



ELIPHAZ GOT TWO THINGS RIGHT

The Issue of Personal Suffering - Job 5

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A. Review – Responding to Those Who Hurt

1. The Ministry of Presence—just be there.
2. The Ministry of Helping—help in some way.
3. The Ministry of Prayer—only God can truly fix things.

B. Eliphaz's First Speech (Part One--Review)

1. Eliphaz's Approach (4:1-6)

- "You have helped so many people with your preaching."
- "Now, it's time to practice what you preach."

2. Eliphaz's Accusation (4:5-11)

- "Do the innocent really suffer?"
- "You reap what you sow, Job, and you really asked for this."

3. Eliphaz's Argument (4:12-21)

- "Who ever perished being innocent, Job?"
- "Do you really think you are not suffering because of your sin?"

C. Eliphaz's First Speech (Part Two)

4. Eliphaz's Assessment (5:1-7)

Job 5:7, NASB -⁷ For man is born for trouble...

5. Eliphaz's Appeal (5:8-17)

Here are Two Things Eliphaz got right:

Job 5:8–9, NASB -⁸ "But as for me, I would seek God, And I would place my cause before God;⁹ Who does great and unsearchable things, Wonders without number."

Job 5:19, MSG -¹⁹ From one disaster after another He delivers you; no matter what the calamity, the evil can't [destroy] you...

- A. Place your situation before God.
- B. Only God can deliver you.

6. Eliphaz's Assurance (5:17-22)

Job 5:17, NASB95 -¹⁷ "Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproveth, so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty."

D. Why Do Good People Suffer

1. We live in a fallen world (the curse is the same for everyone).
2. Suffering is unrelated to personal goodness (most of the time).
3. It could be the result of personal sin. (Numbers 32:23; Galatians 6:7-8).
4. It could be the result of other people's sin.
5. It could be a "teaching moment" from God (ie., discipline).
6. It could serve as encouragement to other people.
7. Sometimes, only God knows why we suffer.

E. Remember what Eliphaz got Right

- A. Place your situation before God.
- B. Only God can deliver you.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.