



HEAVY QUESTIONS

Job's Response to Eliphaz

The Issue of Personal Suffering - Job 6

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A. Review

1. Eliphaz, in a lengthy diatribe, offered tough words to Job in chapters 4-5.
2. Eliphaz said, "Job, no one suffers for no reason at all."
3. Eliphaz said, "Job, it's because you sinned that God is doing this to you."

B. Job's Response to Eliphaz (Ch. 6)

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1. Is life fair? Answer: _____ (6:1-7)

Job 6:1–3, MSG -¹ Job answered: ² "If my misery could be weighed, if you could pile the whole bitter load on the scales, ³ It would be heavier than all the sand of the sea!

Job 6:3, NASB95 -³ "....Therefore my words have been rash."

2. Do innocent people suffer? Answer: _____ (6:5-7)

Job 6:5–6, NLT -⁵ Don't I have a right to complain? Don't wild donkeys bray when they find no grass, and oxen bellow when they have no food? ⁶ Don't people complain about unsalted food? Does anyone want the tasteless white of an egg?

Job 6:4, TLB -⁴ For the Lord has struck me down with his arrows; he has sent his poisoned arrows deep within my heart.

3. Do followers of God ever lose hope? Answer: _____

Job 6:8–10, TLB -⁸ "Oh, that God would grant the thing I long for most—to die beneath his hand and be freed from his painful grip. ¹⁰ This, at least, gives me comfort despite all the pain—that I have not denied the words of the holy God.

4. Do we have enough strength, on our own, to make it to the end? Answer: _____ (6:11-12)

Job 6:11–13, TLB -¹¹ Oh, why does my strength sustain me? How can I be patient till I die? ¹² Am I unfeeling, like stone? Is my flesh made of brass? ¹³ For I am utterly helpless, without any hope.

5. "Did I ask for your help?" Answer: _____ (6:13-23)

Job 6:14, NASB -¹⁴ "For the despairing man there should be kindness from his friend; So that he does not forsake the fear of the Almighty.

- Did I ask for your input? • Did I ask for your money?
- Did I ask you to protect me? • Did I ask you to rescue me?
- Did I ask you to counsel me? • Did I ask you for anything?
- Did I even ask you to be here? • What sin(s) did I commit?

6. Will God be there for Job? Answer: _____

Job 42:1–2, 6, NASB -¹ Then Job answered the LORD and said, ² "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted... ⁶ Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes."

Job 19:25, NIV -²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

Job 36:5, NLT -⁵ "God is mighty, but he does not despise anyone! He is mighty in both power and understanding.