



In Response to Eliphaz Job Cries Out to God

The Issue of Personal Suffering - Job 7

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Job Cries Out to God About the Following:

1. The Futility of Life.

Job 7:1–3, NLT -¹ *“Is not all human life a struggle? Our lives are like that of a hired hand, ² like a worker who longs for the shade, like a servant waiting to be paid. ³ I, too, have been assigned months of futility, long and weary nights of misery.*

2. The Brevity of Life.

Job 7:4–11, TLB -⁴ *When I go to bed I think, ‘Oh, that it were morning,’ and then I toss till dawn. ⁵ “My skin is filled with worms and blackness. My flesh breaks open, full of pus. ⁶ My life drags by—day after hopeless day. ⁷ My life is but a breath, and nothing good is left. ⁸ You see me now, but not for long. Soon you’ll look upon me dead. ⁹ As a cloud disperses and vanishes, so those who die shall go away forever— ¹⁰ gone forever from their family and their home—never to be seen again. ¹¹ Ah, let me express my anguish. Let me be free to speak out of the bitterness of my soul.*

3. The Anxieties of Life.

A. Why do You care about people, Lord?

Job 7:17, HCSB -¹⁷ *What is man, that You think so highly of him and pay so much attention to him?*

1 Peter 5:7, NIV84 -⁷ *Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*

B. Is this life just a test, Lord?

Job 7:18, HCSB -¹⁸ *You inspect him every morning, and put him to the test every moment.*

Ephesians 5:15–17, NIV84 -¹⁵ *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.*

C. Will You ever forget me, Lord?

Job 7:19, HCSB -¹⁹ *Will You ever look away from me, or leave me alone long enough to swallow?*

Isaiah 49:15, ESV -¹⁵ *“Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.*

D. Have I sinned against You, Lord?

Job 7:20, NASB -²⁰ *“Have I sinned? [I have sinned.” (KJV)] What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself?*

Romans 3:23, NLT -²³ *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.*

E. Will You forgive me of my sin, Lord?

Job 7:21, NIV84 -²¹ *Why do you not pardon my offenses and forgive my sins?*

1 John 1:9, NASB95 -⁹ *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

JOB FORGOT SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT:

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; [but Jesus said] I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. - John 10:10, NASB