

## Bible Study 8/5/15

### Job Chapters 4 thru 7

1. Job has given vent to his passions; friends have come gravely to tell him their judgement on his case.
  - a. Eliphaz starts it and is moderator
    - i. God will finally give his judgement on the controversy at the end
    - ii. Eliphaz was probably the oldest of the three hence he went first.
      1. He asks Job if it is going to be ok to speak; he was afraid that he might just set off another tirade.
      2. He felt he needed to speak up , could not let Job get by with what he considered an affront to God
    - iii. He commended Job for having instructed, strengthen, and supporting others emotionally and spiritually by his words of counsel
      1. Contained a rebuke as he suggested that Job was unable to take his own medicine
      2. He had told others to be patient under trial but now that trouble had come to him and he was discouraged
        - a. Job had been a great encourager but now could not encourage himself
        - b. Eliphaz failed to realize that one discouraged cannot (pull-up by bootstraps) encourage themselves

c. Eliphaz should have encouraged

3. Verse 6: Then he charged Job with wickedness and false-heartedness. This was total falsehood, because he thought it had to be true, otherwise God would not have let this happen, says Job was all a pretense.

4. Verse 4:7-11 Advances another argument to prove Job a hypocrite, not only Job's importance under his afflictions but also the affliction

a. The innocent never perish, destroyed ruined as Job was

b. Give me an example, many times the innocent do suffer  
Luke 13:4-5, John 9:1-3; 1 Peter 2:19-20

c. While evil seemingly have no problems

d. His authority for this view was what he had seen in his life

e. Though a Lion's teeth might be strong, they can be broken, perish from lack of food, scattered by the hunter

5. Verses 4:17-21 Words of Dream

a. The word came to him, but not a "word of the Lord"

b. Word came secretly

c. Messenger seems to picture God not concerned with man

2. Chapter 5 Eliphaz: Job is chastened by God

a. Eliphaz's warning against appealing to the Holy Ones

i. No possibility of Angels helping because they cannot be trusted(4:18)

- ii. Eliphaz interpreted Job's lament as a resentment of a fool and as a simpleton's envy which would kill not heal
  - iii. Eliphaz mercilessly spoke of Job as a fool who had begun to prosper but was suddenly cursed by God and therefore lost his children and his wealth
    - 1. Came not from ground but from within the man
    - 2. Man is born for trouble just watch little kids
- b. Verses 5:8-16
- i. Eliphaz's in his mind cause and effect told Job to appeal to God because he was majestic, powerful, benevolent
  - ii. God encourages; frustrates crafty
  - iii. Not wrong but Eliphaz had assumed wrongly that Job had sinned deliberately
- c. Verses 5:17-27
- i. Eliphaz said Job's problem were disciplinary
    - 1. God was correcting so Job should welcome it
    - 2. Have right attitude, so that God could Bless Job
      - a. Though God might punish
      - b. He restores and Heals
    - 3. Six calamities even 7 so that it was complete
- d. Eliphaz concludes his 1<sup>st</sup> speech by reminding Job of his authority of his observations and urged Job to heed them

### 3. Chapter 6 Job's First Reply to Eliphaz

- a. Job did not speak until Eliphaz had finished speaking, (could we have been quiet and let Eliphaz go on like he did )
- b. Verses 6:1-3 His complaint was that his anguish was heavy
  - i. Complaining on the scales with misery, his misery would have been heavier
- c. Verses 6:4-7
  - i. God was shooting poisoned arrows at him
  - ii. Just like donkeys or oxen with food Job would not have complained if his situation was more normal.
  - iii. Food tasted better with salt, whites of eggs needs flavoring, Job's trouble and his wailing went together. His complaining should therefore be excused.
- d. Verses 6:8-13
  - i. Job hoped for death and wanted God to grant his request
  - ii. He saw no need to be patient because he nothing to hope for
    - 1. His strength was gone
    - 2. Verses 6:12-13 read these verses for sure
- e. Verses 6:14-23
  - i. Disappointment in friends
  - ii. When a man is in despair his friends should be loyal Job felt

- iii. Job had not turned from fearing God, but he still need companionship and backing
- iv. Friends were compared to a riverbed, which would be flowing in wintertime when it was not needed, but in the summertime when it was needed same thing as dry.
- v. 18-23 microscope
  1. Travelers in caravans had gotten lost looking for water in riverbeds, so that they became distressed
  2. Job was distressed or disappointed expecting help from his three friends but not getting it
  3. Fact was that they were probably afraid even to look at Job
  4. He had never asked for help before, so why wouldn't they help him now

f. Verses 6:24-30

- i. Jobs pleas to three friends
  1. Asked friends to tell him where he had gone wrong
  2. Where have I sinned
  3. They treated his words like the wind
  4. They seemed opposed to him as if seeking undue advantage
- ii. It was so bad Job even asked his friends to just look at him.

4. Chapter 7 Job: My Suffering is Comfortless

- a. Verse 7:1-5 Job's pattern of Misery

- i. Man is like a soldier (calls hard service) fulfilling his time of enlistment  
with its toils
- ii. Jobs condition was worse, he had months not just days of futility
  - 1. Instead of being able to rest in the shade or at night in sleep, he  
tossed and turned in pain
  - 2. Dreams were bad thought this was from God
- b. Verses 7:6-21 Jobs Prayer to God
  - i. Spoke of brevity of life, faster than a weaver's shuttle
  - ii. Thought he would never see happiness again, God would not see him, he  
would be gone into the grave
  - iii. Verses 7:11-12 spoke without restraint in bitter complaint
    - 1. Complained that God was watching and harassing him
    - 2. Used common myths to describe
    - 3. Felt he was in a subhuman condition in which God was guarding  
him like a defeated enemy
  - iv. Verses 7:13-15
    - 1. Accuses God of giving him bad dreams so he can't rest in sleep,  
wants to die
  - v. Verses 7:16-19
    - 1. Since he knew he was not long for this body, longed for God to  
leave him alone

2. Why should God hound, harass, haunt him, life ending; his days had no meaning
3. God would not leave him alone, even for an instant

c. Verses 7:20-21

- i. Asked God to tell how he had sinned
- ii. God continued to stare at Job and seem to hit him like a target
- iii. **If Job was a sinner why didn't God forgive him and be done with it?**
- iv. Job's cry of bitter despair.