

JOB 15 vs 1

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Little is known about Job, but what we do know is that Job was a real person -- mentioned in Ezekiel 14; and James 5. To help us understand what speculative wisdom was being exchanged among these 4 friends, I went to the end of the book, to hear its conclusion, and we read: the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My anger is ignited against you, and against your two friends: for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. These 4 friends were clueless to what brought them together; so their guesses and rumors run freely through the pages dressed in friendship. .



Eliphaz Accuses Job of Folly,

¹ Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

² Should a wise man answer with empty knowledge, And fill himself with the east wind?

³ Should he reason with pointless talk, or by speeches with which he can do no good?

⁴ Yes, you throw off fear, And restrain prayer before God.

⁵ For your crime teaches your mouth, And you choose the tongue of the crafty.

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

⁷ Are you the first man who was born? Or were you made before the hills?

⁸ Have you heard the counsel of God? Do you limit wisdom to yourself?

⁹ What do you know that we do not know? What do you understand that is not in us?/ they seem to say the same obvious things to each other, I know that, too, I wasn't born yesterday, they sound no different than the bird brains and peanut heads of our genius 21st century.

¹⁰ Both the gray-haired and the aged are among us, Much older than your father.

¹¹ Are the consolations of God too small for you, And the word spoken gently with you?

¹² Why does your heart carry you away, And what do your eyes wink at,

¹³ That you turn your spirit against God, And let such words go out of your mouth?

¹⁴ What is man, that he could be pure? And he who is born of a woman, that he could be right?

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- 15 If God puts no trust in His saints, And the heavens are not pure in His sight,**
- 16 How much less man, who is abominable and filthy, Who drinks crime like water!**
- 17 I will tell you, hear me; what I have seen I will declare,**
- 18 what wise men have told, Not hiding anything received from their fathers,**
- 19 To whom alone the land was given, And no foreigner passed among them:**
- 20 the wicked man writhes with pain all his days, And the number of years is hid from the oppressor.**
- 21 Dreadful sounds are in his ears; In prosperity the destroyer comes upon him.**
- 22 He does not believe that he will return from darkness, for a sword is waiting for him.**
- 23 He wanders about for bread, saying, Where is it? He knows that a day of darkness is ready at his hand.**
- 24 Trouble and anguish make him afraid; They overpower him, like a king ready for battle.**
- 25 For he stretches out his hand against God, and acts defiantly against the Almighty,**
- 26 Running stubbornly against Him With his strong, embossed shield.**
- 27 Though he covered his face with his fatness, And made his waist heavy with fat,**
- 28 He dwells in desolate cities, In houses which no one inhabits, which are destined to become ruins.**
- 29 He will not be rich, Nor his wealth continue, Nor his possessions overspread the earth.**
- 30 He will not depart from darkness; The flame will dry out his branches, and by the breath of His mouth he will go away.**
- 31 Let him not trust in futile things, deceiving himself, For futility will be his reward.**
- 32 It will be accomplished before his time, And his branch will not be green.**
- 33 He will shake off his unripe grape like a vine, And throw off his blossom like an olive tree.**
- 34 For the company of hypocrites will be barren, And fire will consume the tents of bribery.**

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³⁵ They conceive trouble and bring forth futility; their womb prepares deceit.

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