

JOB 22 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 Wickedness,

¹ Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

² Can a man be profitable to God, Though he who is wise may be profitable to himself?

³ Is it any pleasure to the Almighty that you are right? Or is it gain to Him that you make your ways blameless?

⁴ Is it because of your fear of Him that He corrects you, And enters into judgment with you?

⁵ Is not your wickedness great, And your crime without end?

⁶ For you have taken pledges from your brother for no reason, And stripped the naked of their clothing.

⁷ You have not given the weary water to drink, And you have withheld bread from the hungry.

⁸ But the mighty man possessed the land, And the honorable man dwelt in it.

⁹ You have sent widows away empty, And the strength of the fatherless was crushed.

¹⁰ So snares are all around you, And sudden fear troubles you,

¹¹ Or darkness so that you cannot see; And an abundance of water covers you. / Eliphaz was sure Job must have done something that angered God.

¹² Is not God in the height of heaven? And see the highest stars, how lofty they are!

¹³ And you say, What does God know? Can He judge through the deep darkness?

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¹⁴ Thick clouds cover Him, so that He cannot see, And He walks above the circle of heaven.

¹⁵ Will you keep to the old way which wrongdoers have trod,

¹⁶ Who were cut down before their time, Whose foundations were swept away by a flood?

¹⁷ They said to God, Depart from us! What can the Almighty do to them?

¹⁸ Yet He filled their houses with good things; But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

¹⁹ The righteous see it and are glad, And the innocent laugh at them:

²⁰ Surely our adversaries are cut down, And the fire consumes their remnant.

²¹ Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you.

²² Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, And lay up His words in your heart.

²³ If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; You will remove crime far from your tents.

²⁴ Then you will lay your gold in the dust, And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks.

²⁵ Yes, the Almighty will be your gold And your precious silver;

²⁶ for then you will have your delight in the Almighty, And lift up your face to God.

²⁷ You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, And you will pay your vows.

²⁸ You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.

²⁹ When they throw you down, and you say, Exaltation will come! Then He will save the humble person.

³⁰ He will even deliver one who is not innocent; Yes, He will be delivered by the cleanness of your hands.

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