

# JOB 5 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. .



endless speculations  
half-true assumptions  
guesses, feelings  
unfounded reports  
based on nothing real

Eliphaz

Eliphaz: Job Is Chastened by God,

**<sup>1</sup> Call out now; is there anyone who will answer you?**

**And to which of the holy ones will you turn?**

**<sup>2</sup> For wrath kills a foolish man, and envy slays a simple one.**

**<sup>3</sup> I have seen the foolish taking root, but suddenly I cursed his dwelling place.**

**<sup>4</sup> His sons are far from safety, they are crushed in the gate, and there is no deliverer.**

**<sup>5</sup> Because the hungry eat up his harvest, taking it even from the thorns. And a snare snatches their substance.**

**<sup>6</sup> For affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble spring from the ground;**

**<sup>7</sup> Yet man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward.**

**<sup>8</sup> But as for me, I would seek God, and to God I would commit my cause –** / Does Eliphaz rely on his own righteousness? He sounds like he is projecting what he cares not to say directly to Job.

**<sup>9</sup> Who does great things, and unsearchable, marvelous things without number.**

**<sup>10</sup> He gives rain on the earth, and sends waters on the fields.**

**<sup>11</sup> He sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.**

**<sup>12</sup> He frustrates the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot carry out their plans.**

**<sup>13</sup> He catches the wise in their own craftiness, and the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them.**

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- <sup>14</sup> They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope at noontime as in the night.
- <sup>15</sup> But He saves the needy from the sword, from the mouth of the mighty, and from their hand.
- <sup>16</sup> So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts her mouth.
- <sup>17</sup> Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; So do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.
- <sup>18</sup> **For He bruises, but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole.**
- <sup>19</sup> He will deliver you in six troubles, Yes, in seven no evil will touch you.
- <sup>20</sup> In famine He will redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword.
- <sup>21</sup> You will be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, and you will not be afraid of destruction when it comes.
- <sup>22</sup> You will laugh at destruction and famine, and you will not be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
- <sup>23</sup> For you will have a covenant with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field will be at peace with you.
- <sup>24</sup> You will know that your tent is in peace; you will visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss.
- <sup>25</sup> You will also know that your descendants will be many, and your offspring like the grass of the earth.
- <sup>26</sup> You will come to the grave at a full age, as a sheaf of grain ripens in its season.
- <sup>27</sup> Behold, this we have searched out; It is true. Hear it, and know for yourself.

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