

Job, his Friends and Elihu's Highlights – Job 3:1 to 37:24

Much of what they say about God is true, but it has nothing to do with Job's suffering. To them, Job is a theological, philosophical problem, which they must (and do?) solve.

29:7; 31:21 Job is a city Elder

3:1-3 & 11 **Why** – Why was I ever Born?

3:20-21 Job questions God's prolonging the life of those who are in misery and thus long for death. This **attitude** led him to repeatedly ask "Why". He does not curse God, as Satan predicted, but he does **question God's sovereignty and wisdom in this**. Thus, God later rebukes Job, whereupon he is humbled & repents (40:1-2, 42:1-6).

3:25-26 **Even though I did nothing wrong**

4:6 Job's **Fear** (3:25) is what kept him in the straight and narrow – not his love of God

4:7-8 the **Main Theme** of all three "Friends" – the innocent do not suffer – suffering is due to sin: God is righteous and would not punish the innocent – Therefore Job is guilty of some secrete sin

4:8 Eliphaz's proof: **Experience** – "I have seen" & his Demonic Night Vision (4:17-21)

5:27 Eliphaz, Bildad & Zophar have already met, discussed and decided Job's problem

6:2, 4, 21, and **29b** – **ah, the best man on the earth does have a problem**

7:3-5 **Months** = length of Job's trial (also 29:2): 11, 20-21 – "I have sinned" etc.

8:1-10, 20-22: True – when Jesus comes again as Lord: Tradition (vv. 8-10) & **Platitudes** that are true but they have nothing to do with Job's problem.

9:17, 32-33 Job realizes that he needs a **mediator**

10:2, 7, 15, 19 – Job continues

11:1-6 Zophar's "Ministry" – all three are lost legalistic religious philosophers.

13:1-5, 13a, 15-16, 18, **21-24** – Job's rebuttal: note vs. **22**

16:21 Job again asks for a **mediator**

21:7 "the wicked" – vv. 14-**15 cp. 34:9** – **Elihu lied**

22:5 & 23 – Eliphaz's final speech

23:3-4 Job

29:12-17 – Job tells of his good works

30:30 Skin has become black and he has Fever

31:35a & 37b – oh that God would answer me: "like a Prince, I would go near unto Him"

31:1-4 **Elihu** begins a six chapter monologue

33:6 Elihu: I am the **medaitor** you asked for – hardly: and vs. **33b**

34:5-6 & **9 – 35-37**

36:21

Job had not asked for Restoration of all he had lost – only **Vindication** of his Character & integrity: the exact same attributes in which God was assailed by Satan in Chs. 1 & 2!