:25-27**

**Another man dies in the bitterness of his soul**

A bitter person is poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity - Acts 8:23

**Never having eaten with pleasure**

The bitter person cannot even enjoy life on this earth - Hebrews 12:15

**They lie down alike in the dust**

The rich and the bitter are both buried in the dust - Job 20:11

**And worms cover them**

**Look, I know your thoughts**

**I know the schemes with which you would wrong me**

**d. Many do not think about the day of doom - 21:28-31**

**Where is the house of the prince**

**Where is the tent, the dwelling place of the wicked**

The wicked have been made for the day of doom - Proverbs 16:4

**Have you not asked those who travel the road**

(The friends could ask anyone if these things were true)

**Do you not know their signs**

**The wicked are reserved for the day of doom**

The godly will have boldness in the day of judgment - 1 John 4:17

The wicked will give an account in the day of judgment - Matthew 12:36

God reserves the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment - 2 Peter 2:9

**They shall be brought out on the day of wrath**

You are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath - Romans 2:5

Righteousness delivers from death in the day of wrath - Proverbs 11:4

**Who condemns his way to his face**

**Who repays him for what he has done**

**e. Job said the words of Zophar were empty words - 21:32-34**

**Yet he shall be brought to the grave**

**A vigil will be kept over the tomb**

**The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him**

**Everyone shall follow him as countless have done before**

(Both the godly and the godless will be brought to the grave)

**How then can you comfort me with empty words**

Let us not judge one another any more - Romans 14:13

**Since falsehood remains in your answers**

(The three friends had all judged Job and said he was guilty of sin)

The three friends were all judged by God - Job 42:7-8

The three friends then all did as the Lord commanded them - Job 42:9



#### IV. The Third Round of Speeches by the Three - 22:1-31:40

##### A. The Third Speech by Eliphaz to Job - 22:1-30

###### 1. Eliphaz made it very clear that he thought Job was wicked - 22:1-11

- a. Do you bring pleasure to God by claiming to be righteous - 22:1-3  
(Eliphaz became even stronger in his accusations of Job)

**The Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:  
Can a man be profitable to God  
He who is wise may be profitable to himself  
Is it any pleasure to the Lord that you are righteous  
Is it gain to Him that you make yourself righteous**  
Eliphaz had no understanding of why Job was righteous - Job 4:17

- b. Does God judge you because of fear or because of wickedness - 22:4-7

**Is it because of your fear of Him that He corrects you**  
Eliphaz is still saying that God is correcting Job - Job 2:3  
**Is it because of your fear He enters into judgment with you**  
**Is not your wickedness great**  
Eliphaz accused Job of great wickedness just as Zophar had done - Job 11:6  
**Is not your iniquity without end**  
The supposed sins of Job are the focus of Eliphaz - Job 15:5-6  
**You have taken pledges from your brother for no reason**  
**You have stripped the naked of their clothing**  
Job agreed that the wicked do these things - Job 24:9-10  
**You have not given water to the weary to drink**  
**You have withheld bread from the hungry**

- c. Eliphaz accused Job of sins he had never committed - 22:8-11

**The mighty man possessed the land  
The honorable man lives in it  
You have sent widows away empty**  
Job had actually caused great joy to the hearts of widows - Job 29:13  
**You have crushed the strength of the fatherless**  
Job delivered the fatherless and those who had no helper - Job 29:12  
**Snares are all around you  
Sudden fear troubles you  
Darkness troubles you because you cannot see  
An abundance of water covers you**

**2. Eliphaz blamed Job for continuing to follow his wicked way - 22:12-20**

**a. Eliphaz said he thought Job was trying to hide sin from God - 22:12-14**

**Is not God in the height of heaven**  
As the heavens for height and the earth for depth - Proverbs 25:3  
**God sees the highest stars how lofty they are**  
God has also named all the stars - Psalm 147:4  
**And you say, "God does not know"**  
God knows the number of hairs on each of our heads - Matthew 10:30  
**Can He judge through the deep darkness**  
The darkness and the light are alike to God - Psalm 139:12  
**Thick clouds cover Him so that He cannot see**  
God saw Israel clearly through clouds and thick darkness - Deuteronomy 4:11  
**He walks above the circle of heaven**

**b. Eliphaz asked Job if he would keep following his wicked way - 22:15-18**

**Will you keep to the old way**  
**The way which wicked men have walked**  
The thoughts of their hearts were evil continually - Genesis 6:5  
**They will be cut down before their time**  
Many wicked people live long lives - Hebrews 9:27  
**Their foundations were swept away by a flood**  
They did not know until the flood took them all away - Matthew 24:38-39  
**They said to God, "Depart from us."**  
Job had said that the wicked say this to God - Job 21:14  
**What can the Almighty do to them**  
The Lord is merciful to all who come to Him - Matthew 11:28-30  
**Yet he filled their houses with good things**  
God blesses the wicked as well as the righteous - Matthew 5:45  
**The counsel of the wicked is far from me**  
Job did not walk in the counsel of the ungodly - Psalm 1:1

**c. Eliphaz said the righteous are glad for judgment of the wicked - 22:19-20**

**The righteous see it and are glad**  
Christ taught we are to love our enemies and pray for them - Matthew 5:44  
**The innocent laugh at them**  
**Surely our adversaries are cut down**  
Christ offers mercy to all who will come to Him in repentance - Luke 23:42-43  
**The fire consumes their remnant**  
This is true but it will be after the final judgment - Revelation 20:15

### 3. Eliphaz urged Job to repent and turn to the Lord - 22:21-30

#### a. Eliphaz urged Job to return to the Almighty - 22:21-23

**Now acquaint yourself with God and be at peace**

Job desperately wanted to speak with God - Job 9:16-18

**Then good will come to you**

Those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing - Psalm 34:10

**Receive, please, instruction from his mouth**

Job was anxious to hear God speak to him - Job 10:2-7

**Lay up His words in your heart**

Job knew the meditations of his heart were acceptable to God - Psalm 19:14

**If you return to the Almighty you will be built up**

Here we see that Eliphaz is still accusing Job of sin - Job 4:7-9

**You will remove iniquity far from your tents**

Zophar has the same attitude as Eliphaz - Job 11:13-17

#### b. Eliphaz said if Job repented the Almighty would hear him - 22:24-27

**Then you will lay your gold in the dust**

**The gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks**

**Yes, the Almighty will be your gold (defense)**

**The Almighty will be your precious silver**

**Then you will have your delight in the Almighty**

Job was already holding fast to his righteousness - Job 27:5-6

**You will lift up your face to God**

**You will make your prayer to God**

God hears the cry of the afflicted - Job 34:28

**He will hear you**

Job did not understand why God was not hearing him - Job 2:7-10

#### c. Eliphaz said God would forgive the guilty person - 22:28-30

**You will also declare a thing**

**It will be established for you**

**Then light will shine on your ways**

**When they cast you down, and you say, "Exaltation will come"**

**Then God will save the humble person**

The Lord hears the cry of the righteous and delivers them - Psalm 34:18

**He will even deliver one who is not innocent**

Eliphaz encouraged Job to confess his sins and God would hear him - Job 5:11

**Yes, you will be delivered by the purity of your hands**

God said these friends would be delivered if Job prayed for them - Job 42:7-8

## **B. The Third Answer of Job to Eliphaz - 23:1-24:25**

### **1. Job wanted to hear what the Lord had to say in his situation - 23:1-12**

#### **a. Job just wanted to know where to find the Lord - 23:1-4**

**Then Job answered and said:  
Even today my complaint is bitter  
My hand is listless because of my groaning  
Oh that I knew where I might find God  
Job wanted to come to where God was seated  
Job wanted to present his case before God  
Job wanted to share the arguments that were in his mouth**

#### **b. Job wanted to know what the Lord would answer him - 23:5-7**

**Job wanted to know the words that God would answer him  
Job wanted to understand what God would say to him  
Job wanted to know if God would contend in His great power  
Job said that God would take note of him  
Job said then the upright could reason with Him  
Job said he would be delivered forever from his judge**

#### **c. Job said that he could not see the Lord as he looked - 23:8-9**

**Job said he went forward and backward but God was not there  
Job could not behold God when God worked to his left  
Job could not see God when Job turned to his right**

#### **d. Job said after he was tested he would come forth as gold - 23:10-12**

**God knows the way that I take  
God knows everything about each person - Psalm 139:1-24  
When God has tested me I shall come forth as gold  
God tests us and refines us to mature us - Psalm 66:10-12  
My foot has held fast to His steps  
Our steps have not departed from Your way - Psalm 44:17-19  
Job had kept God's way and had not turned aside  
We are not to turn aside from anything God commands - Deuteronomy. 28:14  
Job had not departed from the commandment of His lips  
Job had not concealed the words of the Holy One - Job 6:10  
Job had treasured the words of His mouth more than his own food  
Job was going to carry out the statutes of God to the end - Psalm 119:112**

**2. Job realized the ways of God were far beyond him - 23:13-24:5**

**a. Job said he was afraid of God because of his life - 23:13-15**

**God is unique and who can make Him change**  
Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever - Hebrews 13:8  
**Whatever His soul desires, that He does**  
God is in heaven and does whatever He pleases - Psalm 115:3  
**He performs what is appointed for me**  
God allows trials to develop godly character - James 1:2-3  
**Many such things are with Him**  
**Therefore I am terrified at His presence**  
Job had a very difficult path even though he was innocent - Job 4:7  
**When I consider this, I am afraid of Him**

**b. Job wanted to know why he could not see the Lord - 23:16-24:1**

**God made my heart weak**  
Job felt God had taken away His justice - Job 27:2  
**The Almighty terrifies me**  
Job felt the arrows of the Almighty were within him - Job 6:4  
**I was not cut off from the presence of darkness**  
**He did not hide deep darkness from my face**  
Job felt God had set deep darkness for him to face - Job 19:8  
**Times are not hidden from the Almighty**  
**Why do those who know Him not see His days**

**c. Job said there are some wicked and some poor - 24:2-5**

**Some remove landmarks**  
This was done to steal land from the widows and fatherless - Proverbs 23:10  
**They seize flocks violently and feed on them**  
**They drive away the donkey of the fatherless**  
You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child - Exodus 22:22  
**They take the widow's ox as a pledge**  
**They push the needy off the road**  
Job had shown kindness to the poor and needy - Job 29:16  
**All the poor of the land are forced to hide**  
God hears the cry of the poor and afflicted - Job 34:28  
**They are like wild donkeys in the desert**  
**They go out to their work searching for food**  
The poor often work hard just to find food - Ruth 2:2-3  
**The wilderness yields food for them and their children**

**3. Job said that God does not judge sin immediately - 24:6-15**

**a. Job realized the poor had nothing - 24:6-7**

**They gather their fodder in the field**  
**They glean in the vineyard of the wicked**  
The wicked then take advantage of the poor - Job 22:6  
Job had shown great kindness to the poor - Job 31:16-23  
**They spend the night naked, without clothing**  
**They have no covering in the cold**

**b. Job saw the wicked take advantage of the poor - 24:8-10**

**They are wet with the showers of the mountains**  
**They huddle around the rock for want of shelter**  
**Some snatch the fatherless from the breast**  
**They take a pledge from the poor**  
This was often the robe which the poor used as a cover at night - Exodus 22:26-27  
**They caused the poor to go naked, without clothing**  
**They take away the sheaves from the hungry**

**c. Job asked why God did not judge the wicked - 24:11-12**

**They press out oil within their walls**  
**They tread winepresses, yet suffer thirst**  
The poor are often servants of the wicked - James 5:4  
**The dying groan in the city**  
**The souls of the wounded cry out**  
**Yet God does not charge them with wrong**  
God will judge them after their death - Romans 12:19; Hebrews 9:27-28

**d. Job also saw various kinds of rebellion - 24:13-15**

**There are those who rebel against the light**  
Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil - John 3:19-20  
**They do not know its ways nor abide in its path**  
**The murderer rises with the light**  
**He kills the poor and needy**  
**In the night he is like a thief**  
**The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight**  
The adulterer usually looks for prostitutes after dark - Prov. 7:6-10  
**Saying, "No eye will see me"**  
**He disguises his face**

**4. Job knew that the friends could not prove him a liar - 24:16-25**

**a. Job saw that the wicked loved the darkness - 24:16-18**

**In the dark they break into houses**  
These are those who rebel against the light - Job 24:13  
**Which they marked for themselves in the daytime**  
**They do not know the light**  
**The morning to them is the same as the shadow of death**  
**If someone recognizes them they are in the shadow of death**  
This is due to the fact that they know their deeds are evil - Proverbs 1:19  
**They should be swift on the face of the waters**  
**Their portion should be cursed in the earth**  
**Then no one would turn into the way of their vineyards**

**b. Job said the wicked should be judged - 24:19-21**

**As drought and heat consume the snow waters**  
**So the grave consumes those who sinned**  
They live their days in wealth and in a moment go to the grave - Job 21:13  
**The womb should forget him**  
**The worm should feed sweetly on him**  
**He should be remembered no more**  
The memory of him perishes from the earth - Job 18:16-17  
**Wickedness should be broken like a tree**  
**He preys on the barren who do not fear**  
**He does no good for the widows**  
Instead they take advantage of widows - Job 24:3

**c. Job knew they would be judged at the time God planned - 24:22-25**

**God draws the mighty away with His power**  
**He rises up, but no man is sure of life**  
**He gives them security and they rely on it**  
**Yet His eyes are on their ways**  
God knows and records their individual sins - Revelation 20:12-13  
**They are exalted for a little while**  
**Then they are gone, they are brought low**  
The wicked will experience eternal judgment - Revelation 20:15  
**They are taken out of the way like all others**  
**They dry out like the heads of grain**  
**Now if it is not so, who will prove me a liar**  
**And make my speech worth nothing**

## C. The Third Speech of Bildad to Job - 25:1-6

### 1. Bildad realized that dominion and fear belong to God - 25:1-3

**Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:**

(Bildad gave the summary of the three: God is holy and Job is sinful)

**Dominion and fear belong to God  
He makes peace in His high places  
Is there any number on His armies  
Is there anyone on whom His light does not rise**

### 2. Bildad could not understand how man can be righteous before God -25:4-6

**How is it possible for man to be righteous before God**

Job knew he could not depend on his own righteousness - Job 9:2

The three friends had no understanding of what God was going to do - 2 Corinthians 5:21

Therefore, having been justified by faith we have peace with God - Romans 5:1

**How can he be pure who is born of a woman**

I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me - Psalm 51:5

**That would be true even if the moon did not shine**

**That would be true even if the stars were not pure in His sight**

**How can man be pure when he is like a maggot**

My flesh is caked with worms - Job 7:5

They lie down in the dust and worms cover them - Job 21:26

**Or a son of man who is a worm**

Christ became a worm for us to pay for our justification - Psalm 22:6

## D. The Third Answer of Job to Bildad - 26:1-14

### 1. Job asked what the friends had done to encourage him - 26:1-4

**Job answered and said:**

**How have you helped him who is without power**

Job depended on God and His power - Job 26:12

**How have you saved the arm that has no strength**

Job depended on God and His strength - Job 12:16

**How have you counseled one who has no wisdom**

Job depended on God for counsel and wisdom - Job 12:13

**How have you declared sound advice to many**

The three condemned instead of giving advice - Job 15:14

**To whom have you uttered words**

**Whose spirit came from you**

Beloved do not believe every spirit but test the spirits - 1 John 4:1



## 2. Job said God is in control of all things - 26:5-7

### **The dead tremble**

**This includes those under the waters and those inhabiting them**

God included great sea creatures as a part of His creation - Genesis 1:21

### **Sheol is naked before him**

Job wanted to be in the grave until the wrath of the Lord was past - Job 14:13

### **Destruction has no covering**

**He stretches out the north over the empty place**

He alone stretches out the heavens - Job 9:8

God stretched out the heavens like a curtain - Psalm 104:2

God stretched out the heavens and all their host He commanded - Isaiah 45:18

### **He hangs the earth on nothing**

## 3. God determines how the winds move - 26:8-11

### **He binds up the water in His thick clouds**

God is the One who saturates the clouds with moisture - Job 37:11

### **Yet the clouds are not broken under it**

The clouds do whatever God commands throughout the earth - Job 37:12-16

### **He covers the face of His throne**

### **He spreads His cloud over it**

### **He drew a circular horizon on the face of the water**

Taught from the beginning, "He sits on the circle of the earth" - Isaiah 40:21-22

### **He drew it at the boundary of light and darkness**

### **The pillars of heaven tremble**

### **They are astonished at His rebuke**

## 4. God is much greater than Job could describe - 26:12-14

### **He stirs up the sea by His power**

God has power over all the waters - Isaiah 50:2

### **By His understanding He breaks up the storm**

God controls the rains, the clouds and the lightning - Job 36:27-33

### **By His Spirit He adorned the heavens**

He counts the number of the stars. He calls them all by name - Psalm 147: 4-5

### **His hand pierced the fleeing serpent**

### **Indeed these are the mere edges of his ways**

(These are just a few of the things God does to speak to man)

### **How small of a whisper we hear of Him**

God can also speak in a still, small voice - 1 Kings 19:11-13

### **But the thunder of His power who can understand**

**E. The Final Answer of Job to the Three Friends - 27:1 - 31:40**

**1. Job again said he was innocent - 27:1-23**

**a. Job said he spoke the truth to retain his integrity - 27:1-10**

**1) God had taken away his justice - 27:1-4**

**Job continued his discourse and said:**  
**As God lives who has taken away my justice**  
Job did not realize what was happening behind the scenes - Job 2:3-6  
**The Almighty who has made my soul bitter**  
**As long as my breath is in me**  
**And the breath of God in my nostrils**  
**My lips will not speak wickedness**  
Job wanted them to concede that he spoke righteousness - Job 6:29  
**My tongue will not speak deceit**  
Job was not speaking iniquity or injustice - Job 6:30

**2) God had not taken away his integrity 27:5-6**

**Far be it from me that I should say you are right**  
To agree with his friends would be to deny he was righteous - Job 29:14  
**Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me**  
**My righteousness I hold fast and will not let it go**  
God said Job had held on to his righteousness - Job 42:8  
**My heart shall not reproach me as long as I live**

**3) God will not hear the cry of the wicked - 27:7-10**

**May my enemy be like the wicked**  
God does not preserve the life of the wicked - Job 36:6  
**He who rises up against me like the unrighteous**  
**What is the hope of the hypocrite**  
The hypocrites in heart stir up wrath - Job 36:13  
**Though he gain much**  
**If God take away his life**  
**Will God hear his cry**  
God will not hear the cry of the hypocrite - Job 35:12  
**When trouble comes upon him**  
The hypocrite only cries when trouble comes - Job 35:13  
**Will he delight himself in the Almighty**  
**Will he always call on God**

**b. Job said this is the future for the wicked - 27:11-23**

**1) Job said he would teach his friends about the hand of God - 27:11-12**

**I will teach you about the hand of God**  
Job knew that he wanted to agree with God - Job 6:10  
**What is with the Almighty I will not conceal**  
Understanding must come from the Almighty - Job 32:8  
**Surely all of you have seen it**  
They had to admit that they had seen his righteousness  
**Why then do you behave with complete nonsense**

**2) Job said this is the portion of God for the wicked - 27:13-14**

**This is the portion of a wicked man before God**  
The wicked are reserved for the day of doom - Job 21:30  
**The heritage of oppressors received from the Almighty**  
The oppressors will drink the wrath of the Almighty - Job 21:20  
**If his children are multiplied it is for the sword**  
**His offspring shall not be satisfied with bread**

**3) Job said this is what will happen after they die - 27:15-17**

**Those who survive him will be buried in death**  
His descendants will not have long lives - Job 18:19  
**Their widows shall not weep**  
**Though he heaps up silver like dust**  
He may gather great riches but not for himself - Ecclesiastes 2:26  
**Though he piles up clothing like clay**  
**He may pile it up but the just will wear it**  
**The innocent will divide the silver**  
The wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous - Proverbs 13:22

**4) Job said the rich will build his riches and then die - 27:18-19**

**He builds his house like a moth**  
Such a house will not last - Job 4:19  
**Like a booth which a watchman makes**  
This is a booth that will not last - Job 8:14-15  
**The rich man will lie down but not be gathered up**  
The rich man depends on his riches - Proverbs 18:11  
**He opens his eyes and he is no more**  
The rich are exalted for a little while and are then gone - Job 24:24

**5) Job said he will face his terrors - 27:20-23**

**Terrors will overtake him like a flood  
A tempest steals him away in the night  
The east wind carries him away and he is gone  
It sweeps him out of his place  
It hurls against him and does not spare  
He flees desperately from its power  
Men shall clap their hands at him  
They shall hiss him out of his place**

**2. Job then spoke about wisdom - 28:1-28**

**a. Job mentioned places people look for wisdom - 28:1-11**

**1) They search for it in wealth - 28:1-4**

**Surely there is a mine for silver  
A place where gold is refined  
The earth contains rich metals but not wisdom - Exodus 24:10  
Iron is taken from the earth  
Copper is smelted from ore  
Man puts an end to darkness  
He searches for ore in the darkness and the shadow of death  
(Man will go to dangerous places but does not find wisdom)  
He breaks open a shaft away from people in places forgotten by feet  
They hang far from men; they swing to and fro**

**2) They search for it on and in the earth - 28:5-6**

**As for the earth, from it comes bread  
The earth can produce food but not wisdom - Psalm 104:14  
Underneath it is turned up as by fire  
Its stones are the sources of sapphires  
It contains gold dust**

**3) The birds and animals do not know its source - 28:7-8**

**That path no bird knows  
The falcon's eyes have not seen it  
The proud lions had not walked on it  
The lions are proud but do not have wisdom - Job 10:16  
The fierce lion has not passed over it**

**4) Man brings things from his search to the light - 28:9-11**

**Man puts his hand on the flint**

God brought water out of the flinty rock - Deuteronomy 8:15

**Man overturns the mountains at the roots**

**Man cuts out channels in the rocks**

**Man's eye sees every precious thing**

Man looks for things that have earthly value - Matthew 6:19-21

**He dams up streams from trickling**

**What is hidden he brings to the light**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above - James 1:17

**b. What is the source of wisdom and understanding - 28:12-28**

**1) Wisdom cannot be found in creation - 28:12-14**

**Where can wisdom be found**

From where then does wisdom come - Job 28:20

**Where is the place of understanding**

Wisdom and understanding have great value - Proverbs 3:13

**Man does not know its value**

The Lord gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding - Proverbs 2:6

**Nor is it found in the living**

Man can only gain earthly wisdom - James 3:14-16

**The deep says, "It is not in me"**

**The sea says, "It is not with me"**

**2) Wisdom cannot be purchased with riches - 28:15-19**

**It cannot be purchased for gold**

**Silver cannot be weighed for its price**

Wisdom is better than silver - Proverbs 3:14

**It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir**

**It cannot be valued in precious onyx or sapphire**

**Neither gold nor crystal can equal it**

**It cannot be exchanged for jewelry of fine gold**

The fruit of wisdom is better than gold - Proverbs 8:19

**No mention shall be made for coral or quartz**

**The price of wisdom is above rubies**

The price of wisdom is more than rubies - Proverbs 3:15

**The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it**

**It cannot be valued in pure gold**

How much better to get wisdom than gold - Proverbs 16:16

**3) Wisdom cannot be found by searching - 28:20-22**

**From where then does wisdom come**

For the Lord gives wisdom - Proverbs 2:6

**Where is the place of understanding**

Knowledge of the holy is understanding - Proverbs 9:10

**It is hidden from the eyes of all living**

Job said he uttered what he did not understand - Job 42:3

**It is concealed from the birds of the air**

God did not endow the ostrich with understanding - Job 39:13, 17

**Destruction and Death both speak**

**We have heard a report about it with our ears**

**4) God knows the source of wisdom - 28:23-25**

**God understands its way**

The Lord possessed wisdom from the beginning - Proverbs 8:22

**God knows its place**

Wisdom was with God when He created all things - Proverbs 22:30

**God looks to the ends of the earth**

Wisdom was with God when He made the earth - Proverbs 8:29

**God sees under the whole heavens**

Wisdom was with God when He prepared the heavens - Proverbs 8:27

**God establishes a weight for the wind**

He brings the wind out of His treasures - Psalm 135:7

**God apportions the water by measure**

**5) God reveals wisdom to those who seek it - 28:26-28**

**God did this when he made a law for the rain**

Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood - Genesis 9:9-11

**God does this when he makes a path for the thunderbolt**

He covers His hands with lightning and commands it to strike - Job 36:31-3

**God saw wisdom and declared it**

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth - Proverbs 3:19

**God prepared it indeed and searched it out**

By understanding He established the heavens - Proverbs 3:20

**God told man how to find wisdom and understanding**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom - Proverbs 9:10

**Behold the fear of the Lord is wisdom**

Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom - Job 28:28a

**To depart from evil is understanding**

To depart from evil is understanding - Job 28:28b

**3. Job then gave a Summary of His Life - 29:1-31:40**

**a. This included a summary of His past - 29:1-25**

**1) In the past the Lord had blessed Job - 29:1-10**

**a) Job remembered the past when God watched over him - 29:1-3**

**Job further continued his discourse and said:**

**Oh that I were as in months past**

Job had already experienced months of futility - Job 7:3

**As in the days when God watched over me**

Job did not realize God was still watching over him - Job 2:6, 38:1

**When His lamp shown on my head**

The Word of God is a lamp to the feet - Psalm 119:105a

**When by His light I walked through the darkness**

The Word of God is a light to the path - Psalm 119:105b

**b) Job remembered the days when the Lord blessed him - 29:4-6**

**The days when I had been in my prime**

Job felt God had left him because God did not answer - Job 30:20-21

**The days when the friendly counsel of God was over my tent**

Job had shared his life with the Lord - Job 1:5

**The days when the Almighty was yet with me**

Job had no idea what the Lord was presently doing through him - Job 1:12; 2:7

**The days when my children were around me**

Job had enjoyed fellowship with his children - Job 1:2, 4

**The days when my steps were bathed in cream**

**The days when the rivers poured out rivers of oil on me**

**c) Job remembered when he was treated with respect - 29:7-10**

**The days when I went out to the gate by the city**

The gate of the city is where the leaders of the city met - Ruth 4:1-2

**The days when I took my seat in the open square**

**The days when young men saw me and hid**

**The days when the aged arose and stood**

Job no longer received that respect - Job 30:12-14

**The days when princes refrained from talking**

**The days when princes placed their hand on their mouth**

**The days when the voice of nobles was hushed**

**The days when their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth**

**2) In the past Job had been a blessing to others - 29:11-17**

**a) Job remembered when the people listened to him - 29:11-12**

**When the ear heard then it blessed me**

The people were anxious to hear what Job would say - Proverbs 16:15

**When the eye saw then it approved me**

When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice - Job 29:2

**I delivered the poor who cried out**

Job judged righteously and pleaded the cause of the poor - Proverbs 31:9

Job did not oppress the afflicted - Proverbs 22:22

**The fatherless and the one who had no helper**

Job did not afflict the fatherless or the widow - Exodus 22:22

**b) Job had brought blessing to others - 29:13-14**

**The blessing of a perishing man came upon me**

**I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy**

The wicked often took advantage of the widows - Job 24:3

Job was a defender of widows - Psalm 68:5

**I put on righteousness and it clothed me**

Job was righteous in all that he did - Job 1:8

**My justice was like a robe and a turban**

Job now said, If I cry aloud there is no justice - Job 19:7

**c) Job spent much time serving others - 29:15-17**

**I was eyes to the blind**

Hobab became the eyes for Israel in the wilderness - Numbers 10:31

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind - Psalm 146:8

**I was feet to the lame**

The lame need help because their legs are limp - Proverbs 26:7

**I was a father to the poor**

God saves the needy from the sword - Job 5:15

Job said the poor are often forced to hide for protection - Job 24:4

The righteous consider the cause of the poor - Proverbs 29:7

**I searched out the case that I did not know**

God gives the example of searching things out - Job 28:27

The glory of kings is to search out a matter - Proverbs 25:2

**I broke the fangs of the wicked**

God breaks the teeth of the ungodly - Psalm 3:7

**I plucked the victim from his teeth**

The old lion perishes from a lack of prey (victims) - Job 4:11



**3) In the past Job looked forward to the rest of his life - 29:18-25**

**a) Job had looked forward to a long and blessed life - 29:18-20**

**Job thought that he would die in his nest**

Job had not expected what was happening because he loved the Lord - Job 1:1

**Job thought that he would multiply his days as the sand**

Job thought he would have a blessed life and die of old age - Job 42:16-17

**Job thought his root would spread out to the waters**

Job thought he would be like a tree planted by a river - Psalm 1:3

**Job thought the dew lies at night on my branch**

The dew was how the world was watered before the flood - Genesis 2:6

**Job thought his glory was fresh within him**

The word translated fresh is usually translated new - Psalm 40:3

The glory that came to Job was new because he was younger - Job 29:7-8

**Job thought his bow was renewed in his hand**

**b) Job had many who wanted to listen to him - 29:21-22**

**Men listened to him and waited**

**Men kept silence for my counsel**

(Job had given much godly counsel during his younger life)

Job said, "The counsel of the wicked is far from me" - Job 21:16

**Job said they did not speak again after he spoke to them**

Their tongues stuck to the roof of their mouth - Job 29:10

**Job said his words settled on them as dew**

Moses also said to let his words drop as dew - Deuteronomy 32:2

**c) Job had given great wisdom to others - 29:23-25**

**Job said men waited for him as they waited for the rain**

Solomon prayed, hear from heaven and give rain - 1 Kings 8:36

**Job said they opened their mouth wide as for the spring rain**

His favor is like a cloud of the latter (spring) rain - Proverbs 16:15

**Job said if he mocked them, they did not believe it**

The godly counsel of Job was trusted by the people - Job 12:13

In contrast, the young men now laughed at him - Job 30:1

**Job said the light of his appearance did not cast them down**

**Job said he chose the way for them and sat as chief**

This meant that many people had looked to Job for guidance - Job 29:7

**Job said he lived as though he were the king in an army**

**Job said he was as one that comforted mourners**

Jacob used this word to describe his mourning for Joseph - Genesis 37:35

**b. This included a summary of His present - 30:1-31**

**1) Job was being mocked by worthless men - 30:1-10**

**a) Those who mocked Job had been driven away - 30:1-3**

**Now they mock me, men younger than I**  
These men were mocking Job - Job 30:9  
**Their fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock**  
These were the sons of vile men - Job 30:8  
**What profit is the strength of their hands to me**  
**Their vigor has perished**  
**They are gaunt from want and famine**  
**They fled late to the wilderness, desolate and waste**

**b) Those who mocked had lived in caves - 30:4-6**

**Those who mock me pluck mallow by the bushes**  
(a bush without thorns whose leaves were boiled for food)  
**They get broom tree roots for their food**  
**They were driven from among men**  
**They shouted at them as at a thief**  
People feared them because they acted like thieves - Job 24:14  
**They had to live in the clefts of the valleys**  
**They had to live in caves of the earth and rocks**  
They had to depend on caves as their place to live - 1 Samuel 14:11

**c) Those who mocked were the sons of fools - 30:7-10**

**Among the bushes they brayed**  
These young men were like wild donkeys - Job 6:5  
**Under the nettles they nestled**  
**They were sons of fools, yes vile men**  
A fool is a person who acts like there is no God - Psalm 14:1  
**They were scourged from the land**  
They were driven out of the land - Job 30:5  
**Now I am their taunting song**  
Job was now the song of the drunkards - Psalm 69:12  
**I am their byword**  
These young men made the words of Job mean nothing - Job 24:25  
**They abhor me, they keep far from me**  
**They do not hesitate to spit in my face**  
I have become a man in whose face men spit - Job 17:6

**2) Job felt he had become their taunting song - 30:11-19**

**a) Those who mocked now afflicted Job - 30:11-13**

**Because the Lord has loosed my bowstring and afflicted me**  
Job felt his suffering came from the Lord - Psalm 88:7  
**They have cast off restraint before me**  
**At my right hand the rabble arises**  
**They push away my feet**  
**They raise against me their ways of destruction**  
Job felt the Lord was using the young men to judge him - Job 19:12  
**They break up my path**  
**They promote my calamity**  
These young men were mocking Job - Job 30:9  
**They have no helper**  
No one stopped them from mocking Job - Job 30:10

**b) Those who mocked filled his life with terrors - 30:14-16**

**They come as broad breakers**  
**Under the ruinous storm they roll along**  
**Terrors are turned upon me**  
The thing Job feared had come upon him - Job 3:25  
**They pursue my honor as the wind**  
**My prosperity has passed like a cloud**  
**Now my soul is poured out because of my plight**  
Job poured out his feelings to the Lord and got no answer - Psalm 42:4  
**The days of affliction take hold of me**  
Job had been suffering for months - Job 7:3

**c) Job suffered because of those who mocked - 30:17-19**

**My bones are pierced in me at night**  
**My gnawing pains take no rest**  
The pain was continuous day and night - Job 2:7-8  
**By great force my garment is disfigured**  
Job now looked very different from his suffering - Job 2:12  
**It binds me about as the collar of my coat**  
Job felt like no one respected what he said any more - Job 29:22  
**He has cast me into the mire (mixed clay and water)**  
This is the word for the clay used by a clay pot maker - Jeremiah 18:4  
**I have become like dust and ashes**  
Job felt like he had become useless - Job 30:30-31

### 3) Job cried for help but no one helped - 30:20-31

#### a) Job cried out to the Lord but received no answer - 30:20-23

**I cry out to you, but you do not answer me**

Job cried out but received no answer from the Lord - Job 19:7

**I stand up, and you regard me**

**You have become cruel to me**

**With the strength of your hand you oppose me**

Job felt God opposed him when he cried out to God - Job 10:3

**You lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride on it**

**You spoil my success**

**I know you will bring me to death**

**You will bring me to the house appointed for all living**

This is the house of the dead - Job 3:19

#### b) Job had looked for light and had found darkness - 30:24-27

**He will not stretch out His hand against a heap of ruins**

**If they cry out when He destroys it**

**Have I not wept for him who is in trouble**

I bowed down heavily as one who mourns for his mother - Psalm 35:13-14

**Has not my soul grieved for the poor**

Job had a great concern and was a father to the poor - Job 29:16

**When I looked for good, evil came to me**

**When I waited for light, then came darkness**

**My heart is in turmoil and cannot rest**

**Days of affliction confront me**

#### c) Job felt he was slowly dying because of his suffering - 30:28-31

**I go about mourning, but not in the sun**

**I stand up in the assembly and cry out for help**

**I am a brother of jackals**

**I am a companion of ostriches**

**My skin grows black and falls from me**

The suffering Job experienced changed his physical appearance - Job 2:7-8

**My bones burn with fever**

Physical suffering can cause a person to look much older - Psalm 102:3

**My harp is turned to mourning**

A joyful song does not fit a time of mourning - Psalm 137:1-4

**My flute to the voice of those who weep**

The songs that remind of sorrow often cause weeping - Job 2:12

**c. Job then defended the fact that he was innocent - 31:1-40**

**1) Job knew that God knew his innocence - 31:1-10**

**a) Job knew that the Lord saw everything he did - 31:1-4**

**Job had made a covenant with his eyes**

Job was committed to living a righteous life - Job 9:15, 20

**Job did not look on a young woman with lust**

One who lusts for a woman is guilty of adultery in the heart - Matthew 5:28

**Job knew the judgment of the unrighteous**

The way of the ungodly shall perish - Psalm 1:5-6

**Job knew the inheritance of the Almighty from on high**

**Job said it was destruction for the wicked**

The eternal lake of fire is the second death - Revelation 20:13-15

**Job knew it was disaster for the workers of iniquity**

**Job knew that God could see all that he did**

**Job knew that God had observed all his steps**

**b) Job wanted the Lord to know his integrity - 31:5-6**

**Job said that if he had walked in falsehood**

**Job said if his foot had hastened to deceit**

**Let me be weighed on honest scales**

**That God may know my integrity**

Job understood that God was testing him - Job 23:10

**c) Job wanted to be righteous in all that he did - 31:7-10**

**Job said if his step had turned from the way**

Job said his feet had held fast to God's steps - Job 23:11

**Job said if his heart walked after his eyes**

The heart and the eyes are both attracted to sin - Numbers 15:39

**Job said if any spot adhered to his hands**

**Job said that then let him sow and another reap**

Job knew that he had done right and should reap - Galatians 6:8-9

**Job said then let his harvest be rooted out**

Job said God would destroy his increase if he was guilty - Job 31:12

**Job said if his heart had been enticed by a woman**

Job said he had been faithful to his wife - Genesis 2:24

**Job said that if he had lurked at the door of his neighbor**

**Job said then let his wife grind for another**

**Job said that then let others bow down over her**

**2) Job wanted to please the Lord in all that he did - 31:11-22**

**a) Job did not want to do any wickedness - 31:11-15**

**Job said any of those things would be wickedness**  
This would be the result of a wicked mind and heart - Proverbs 21:27  
**Job said then he would be guilty of iniquity deserving judgment**  
Job's friends accused him of great wickedness - Job 22:5  
**Job said that would be a fire that consumes to destruction**  
**Job said that would root out all of his increase**  
**Job said that if he had despised the cause of his male or female servant**  
**Job said that if they had then complained against him**  
**Job said there was nothing he could do when God rises up**  
**Job said that when God punished he would have no answer**  
**Job said God made others just like God had made him**  
**Job said it was God who fashioned each person in the womb**  
God formed us when we were in the womb - Psalm 139:13-14

**b) Job had a concern for the poor and the fatherless - 31:16-17**

**Job had not kept back the poor from their desire**  
Job's friends accused him of oppressing the poor - Job 20:19  
**Job had not caused the eyes of a widow to fail**  
Job's friends accused him of sending away widows empty - Job 22:9  
**Job had not just thought about his own needs**  
**Job was concerned for food for the fatherless**  
Job's friends accused him of overwhelming the fatherless - Job 6:27

**c) Job wanted to please God by his life - 31:18-22**

**From his youth Job had been a father to the fatherless**  
Job had instead delivered the poor and the fatherless - Job 29:12  
**From his mother's womb Job had guided the widow**  
Job caused the widow's heart to sing for joy - Job 29:13  
**Job had made sure that none perished from lack of clothing**  
**Job had been blessed by providing clothing to many poor people**  
Job provided clothing when others took their clothing - Job 24:10  
**Job said if the poor had not blessed him**  
**Job said if he had not warmed them with the fleece of his sheep**  
**Job said if he had raised his hand against the fatherless**  
**When I saw I had help in the gate**  
**Then let my arm fall from my shoulder**  
**Let my arm be torn from the socket**

### 3) Job did not want to deny God in any way - 31:23-31

#### a) Job feared the judgment of God - 31:23-25

**Job said destruction from God was a terror for him**

Destruction will one day come from the Almighty - Isaiah 13:6

**Job said that because of the greatness of God he could not endure**

Job said the excellence of God should make his friends afraid - Job 13:11

**Job said that if he made gold his hope**

Job wanted to have his reward from God - Matthew 6:19-20

**Job said if he had his confidence in fine gold**

It is hard for many of the rich to trust in the Lord - Mark 10:23-25

**Job said that if he rejoiced because his wealth was great**

Job did not rejoice in his wealth - Job 1:20-21

**Job said he had not rejoiced because he had much**

Job had been blessed with much - Job 1:3

#### b) Job did not deny God in his heart - 31:26-28

**Job said if he had observed the sun when it shined**

We are not to worship the sun, moon or stars - Deuteronomy 4:19

**Job said if he had observed the moon in its brightness**

**Job said if his heart had been secretly enticed**

**Job said if his mouth had kissed his hand**

**Job said all of these things were iniquity deserving judgment**

The penalty for worshipping the sun, moon or stars was stoning -  
Deuteronomy 17:2-5

**Job said any of them would have denied God who is above**

Israel was warned not to deny God - Joshua 24:27

#### c) Job did not rejoice in the judgment of others - 31:29-31

**Job said if he had rejoiced in the destruction of him who hated Job**

Job showed love to those who were enemies to him - Matthew 5:44

**Job said if he had lifted himself up when evil found the person**

Do not let your heart be glad when your enemy stumbles - Proverbs 24:17

**Job said he had not allowed his mouth to sin**

Job said there was not injustice on his tongue - Job 6:30

**Job said he did not ask for a curse for the soul of such a person**

**If the men of his tent had not said**

Zophar accused Job of withholding bread from the hungry - Job 22:7

**Who is there that had not been satisfied with Job's meat**

Eliphaz had claimed that Job withheld bread from the hungry - Job 22:7

(The servants of Job said that these two men were wrong)

**4) Job knew that his life had honored God - 31:32-40**

**a) Job did not try to cover his sin - 31:32-34**

**Job said no traveler had to lodge in the street**  
**Job said he had opened his doors to the traveler**  
(Job had shown hospitality to traveling strangers)  
**Job said if he had covered his transgressions like Adam**  
Adam and Eve made coverings of leaves - Genesis 3:7  
**Job said by hiding his iniquity in his bosom**  
Job was not hiding any iniquity - Job 1:8  
**Because I feared the great multitude**  
**And dreaded the contempt of families**  
**So that I kept silence**  
**And did not go out of the door**

**b) Job wished that God had written a book - 31:35-37**

**Oh that I had one to hear me, here is my mark**  
Job felt like he was not being heard by God - Job 19:7  
**Oh that the Almighty would answer me**  
This had been the request of Job much earlier - Job 13:22-24  
**Oh that my Prosecutor had written a book**  
Job wanted to know for what sins he was being ignored - Job 30:20  
**Surely I would carry it on my shoulder**  
**And bind it on my like a crown**  
**I would declare to Him the number of my steps**  
Job said that the Lord knew the number of his steps - Job 31:4  
**Like a prince I would approach Him**

**c) Job said he had done what was right - 31:38-40**

**If my land cries out against me**  
Job knew the land had no charge against him - Job 24:2  
**And its furrows weep together**  
**If I have eaten its fruit without money**  
The wicked often did these things - Job 24:10-11  
**Or caused its owners to lose their lives**  
The wicked even caused owners to die - 1 Kings 21:7-13  
**Then let thistles grow instead of wheat**  
Thorns and thistles were consequences of Adam's sin - Genesis 3:18  
**And (the cockle) weeds instead of barley**  
(The cockle is also known as the stinkweed)



**V. The speech by Elihu who was a younger friend - 32:1-37:24**

**A. Elihu said that he would now give his thoughts - 32:1-22**

**1. Elihu said that understanding from the Holy One is needed - 32:1-11**

**a. Elihu let the three men finish since he was younger - 32:1-4**

**The three men ceased answering Job**  
**The three saw Job was righteous in his own eyes**  
**The wrath of Elihu was aroused against Job**  
**The wrath was because Job justified himself instead of God**  
Job said to God, "You have been cruel to me" - Job 30:21  
**The wrath was also against the three friends**  
**They had found no answer yet had condemned Job**  
Bildad - Job 8:5-6; Eliphaz - Job 15:25-26; Zophar - Job 20:19  
**The three were many years older than Elihu**  
**Elihu waited until they finished speaking to Job**  
Elihu had carefully listened to their words - Job 32:11-12

**b. Elihu said that he was just a young man - 32:5-7**

**Elihu then answered and said:**  
**I am young in years and you are very old**  
God takes away the discernment of the elders - Job 12:20  
**I was afraid and dared not declare my opinion to you**  
**I said "Age" should speak**  
Eliphaz said, "Both the grey-haired and the aged are among us" - Job 15:10  
**The multitude of years should teach wisdom**  
Age and wisdom are often not the same thing - Psalm 119:97-100

**c. Elihu said that it is the Almighty that gives understanding - 32:8-10**

**There is a spirit in man**  
**The breath of the Almighty gives him understanding**  
The Spirit helps us to compare spiritual things with spiritual - 1 Corinthians 2:13-14  
**Great men are not always wise**  
They had answered the matter before they had heard Job - Proverbs 18:13  
**The aged do not always understand justice**  
Fear of the Lord is wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding - Job 28:28  
**Therefore I say, Listen to me**  
**I also will declare my opinion**  
Elihu only claimed it was his opinion - Job 32:6, 10, 17

**2. Elihu said that he would speak without partiality - 32:11-22**

**a. Elihu said that none of the friends answered Job - 32:11-14**

**I waited for your words**  
**I listened to your reasonings, while you searched out what to say**  
**I paid close attention to you**  
This is an important key for good listening - Job 13:17; 21:2  
**Surely not one of you convinced Job, or answered his words**  
The three friends never listened to what Job was saying - Job 32:12  
**Lest you say, We have found wisdom**  
**God will vanquish him, not man**  
Elihu said God is the only one who can answer Job - Job 39:1-41:34  
**He has not directed his words against me**  
**I will not answer him with your words**

**b. Elihu said he would speak since they had no more words - 32:15-18**

**They are dismayed and answer no more**  
**Words escape them**  
**I have waited, because they did not speak**  
**They stood still and answered no more**  
**I also will answer my part**  
**I too will declare my opinion**  
**I am full of words**  
**The spirit within me compels me**  
The breath of the Almighty gives me life - Job 33:4

**c. Elihu said he would not show partiality in his words - 32:19-22**

**My belly is like wine that has no vent**  
**It is ready to burst like new wineskins**  
New wine must be put into new wineskins - Luke 5:37-38  
**I will speak that I may find relief**  
**I must open my lips and answer**  
**Let me not, I pray you, show partiality to anyone**  
Wisdom from above...is without partiality and without hypocrisy - James 3:17  
**Do not let me flatter any man**  
A flattering mouth works ruin - Proverbs 26:28  
**I do not know how to flatter**  
A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet - Proverbs 29:5  
**Else my Maker would soon take me away**  
May the Lord cut off all flattering lips and the proud tongue - Psalm 12:3

**B. Elihu said God has a loving purpose to allow Job to suffer - 33:1-33**

**1. Elihu showed what it means to really listen - 33:1-11**

**a. Elihu asked Job to really hear what he said - 33:1-4**

**Job had earlier asked his three friends to really hear him**

Job had asked his friends to hear his reasoning - Job 13:6

**Elihu said that he would now open his mouth**

**Elihu said his words came from his upright heart**

By this statement Elihu showed he was righteous - Psalm 19:14

**Elihu said his lips would speak pure knowledge**

This is only possible in one who is forgiven - Psalm 32:1-2

**Elihu said the Spirit of God has made me**

Elihu was giving the glory to God - Romans 4:20

**Elihu said the breath of the Almighty gives me life**

Job had also said that he had the breath of God - Job 27:3

**b. Elihu encouraged Job to answer what he said - 33:5-7**

**If you can answer me**

**Set your words in order before me**

**Take your stand**

**Truly I am as your spokesman before God**

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much - James 5:16

**I also have been formed out of the clay**

This is true for every person on the earth - Genesis 2:7

**Surely no fear of me will terrify you**

**My hand will not be heavy upon you**

**c. Elihu repeated what Job had said - 33:8-11**

**You have spoken in my hearing**

**I have heard the sound of your words**

**You said, "I am pure, without transgression"**

Job said his transgression was sealed up in a bag - Job 14:17

**You said, "I am innocent and there is no iniquity in me**

**Yet God finds occasions against me**

**"He counts me as His enemy**

This quote was from Job 13:24

**"He puts my feet in the stocks"**

**"He watches all my paths"**

The two quotes above are from Job 13:27

**2. Elihu said those who really listen will be saved from the Pit - 33:12-22**

**a. Elihu said God does not have to give an account for His words - 33:12-15**

**Look, in this you are not righteous, I will answer you**  
**God is greater than man**  
**Why do you contend with Him**  
Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him - Job 40:2  
**He does not give an accounting of any of His words**  
**God may speak in one way or in another**  
God has spoken once...that power belongs to God - Psalm 62:11  
**Still man does not perceive it**  
**God can speak in a dream or a vision of the night**  
**This happens when deep sleep has fallen upon men**  
**This happens while they are slumbering on their beds**

**b. Elihu said God wants to save men from the Pit - 33:16-18**

**God opens the ears of men**  
God opens the ears of the poor in their oppression - Job 36:15  
**God then seals their instruction**  
**God does this in order to turn man from his deed**  
He commands them to turn from iniquity - Job 36:10  
**God does this to keep pride from man**  
God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble - James 4:6  
**God takes back his soul from the Pit**  
**God keeps his life from perishing by the sword**

**c. Elihu said man is drawing near to the Pit - 33:19-22**

**Man is also chastened with pain on his bed**  
Eliphaz had said Job should be happy with His correction - Job 5:17  
**God does this with strong pain in many of his bones**  
My bones are pierced in me at night - Job 30:17  
**This causes his life to abhor bread**  
My sighing comes before I eat - Job 3:24  
**This causes his soul to abhor succulent food**  
**His flesh wastes away from sight**  
You have shriveled me up and it is a witness against me - Job 16:8  
**His bones stick out which were once not seen**  
My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh - Job 19:20  
**His soul draws near the Pit**  
**His life draws near the executioners**

### 3. Elihu said man needs redemption and wisdom - 33:23-33

#### a. Man needs a mediator to speak for him - 33:23-26

**If there is a messenger for him  
A mediator, one among a thousand  
To show man His uprightness**  
God is the One who said Job was righteous - Job 1:8; 2:3  
**Then He is gracious to him and says  
Deliver him from going down to the Pit  
I have found a ransom**  
Christ is the One who made atonement for our sins - Psalm 79:9  
**His flesh shall be young like a child's  
He shall return to the days of his youth  
He shall pray to God and He will delight in him**  
Job prayed and offered burnt offerings to God - Job 1:5  
**He shall see His face with joy  
He restores to man His righteousness**  
This is what God had done for Job that Elihu did not know - Job 2:3

#### b. God will redeem man from going down to the Pit - 33:27-28

**Then he looks at men and says  
I have sinned and perverted what is right  
And it did not profit me  
He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit  
His life shall see the light**

#### c. Man needs to learn the wisdom of God - 33:29-33

**Behold, God works in all these things  
Twice, in fact, three times with a man  
To bring back his soul from the Pit**  
God gives the opportunity for all to come to repentance - 2 Peter 3:9  
**That he may be enlightened with the light of life  
Give ear, Job, listen to me  
Hold your peace, and I will speak  
If you have anything to say, answer me**  
(Elihu invited Job to speak if he had anything to say)  
**Speak, for I desire to justify you  
If not, listen to me**  
(Since Job did not speak, Elihu said he would continue)  
**Hold your peace and I will teach you wisdom**

**C. Elihu said that Job had questioned the integrity of God - 34:1-37**

**1. Elihu told how he had interpreted what Job said - 34:1-9**

**a. Elihu made a suggestion to the other men - 34:1-4**

**Elihu further answered and said:  
Hear my words, you wise men**  
Elihu treated these older men with respect - Job 32:4  
**Give ear to me, you who have knowledge**  
These men had knowledge but lacked understanding - Job 15:9  
**For the ear tests the words**  
Job had said that the ear tests the words earlier - Job 12:11  
**As the mouth tastes food**  
**Let us choose justice for ourselves**  
Job said that when he cried that there was no justice - Job 19:7  
**Let us know among ourselves what is good**  
Eliphaz told Job to acquaint himself with God and good would come - Job 22:21

**b. Elihu summarized what he thought Job had said - 34:5-6**

**Job has said, "I am righteous"**  
God is the One who called Job an upright man - Job 2:3  
**God has taken away my justice**  
My justice was like a robe and a turban - Job 29:14  
**Should I lie concerning my right**  
**My wound is incurable, though I am without transgression**  
Job had asked God to pardon his transgression - Job 7:21

**c. Elihu did not get it correct what Job had said - 34:7-9**

**What man is like Job**  
**Who drinks scorn like water**  
Job actually said, "My friends scorn me"  
Job certainly did not sit in the seat of the scornful - Psalm 1:1  
**Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity**  
Job warned of disaster for the workers of iniquity - Job 31:3  
**And walks with wicked men**  
Job did not smile at the counsel of the wicked - Job 10:3  
**For he has said, "It profits a man nothing**  
(Job had not said these words even though Elihu said he had)  
**That he should delight in God"**  
We are to delight ourselves in the Lord - Psalm 37:4

## 2. Elihu said God is not partial in His judgments - 34:10-19

### a. God will repay us according to what we do - 34:10-12

**Listen to me, you men of understanding**  
**Far be it from God to do wickedness**  
You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness - Psalm 5:4  
**Far be it from the Almighty to commit iniquity**  
Instead God is the One who pardons our iniquity - Psalm 25:11  
**He repays man according to his work**  
Man will reap whatever he sows - Galatians 6:7-8  
**He makes man to find a reward according to his way**  
**God would never do wickedly**  
God loves righteousness and hates wickedness - Psalm 45:7  
**The Almighty would never pervert justice**  
The Almighty does not pervert justice - Job 8:3

### b. God could destroy all life on the earth - 34:13-15

**Who gave Him charge over the earth**  
God gave man dominion over everything on the earth - Genesis 1:28  
**Who appointed Him over the whole world**  
**If He should set His heart on it**  
**If He should gather to Himself, His Spirit, and His breath**  
God gives the breath to all mankind - Job 12:10  
**All flesh would perish together**  
**Man would return to dust**

### c. God does not show partiality - 34:16-19

**If you have understanding, hear this**  
**Listen to the sound of my words**  
**Should one who hates justice govern**  
**Will you condemn him who is most just**  
God asked Job if he would condemn Him to justify himself - Job 40:8  
**Is it fitting to say to a king, "You are worthless"**  
**And to nobles, "You are wicked"**  
**Yet He is not partial to princes**  
There is no partiality with God - Rom. 2:11  
**He does not regard the rich more than the poor**  
The rich and the poor have this in common the Lord made them all - Proverbs 22:2  
**They are all the work of His hands**  
God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith - James 2:5

### 3. God will judge each person - 34:20-28

#### a. God sees all that we do - 34:20-22

**In a moment they die, in the middle of the night**

**The people are shaken and pass away**

The people are cut off in their place - Job 36:20

**The mighty are taken away without a hand**

God overthrows the mighty - Job 12:19

**His eyes are on the ways of man**

The eyes of God see the ways of all people - Job 24:23

**He sees all his steps**

**There is no darkness or shadow of death**

The darkness and light are alike to God - Psalm 139:11-12

**Where may the workers of iniquity hide themselves**

Disaster waits for the workers of iniquity - Job 31:3

#### b. God sets up leaders and overthrows leaders - 34:23-25

**He need not further consider a man**

**That he should go before God in judgment**

The things Elihu said are true of those who reject God - Job 11:11

**He breaks in pieces mighty men without inquiry**

Job said his friends were breaking him in pieces with words - Job 19:2

**He sets others in their place**

**He knows their works**

God repays man according to his work - Job 34:11

**He overthrows them in the night, and they are crushed**

#### c. God considers the ways of each person - 34:26-28

**He strikes them as wicked men**

Job was told his answers were like those of wicked men - Job 34:36

**He does this in the open sight of others**

Eliphaz said Job kept to the wicked way others have trod - Job 22:15

**This is due to the fact that they have turned back from Him**

Saul had turned his back from following the Lord - 1 Samuel 15:11

**They would not consider any of His ways**

They do not desire the knowledge of God's ways - Job 21:14

**They caused the cry of the poor to come to Him**

We are to hear the cry of the poor - Proverbs 21:13

**He hears the cry of the afflicted**

God heard the cry of the afflicted when they cried out in Egypt - Exodus 4:31



#### 4. God knew why Job was being judged - 34:29-37

##### a. God can give quietness to people and nations - 34:29-30

**When He gives quietness, who then can give trouble**

This trouble came from Satan - Job 1:10-19

**When he hides His face, who then can see Him**

**Whether it is against a nation or a man alone**

**That the hypocrite should not reign**

The joy of a hypocrite lasts only for a moment - Job 20:5

**Otherwise the people will be ensnared**

##### b. God chooses how to repay each person - 34:31-33

**For has anyone said to God I have borne chastening**  
(Elihu said no one can tell God how to discipline them)

**I will offend no more**

**Teach me what I do not see**

**If I have done iniquity, I will do no more**

**Should He repay it according to your terms**

**Just because you disavow it**

(Elihu is actually calling Job a liar)

**You must choose and not I**

**Therefore speak what you know**

##### c. God has seen what Job has done - 34:34-37

**Men of understanding say to me**

**Wise men who listen to me**

(Elihu here claims to speak for others as well)

**Job speaks without knowledge**

Elihu said Job multiplied words without knowledge - Job 35:16

**His words are without wisdom**

Job just wanted to reason with God as one who is upright - Job 23:7

**Oh, that Job were tried to the utmost**

(Elihu said that Job needed more punishment)

**His answers are like those of wicked men**

This was the same charge Eliphaz had made against Job - Job 22:15

**For he adds rebellion to his sin**

Job said he had spoken out of the bitterness of his soul - Job 7:11

**He claps his hands among us**

**He multiplies his words against God**

Like the three friends, Elihu was also judging Job - Job 34:5-6

**D. Elihu said to wait patiently for God to answer - 35:1-16**

**1. Elihu said God could not be affected by the sin of Job - 35:1-8**

**a. Elihu asked if the righteousness of Job was greater than God - 35:1-3**

**Moreover Elihu answered and said:**

**Do you think this is right**

Elihu actually twisted a statement of Job - Job 27:2

(Many people today do this same thing by taking verses out of context)

**Do you say, my righteousness is more than God's**

(Job never said that his righteousness was more than God's)

Job had said, "You know that I am not wicked" - Job 10:7

Job had said, "My prayer is pure" - Job 16:17

Job had said, "If I cry aloud, there is no justice" - Job 19:6-7

Job had said, "My righteousness I hold fast" - Job 27:6

**For you say, what advantage will it be to you**

Job was speaking here of the words of the ungodly - Job 21:15

**What profit shall I have, more than if I sinned**

Elihu said that these were the companions of Job - Job 34:8-9

**b. Elihu asked Job if his sin affected God - 35:4-6**

**I will answer you**

**I will answer your companions with you**

Elihu said he was speaking here to the friends who had accused Job - Job 22:12

**Look to the heavens and see**

Abram was given a promise by God regarding the heavens - Genesis 15:5

The heavens show the works of God - Psalms 8:3

**Behold the clouds they are higher than you**

**If you sin, what do you accomplish against Him**

Job had asked God if he had sinned - Job 7:20

The person who sins against God wrongs his own soul - Proverbs 8:36

**Or if your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to Him**

**c. Elihu asked Job if his righteousness made any difference - 35:7-8**

**If you are righteous, what do you give Him**

Eliphaz said it was no gain to God if Job was righteous - Job 22:2-3

**What does he receive from your hand**

**Your wickedness affects a man such as you**

Job had said, "I have been allotted months of futility" - Job 7:3

**And your righteousness a son of man**

## 2. Elihu said God was giving Job less than he deserved - 35:9-16

### a. People cry out because of oppression - 35:9-11

#### **Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out**

Job had described some of the oppressions the wicked committed - Job 24:12

Elihu implied that Job had oppressed the poor - Job 34:28

Bildad said when Job repented Job would be rejoicing - Job 8:21

#### **They cry out for help because of the mighty**

Elihu twisted those words to say Job had done these things - Job 34:28

#### **No one says, "Where is God my Maker"**

People forget that God is their Maker - Isaiah 51:13

#### **Who gives songs in the night**

The Lord gives songs in the night to His people - Psalm 42:8

Asaph remembered the deeds of God by songs in the night - Psalm 77:6

#### **Who teaches us more than the beasts of the field**

#### **Who makes us wiser than the birds of heaven**

### b. God does not listen to empty talk - 35:12-13

#### **There they cry but He does not answer**

The wicked refuse God but Job longed for God to speak - Proverbs 1:24; Job 7:3

God does not answer the cry of the wicked - Proverbs 1:28

#### **Because of the pride of evil men**

The Lord hates pride, arrogance and the evil way - Proverbs 8:13

#### **Surely God will not listen to empty talk**

The Lord is far from the wicked - Proverbs 15:29

#### **Nor the Almighty regard it**

Eliphaz had said, "If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up" - Job 22:23

### c. God will act with justice in His time - 35:14-16

#### **Although you say you do not see Him**

Job had said, "If He goes by me, I do not see him" - Job 9:11

#### **Yet justice is before Him and you must wait for Him**

Elihu said, "You are filled with the judgment due the wicked" - Job 36:17

#### **Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain**

Job had opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth - Job 3:1

Job had said, "Can anyone teach God knowledge" - Job 21:22

Job had said, "I will teach you about the hand of God" - Job 27:11

#### **He multiplies words without knowledge**

(Elihu was the one who lacked knowledge when he judged Job)

Elihu said, "Job speaks without knowledge" - Job 34:35

**E. Elihu said God deals with us according to our works - 36:1-33**

**1. The works of God show He is mighty - 36:1-12**

**a. Elihu said he had more words to speak on behalf of God - 36:1-4**

**Elihu also proceeded and said:**  
**Bear with me a little and I will show you**  
**There are words to speak yet on God's behalf**  
Job had warned, "Do you speak wickedly for God" - Job 13:7  
**I will fetch my knowledge from afar**  
**I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker**  
We can question God and still be righteous - Psalm 10:1  
**For truly my words are not false**  
**One who is perfect in knowledge is with you**

**b. Elihu said that God is mighty - 36:5-7**

**God is mighty, but despises no one**  
**He is mighty in strength and understanding**  
These are the words Job had said about God earlier - Job 12:13, 16  
**He does not preserve the life of the wicked**  
**He gives justice to the oppressed**  
**He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous**  
The eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him - Psalm 33:18  
**They are on the throne with kings**  
**He has seated them forever and they are exalted**

**c. Elihu said God will exalt or destroy - 36:8-12**

**If they are bound in fetters held in cords of affliction**  
**Then He tells them their work and their transgressions**  
Elihu is accusing Job of a whole variety of sins - Job 34:36  
**That they have acted defiantly**  
**He also opens their ear to instruction**  
**He commands that they turn from iniquity**  
Would you want Elihu as your spokesman before God? - Job 33:6  
**If they obey and serve Him**  
**They shall spend their days in prosperity**  
However, in a moment they go down to the grave - Job 21:13  
**And their years in pleasures**  
**If they do not obey, they shall perish by the sword**  
**They shall die without knowledge**

## 2. The works of God exalt His power - 36:13-23

### a. The hypocrites store up wrath - 36:13-16

**The hypocrites in heart store up wrath**

The unbeliever stores up wrath for himself - Romans 2:5

**They do not cry for help when He binds them**

**They die in youth**

**Their life ends among perverted persons**

**He delivers the poor in their affliction**

**He opens their ears in oppression**

Many people do turn to God in times of oppression - Exodus 3:7-9

**Indeed He would have brought you out of dire distress**

(God would have brought you out of your distress)

In fact God allowed Satan to bring this distress on Job - Job 2:6-7

**Into a broad place where there is no restraint**

God does do this but Job was righteous and did not face wrath - Psalm 18:19

**What is set on your table would be full of richness**

### b. God will bring judgment on the wicked - 36:17-19

**You are filled with the judgment due the wicked**

Like the other friends, Elihu also said Job was guilty of sin - Job 22:5

**Judgment and justice take hold of you**

**Because there is wrath, beware lest he take you away with one blow**

**A large ransom would not help you avoid it**

No person or friend can pay a ransom - Psalm 49:6-8

**Will your riches or all your mighty forces**

**Will those things keep you from distress**

### c. God is exalted by His power - 36:20-23

**Do not desire for the night**

**When people are cut off in their place**

Many wicked are cut off during the night - Job 34:25

**Take heed, do not turn to iniquity**

**For you have chosen this rather than affliction**

Elihu said Job had chosen iniquity instead of affliction - Job 34:7-9

**God is exalted by His power**

**Who teaches like Him**

God is the greatest teacher of all - Job 35:11

**Who has assigned Him His way**

**Or who has said, "You have done wrong"**

### 3. The works of God can be felt and seen - 36:24-33

#### a. Man is to recognize the works of God - 36:24-25

**Remember to magnify His work**  
Job had magnified God but his friends were not listening - Job 12:13-25  
**Of which men have sung**  
Job later magnified God again - Job 26:5-14  
**Everyone has seen it**  
**Man looks on it from afar**

#### b. God is the One who spreads out the clouds - 36:26-29

**God is great and we do not know Him**  
Job understood that the righteous also suffer - Job 10:2-12  
**Nor can the number of His years be discovered**  
**For He draws up drops of water**  
**Which distill as rain from the mist**  
God is the One who gives the rain - Job 5:10  
**Which the clouds drop down**  
God brings water to the earth in various ways - Proverbs 3:20  
**And pour abundantly on man**  
Sometimes God causes it to rain very hard - Genesis 7:11  
**Indeed, no one can understand the spreading of the clouds**  
God saturates the thick clouds with moisture - Job 37:11  
**The thunder from His canopy**  
Who can understand the thunder of His power - Job 26:14

#### c. God is the One who sends the lightning - 36:30-33

**Look He scatters His light upon it**  
God brings forth what He chooses into the light - Job 28:11  
**And covers the depths of the sea**  
**For by these He judges the peoples**  
God gave the rain as a witness - Acts 14:17  
**He gives food in abundance**  
The rain can also provide abundant food - Job 37:13  
**He covers His hands with lightning**  
He guides the lightning to the end of the earth - Job 37:3  
**And commands it to strike**  
**His thunder declares it**  
Hear attentively the thunder of His voice - Job 37:2  
**The cattle also, concerning the rising storm**

**F. Elihu said we cannot expect to understand how God works - 37:1-24**

**1. God speaks through the weather to us - 37:1-13**

**a. Elihu said to hear the voice of God in the thunder - 37:1-4**

**At this also my heart trembles  
My heart leaps from its place  
Hear attentively the thunder of His voice  
Hear attentively the rumbling that comes from His mouth  
He sends it forth under the whole heaven  
His lightning to the ends of the earth  
After it a voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice  
He does not restrain them when His voice is heard**

**b. Elihu said God does great things we cannot understand - 37:5-8**

**God thunders marvelously with His voice  
He does great things which we cannot comprehend  
These things are past finding out - Job 9:10  
He says to the snow, fall on the earth  
Likewise to the gentle rain and the heavy rain of His strength  
He seals the hand of every man  
That all men may know His work  
The heavens declare the glory of God, the sky shows His handiwork - Psalm 19:1  
The beasts go into dens  
And remain in their lairs**

**c. Elihu said God causes the weather to carry out His commands - 37:9-13**

**From the chamber of the south comes the whirlwind  
And cold from the scattering winds of the north  
By the breath of God ice is given  
And the broad waters are frozen  
Also with moisture He saturates thick clouds  
He scatters His bright clouds  
They swirl about, being turned by His guidance  
They may do whatever He commands them  
On the face of the whole earth  
He causes it to come for correction  
Destruction comes when man refuses to listen - Genesis 18:20-21  
God also waters His land for mercy  
Blessing comes to water the land and to show mercy to man - Job 38:26-27**

**2. God speaks through His works to us - 37:14-24**

**a. Elihu said to stand and see the wondrous works of God - 37:14-18**

**Listen to this, O Job**  
**Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God**  
Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near - Psalm 75:1  
**Do you know when God dispatches them**  
**Do you know when He causes His clouds to shine**  
**Do you know how the clouds are balanced**  
**Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge**  
God is mighty in strength and understanding - Job 36:5  
**Why are your garments hot**  
**When He quiets the earth by the south wind**  
**With Him, have you spread out the skies**  
**Strong as a cast metal mirror**

**b. Elihu said we should ask God to teach us to speak to Him - 37:19-21**

**Teach us what we should say to Him**  
The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us - Romans 8:26  
**We can prepare nothing because of the darkness**  
**Should He be told that I wish to speak**  
**If a man will speak, surely he will be swallowed up**  
Through Christ we can come boldly to the throne of grace - Hebrews 4:14-16  
**Even now men cannot look at the light when it is bright in the skies**  
**When the wind has passed and cleared them**

**c. Elihu said God had abundant justice - 37:22-24**

**He comes from the north as golden splendor**  
**With God is awesome majesty**  
His glory is great and He teaches us awesome things - Psalm 45:8  
**As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him**  
Oh the depth of the riches both in wisdom and knowledge - Romans 11:33  
**He is excellent in power**  
God is wise in heart and mighty in strength - Job 9:4  
**In judgment and abundant justice; He does not oppress**  
Your righteousness is like great mountains - Psalm 36:5-7  
**Therefore men fear Him**  
Fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell - Matthew 10:28  
**He shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart**  
God does not call many who are wise according to the flesh - 1 Corinthians 1:26



## VI. The Lord Questioned Job With a Series of Questions - 38:1-41:34

### A. The First Series of Questions from God - 38:1-40:2

#### 1. The Lord began to speak to Job - 38:1-41

##### a. God set the guidelines for their discussion - 38:1-11

##### 1) The Lord told Job what they would each do - 38:1-3

**The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:**  
Job had longed for months for the Lord to speak to him - Job 7:3  
**Who is this who darkens counsel**  
You asked, "Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge" - Job 42:3a  
**Who speaks words without knowledge**  
I have uttered what I did not understand - Job 42:3b  
**Prepare yourself like a man**  
**I will question you and you shall answer Me**

##### 2) The Lord asked Job where he was during the creation - 38:4-7

**Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth**  
God laid the foundation of the earth - Psalm 104:5  
**Tell me if you have understanding**  
**Who determined its measurements? Surely you know**  
**Who stretched the line upon it**  
**To what were its foundations fastened**  
**Or who laid its cornerstone**  
**When the morning stars sang together**  
**And all the sons of God shouted for joy**

##### 3) The Lord asked Job where he was when the boundaries were set - 38:8-11

**Who shut in the sea with doors**  
God gathered the waters into one place - Genesis 1:9  
**When it burst forth and issued from the womb**  
**When I made the clouds its garment**  
**And thick darkness its swaddling band**  
**When I fixed My limit for it**  
God placed the boundaries for the waters - Psalm 104:9  
**And set bars and doors**  
**This far you may come but no farther**  
**Here your proud waves must stop**

**b. God asked Job to explain light and darkness - 38:12-21**

**1) The Lord asked Job if he had commanded the day - 38:12-15**

**Have you commanded the morning since your days began**

God prepared both the day and the night - Psalm 74:16

**Have you caused the dawn to know its place**

Awake, lute and harp, I will waken the dawn - Psalm 108:2

**That it might take hold of the ends of the earth**

God even looks to the end of the heavens - Job 28:24

**And the wicked be shaken out of it**

God will overthrow the wicked in His time - Job 34:25

**It takes on form like clay under a seal**

**And stands out like a garment**

**From the wicked their light is withheld**

They meet with darkness in the daytime - Job 5:14

**The upraised arm is broken**

Break the arm of the wicked and evil man - Psalm 10:15

**2) The Lord asked Job if he had commanded the gates of death - 38:16-18**

**Have you entered the springs of the sea**

**Have you walked in search of the depths**

When there were no depths, wisdom was brought forth - Proverbs 8:24

**Have the gates of death been revealed to you**

You who lift me up from the gates of death - Psalm 9:13

**Have you seen the doors of the shadow of death**

God brings the shadow of death to life - Job 12:22

**Tell me if you know all this**

“Behold I am vile; what shall I answer you?” - Job 40:4

**3) The Lord asked Job about light and darkness - 38:19-21**

**Where is the way to the dwelling of light**

God dwells in unapproachable light - 1 Timothy 6:16

**And darkness, where is its place**

God knows the boundary of light and darkness at every moment - Job 26:10

**That you may take it to its territory**

**That you may know the paths to its home**

**Do you know it, because you were born then**

Are you the first man who was born - Job 15:7

**Or because the number of your days is great**

The friends of Job were much older than Job - Job 15:10

**c. God asked Job to explain the weather - 38:22-30**

**1) The Lord asked Job if he understood the weather - 38:22-24**

**Have you entered the treasury of snow**

He says to the snow, "Fall on the earth" - Job 37:6

**Have you seen the treasury of hail**

He brings the wind out of His treasuries - Psalm 135:7

**Which I have reserved for the time of trouble**

God promised a heavy hail for the next day - Exodus 9:18-19

**For the day of battle and war**

**By what way is light defused**

He drew a circular horizon...at the boundary of light and darkness - Job 26:10

**Or the east wind scattered over the earth**

The east wind carries him away, and he is gone - Job 27:21

**2) The Lord asked Job how the waters flowed - 38:25-27**

**Who has divided the channel for the overflowing water**

Surely in a flood of great waters, they shall not come near him - Psalm 32:6

**Of the path for the thunderbolt**

God made a path for the thunderbolt - Job 28:26

**To cause it to rain on a land where there is no one**

He draws up drops of water which distill as rain from the mist - Job 36:27

**A wilderness in which there is no man**

**To satisfy the desolate waste**

God waters the hills from His upper chambers - Psalm 104:13

**And cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass**

He causes the grass to grow for the cattle - Psalm 104:14

**3) The Lord asked Job if he knew how rain became ice - 38:28-30**

**Has the rain a father**

Who prepares the rain for the earth - Psalm 147:8

**Who has begotten the drops of dew**

**From whose womb comes the ice**

By the breath of God ice is given - Job 37:10

**The frost of heaven, who gave it birth**

He gives snow like wool - Psalm 147:16-17

**The waters harden like stone**

The streams...are dark because of the ice - Job 6:16

**The surface of the deep is frozen**

By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen - Job 37:10

**d. God asked Job the source of wisdom - 38:31-41**

**1) The Lord asked Job about the constellations of stars - 38:31-33**

**Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades**  
God is the One who made the cluster of the Pleiades - Job 9:9  
**Or loose the belt of Orion**  
**Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season**  
**Can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs**  
**Do you know the ordinances of the heavens**  
These are the laws that regulate all of the stars - Psalm 148:1-6  
**Can you set their dominion over the earth**

**2) The Lord asked Job who has given wisdom and understanding - 38:34-38**

**Can you lift up your voice to the clouds**  
**That an abundance of water may cover you**  
God draws up the water that the clouds drop down - Job 36:27-28  
**Can you send out lightnings that they may go**  
God is the One who sends out the lightning - Job 37:3  
**And say to you, "Here we are"**  
**Who has put wisdom in the mind**  
God is wise in heart and mighty in strength - Job 9:4  
For the Lord gives wisdom - Proverbs 2:6  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom - Proverbs 9:10  
**Who has given understanding to the heart**  
The breath of the Almighty gives man understanding - Job 32:8  
**Who can number the clouds by wisdom**  
God calls all the stars by name so can do the same with the clouds - Psalm 147:4  
**Who can pour out the bottles of heaven**  
The Lord asked Job if he could send the rain - Job 38:34  
**When the dust hardens in clumps**  
**And the clods cling together**

**3) The Lord asked Job if he knew how to provide food for all - 38:39-41**

**Can you hunt the prey for the lion**  
**Can you satisfy the appetite of the young lions**  
**When they crouch in their dens**  
**Or lurk in their lairs to lie in wait**  
**Who provides food for the raven**  
**When its young ones cry to God**  
**And wander about for lack of food**

**2. The Lord showed He knows all things - 39:1-40:2**

**a. God questioned Job about the wild animals - 39:1-12**

**1) The Lord asked Job about the birth of the wild animals -39:1-4**

**Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young**

(Job had no way of knowing the patterns of the wild animals)

**Can you mark when the deer gives birth**

The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth - Psalm 29:9

**Can you number the months that they fulfill**

**Do you know the time when they bear young**

**They bow down, they bring forth their young, they deliver their offspring**

**Their young ones are healthy, they grow strong with grain**

**They depart and do not return to them**

**2) The Lord asked about the wild donkey - 39:5-8**

**Who set the wild donkey free**

**Who loosed the bonds of the onager (swift donkey)**

**His home I have made in the wilderness**

The wild donkeys hide in the wilderness - Job 24:4-5

**I have made the barren land his dwelling**

Does the wild donkey bray when it has grass - Job 6:5

**He scorns the tumult of the city**

**He does not heed the shouts of the driver**

**The range of the mountains is his pasture**

**He searches after every green thing**

**3) The Lord asked about the wild ox - 39:9-12**

**Will the wild ox (unicorn) be willing to serve you**

Save me from the horns of the wild oxen - Psalm 22:21

**Will he be led by your manger**

**Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes**

God said Israel had strength like the wild ox - Numbers 23:22

**Will he plow the valleys behind you**

**Will you trust him because his strength is great**

The wild ox has great strength - Numbers 24:8

**Will you leave your labor to him**

**Will you trust him to bring home your grain**

The strength of a wild ox cannot be trusted - Deuteronomy 33:17

**Will you trust him to gather it to your threshing floor**

**b. God questioned Job about the ostrich and horse - 39:13-22**

**1) The Lord asked about the ostrich - 39:13-15**

**The wings of the ostrich wave proudly**

(The ostrich provides a good picture of many proud people)

The ostrich has much pride but no wisdom or understanding - Job 39:16

**Are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork**

**She leaves her eggs on the ground**

(She thinks only of herself and has no concern for her children)

**She warms her eggs in the dust**

**She forgets that a foot may crush them**

**She forgets that a wild beast may break them**

**2) The Lord asked why the ostrich lacked wisdom - 39:16-18**

**She treats her young harshly as though they were not hers**

By pride comes nothing but strife - Proverbs 13:10

**Her labor is in vain, without concern**

She has no purpose (no heart for understanding) in what she does - Job 17:4

**This is due to the fact that God deprived her of wisdom**

God is the source of wisdom, knowledge and understanding - Proverbs 2:6

**God did not endow her with understanding**

The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding - Proverbs 9:10

**She lifts herself on high**

The haughty people of the earth languish (proud are brought down) - Isaiah 24:4

A haughty look, a proud heart and the plowing of the wicked are sin - Proverbs 21:4

**She scorns the horse and the rider**

**3) The Lord asked about the horse in battle - 39:19-22**

**Have you given the horse strength**

**Have you clothed his neck with splendor**

**Can you frighten him like a locust**

**His majestic snorting strikes terror**

The whole land trembled at the sound of a horse snorting - Jeremiah 8:16

**He paws in the valley and rejoices in his strength**

**He gallops into the clash of arms**

The horse gladly rushes into the battle - Jeremiah 8:6

**He mocks at fear and is not frightened**

The horse is prepared for the day of battle - Proverbs 21:31

**He does not turn back from the sword**

**c. God questioned Job about the birds of prey - 39:23-4:2**

**1) The horse is eager for the battle - 39:23-25**

**The quiver rattles against the horse  
The glittering spear and javelin  
He devours the distance with fear and rage  
He does not come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded  
At the blast of the trumpet he says Aha  
He smells the battle from afar  
The thunder of captains and shouting**

**2) The Lord asked about the birds of prey - 39:26-30**

**Does the hawk fly by your wisdom  
And spread its wings toward the south  
Does the eagle mount up at your command**  
The way of an eagle in the air is hard to understand - Proverbs 30:18-19  
**And make its nest on high**  
It stirs up its nest and catches the young to help them learn to fly - Deuteronomy 32:11  
**On the rock it dwells and resides  
On the crag (tooth) of the rock and the stronghold**  
(The eagle often nests where no one can reach it)  
**From there it spies out the prey**  
The eagle swoops down and catches its prey - Job 9:26  
**Its eyes observe from afar  
It young ones suck up blood  
Where the slain are, there it is**  
Wherever the slain are, the eagles will be gathered together - Luke 17:37

**3) The Lord asked Job if Job wanted to contend - 40:1-2**

**Moreover the Lord answered Job and said:**  
The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind - Job 38:1; 40:6  
**Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him**  
If one wishes to contend with the Almighty - Job 9:3  
Job wanted to ask God why God contended with him - Job 10:2  
Even Elihu asked Job why he contended with God - Job 33:13  
**He who rebukes God, let him answer it**  
Job desired to reason with God - Job 13:3  
I would present my case before Him and fill my mouth with arguments - Job 23:3-4  
Oh that the Almighty would answer me - Job 31:35

## B. Job Gave His First Response to God - 40:3-5

**Job answered the Lord and said:**  
**Behold I am vile. What shall I answer you**  
Job later said he would repent in dust and ashes - Job 42:6  
**I lay my hand over my mouth**  
This was the way a person said they would stop talking - Job 29:9  
**Once I have spoken but I will not answer**  
Job realized he did not understand what he was saying - Job 42:3  
**Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further**

## C. The Final Questions from God for Job - 40:6-41:34

### 1. The Lord said He would again question Job - 40:6-14

#### a. Job was told he would answer the Lord - 40:6-10

**The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:**  
God had spoken to Job earlier out of the whirlwind - Job 38:1  
**Now prepare yourself like a man**  
God used these same words both times He asked Job - Job 38:3  
**I will question you, and you will answer Me**  
God said He expected an answer when He spoke - Job 42:1-6  
**Would you indeed annul My judgment**  
Job said God had delivered him to the ungodly - Job 16:11  
**Would you condemn Me that you may be justified**  
Job had said his words in such a way one or the other had to be guilty - Job 10:3  
**Have you an arm like God**  
**Can you thunder with a voice like His**  
**Then adorn yourself with majesty and splendor**  
God is clothed with honor and majesty - Psalm 104:1  
**Array yourself with glory and beauty**

#### b. Job was told to get rid of his wrath - 40:11-14

**Disperse the rage of your wrath**  
**Look on everyone who is proud, and humble him**  
God will one day humble everything that is lifted up - Isaiah 2:12  
**Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low**  
**Tread down the wicked in their place**  
**Hide them in the dust together**  
**Bind their faces in hidden darkness**  
**Then I will also confess to you that your own right hand can save you**



## 2. The Lord asked Job to consider Behemoth - 40:15-24

### a. The behemoth had powerful bones - 40:15-18

**Look now at behemoth which I made along with you**  
(Behemoth is probably a form of dinosaur which fits the characteristics)  
He is the first of the ways of God - Job 40:19  
**The behemoth eats grass like an ox**  
**The strength of the behemoth is in his hips**  
**The power of the behemoth is in his stomach**  
**He moves his tail like a cedar**  
The cedar tree is a very large tree - 1 Kings 5:10  
**The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit**  
**His bones are like beams of bronze**  
(His bones were very strong and difficult to break)  
**His ribs are like bars of iron**

### b. The behemoth was the first in the ways of God - 40:19-22

**The behemoth is the first of the ways of God**  
Job mentioned things that are the edges of His ways - Job 26:14  
**Only God can bring a sword against him**  
(God is the only One who could control the behemoth)  
**The mountains yield food for him**  
God is the One who makes the grass grow - Psalm 104:14  
**That is where all of the beasts of the fields play**  
Leviathan is one of the animals that plays there - Job 41:1; Psalm 104:26  
**He lies under the lotus trees**  
These are larger trees which provide shade - Job 40:22  
**He lies in a shelter of reeds and marsh**  
Can the reeds flourish without water - Job 8:11  
**The lotus trees cover him with their shade**  
**The willows by the brook surround him**  
Israel used willow branches to celebrate the feast of tabernacles - Leviticus 23:40

### c. The behemoth did not get disturbed - 40:23-24

**The river may rage but he is not disturbed**  
The river rages at the time it floods - Joshua 3:14-15  
**He is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth**  
The Jordan was a river familiar to Job - Genesis 13:10  
**Can anyone capture him when he is on watch**  
**With barbs can anyone pierce his nose**

### 3. The Lord asked Job to consider Leviathan - 41:1-11

#### a. Leviathan was a creature that was in the sea - 41:1-4

**Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook**

(Leviathan may be the killer whale or the great white shark)

Leviathan is no problem for God to control - Psalm 74:14

**Can you snare his tongue with a line which you lower**

Leviathan is a creature that is in the water - Psalm 104:26

**Can you put a reed through his nose**

God was going to put His hook in the nose of Sennacherib - 2 Kings 19:28

**Can you pierce his jaw with a hook**

**Will he make many supplications to you**

**Will he speak softly to you**

Because of his pride he will do nothing softly - Proverbs 15:1

**Will he make a covenant with you**

**Will you take him as a servant forever**

#### b. Leviathan could not be controlled - 41:5-7

**Will you play with him as with a bird**

**Will you leash him for your maidens**

**Will your companions make a banquet of him**

**Will they apportion him among the merchants**

**Can you fill his skin with harpoons**

(The fishermen cannot destroy Leviathan)

**Can you fill his head with fishing spears**

#### c. Leviathan was a very fierce creature - 41:8-11

**Lay your hand on him**

**Remember the battle—never do it again**

(Man cannot battle or control certain of the sea creatures)

**Any hope of overcoming him is false**

There were those who wanted to kill Leviathan - Job 3:8

**Shall one not be overwhelmed at the sight of him**

**No one is so fierce that he would dare stir him up**

**Who then is able to stand against Me**

One day the Lord will punish Leviathan - Isaiah 27:1

**Who has preceded Me that I should pay him**

The thought of this verse is repeated in Romans 11:35

**Everything under heaven is Mine**

God's ways are past finding out - Job 9:10

**4. The Lord asked Job to consider another creature - 41:12-34**

**a. This creature may have been a dragon - 41:12-23**

**1) He could not be controlled by man - 41:12-14**

**I will not conceal his limbs  
I will not conceal his mighty power, or his graceful proportions  
Who can remove his outer coat  
Who can approach him with a double bridle  
Who can open the doors of his face  
He has terrible teeth all around**

**2) He was covered with scales on his body - 41:15-17**

**His rows of scales are his pride**  
(This creature had great pride because of his scales)  
In a person, pride will bring that person low - Proverbs 29:23  
**They are shut up tightly as a seal  
One is so near another  
That no air can come between them  
They are joined one to another  
They stick together and cannot be parted**

**3) He had fire come from his mouth - 41:18-23**

**His sneezings flash forth light  
His eyes are like the eyelids of the morning  
Out of his mouth go burning lights  
Sparks of fire shoot out**  
(Here we see that this creature can breathe out fire)  
**Smoke goes out of his nostrils**  
Smoke went up from His nostrils; coals were kindled by it - Psalm 18:8  
**As from a boiling pot and burning rushes  
His breath kindles coals**  
God did this and created a creature that could do it also - Psalm 18:8  
**A flame goes out of his mouth**  
(We see that this creature could send out flames from his mouth)  
**Strength dwells in his neck  
Sorrow dances before him  
The folds of his flesh are joined together**  
They clasp each other and cannot be separated - Job 41:17  
**They are firm on him and cannot be moved**

**b. This creature is both a land and sea creature - 41:24-34**

**1) He could not be fought with weapons of that day - 41:24-27**

**His heart is as hard as stone**  
People also can have a heart of stone - Ezekiel 36:26-27  
**Even as hard as the lower millstone**  
The millstones are used to grind meal - Lamentations 5:13  
**When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid**  
Job kept silence because pride causes even the mighty to fear - Job 31:34  
**Because of his crashings they are beside themselves**  
**Though the sword reaches him it cannot avail**  
**Neither does a spear, dart or javelin avail**  
**He regards iron as straw**  
**He regards bronze as wood**

**2) His undersides had sharp points - 41:28-30**

**The arrow cannot make him flee**  
**Slingstones become like stubble to him**  
**Darts are regarded as straw**  
**He laughs at the threat of javelins**  
**His undersides are like sharp potsherds**  
(A sharp potsherd is a broken piece of a clay pot that is sharp)  
**He spreads pointed marks in the mire**

**3) He was also able to move in the sea - 41:31-34**

**He makes the deep boil like a pot**  
**He makes the sea like a pot of ointment**  
**He leaves a shining wake behind him**  
(This creature was both on land and in the seas)  
A shining wake is the result of fast movement through the water  
**One would think the deep had white hair**  
**On earth there is nothing like him**  
(This creature was unique and cannot be compared to any other)  
Only He who made him can bring near His sword - Job 40:19  
**Which is made without fear**  
He is the one creature that was made without fear - Genesis 9:2  
**He beholds every high thing**  
One who lifts himself on high is very proud - Job 39:18  
**He is king over all the children of pride**  
His pride was even greater than the lions - Job 28:8

## VII. Job Confessed and God Restored - 42:1-17

### A. Job confessed his sin and prayed for his friends - 42:1-9

#### 1. Job summarized what the Lord had said to him - 42:1-4

**Job answered the Lord and said:  
I know that you can do everything**  
God asked, "Is anything too hard for the Lord" - Genesis 18:14  
**No purpose of yours can be withheld from You**  
**You asked, "Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge"**  
After many months, this was the first question God asked Job - Job 38:2  
**I have uttered what I did not understand**  
**Things so wonderful for me, which I did not know**  
Job admitted he did not understand the things that he had said - Psalm 40:5  
**Listen, please, and let me speak**  
**You said, "I will question you and you will answer Me"**

#### 2. Job repented of his sin against the Lord - 42:5-6

**I have heard you by the hearing of the ear  
Now my eye sees you  
Therefore, I abhor myself  
I repent in dust and ashes**  
Job humbled himself before God - James 4:6-10

#### 3. Job prayed for his friends and God accepted them - 42:7-9

**The Lord had spoken those words to Job**  
**The Lord also spoke to Eliphaz the Temanite and his two friends**  
**God said, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends"**  
**"You have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has"**  
They had all condemned Job blaming him for hidden sin - Job 15:1-3, 20-26  
**Take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams**  
**Go to My servant Job and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering**  
At this point the three believed God and obeyed Him - Job 42:9  
**My servant Job will pray for you**  
**I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly**  
Surely He scorns the scornful - Proverbs 3:34  
**You have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has**  
**Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar did as the Lord commanded them**  
**The Lord had accepted Job**  
God gives grace to the humble - Proverbs 3:34

**B. Job experienced even greater blessing from the Lord - 42:10-17**

**1. The Lord encouraged Job through all of his acquaintances - 42:10-11**

**The Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends**

Prayer is our most important ministry if we are a leader - Acts 1:14; 6:4

God works in our lives as we pray for others - James 5:16

**Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before**

This is what Job had before his suffering - Job 1:3

This is what the Lord gave Job after his suffering - Job 42:12 (see below)

**Then all his brothers, all his sisters and his other acquaintances came**

(They did not come during his suffering to try and comfort him)

They may not have known how to comfort Job in suffering - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

**They ate food with him in his house**

They did know how to rejoice with those who rejoice - Romans 12:15

**They consoled and comforted him for all the adversity**

They could now comfort him for his past suffering - 2 Corinthians 1:6

**The Lord had allowed all these things to come on Job**

The Lord allowed Satan to do it to show Job's faith - Job 1:12; 2:6

**They each gave him a piece of silver and a ring of gold**

**2. The Lord blessed Job abundantly - 42:12-15**

**The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than the beginning**

**He had 14,000 sheep**

**He had 6,000 camels**

**He had 1,000 yoke of oxen**

**He had 1,000 female donkeys**

**He also had seven sons and three daughters**

**The name of the first daughter was Jemimah**

**The name of the second daughter was Keziah**

**The name of the third daughter was Keren-Happuch**

**No women were as beautiful as the daughters of Job in all the land**

**Their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers**

(This is an early example of the inheritance going to both sons and daughters)

**3. The Lord gave Job a good long life - 42:16-17**

**After this Job lived one hundred and forty years**

**He saw his children and grandchildren for four generations**

**Job died, old and full of days**

Job had hoped and expected to die very soon - Job 3:11

Job said that until he died he would not put away his integrity - Job 27:5