

# JOB 20 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. .



Zophar's Sermon on the Wicked Man,

**<sup>1</sup> Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:**

**<sup>2</sup> So my anxious thoughts make me answer, Because of the turmoil within me.**

**<sup>3</sup> I have heard the rebuke that reproaches me, And the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer.** / but did Zophar have a bad spirit?

**<sup>4</sup> Do you not know this of old, Since man was placed on earth,**

**<sup>5</sup> That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?**

**<sup>6</sup> Though his haughtiness mounts up to the heavens, And his head reaches to the clouds,**

**<sup>7</sup> Yet he will perish forever like his own refuse; and those who knew him will say, Where is he?**

**<sup>8</sup> He will fly away like a dream, and not be found; Yes, he will be chased away like a vision of the night.**

**<sup>9</sup> The eye that saw him will see him no more, Nor will his place behold him anymore.**

**<sup>10</sup> His children will seek the favor of the poor, And his hands will restore his wealth.**

**<sup>11</sup> His bones are full of his youthful vigor, but will lie down with him in the dust.**

**<sup>12</sup> Though evil is sweet in his mouth, And he hides it under his tongue,**

**<sup>13</sup> Though he spares it and does not forsake it, but still keeps it in his mouth,**

**<sup>14</sup> Yet his food in his stomach turns sour; It becomes cobra venom within him.**

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<sup>15</sup> He swallows down riches And vomits them up again; God throws them out of his belly.

<sup>16</sup> He will suck the poison of cobras; The viper's tongue will slay him.

<sup>17</sup> He will not see the streams, The rivers flowing with honey and cream.

<sup>18</sup> He will restore that for which he labored, And will not swallow it down; from the proceeds of business He will get no enjoyment.

<sup>19</sup> For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor, He has violently seized a house which he did not build.

<sup>20</sup> Because he knows no quietness in his heart, He will not save anything he desires.

<sup>21</sup> Nothing is left for him to eat; so his well-being will not last.

<sup>22</sup> In his self-sufficiency he will be in distress; every hand of misery will come against him.

<sup>23</sup> When he is about to fill his stomach, God will throw on him the fury of His wrath, and will rain it on him while he is eating.

<sup>24</sup> He will flee from the iron weapon; yet a bronze bow will pierce him through.

<sup>25</sup> It is drawn, and comes out of the body; Yes, the glittering point comes out of his gall.

Terrors come upon him;

<sup>26</sup> Total darkness is reserved for his treasures. An unfanned fire will consume him; It will go ill with him who is left in his tent.

<sup>27</sup> The heavens will reveal his crime, And the earth will rise up against him.

<sup>28</sup> The increase of his house will depart, And his goods will fly away in the day of His wrath.

<sup>29</sup> This is the portion from God for a wicked man, The heritage appointed to him by God.

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