

# Job 4

Truth

- **Ch. 1-3**

1. Satan attacks Job's Character, Property, Family
2. Satan attacks Job's Health. Wife temps. Job does not sin. 3 Friends arrive at dump/sit 7 days/Weep
3. Job begins to perceive accusing glances/Blows up as he deplors his own existence...

**Job 3:1** May the day perish on which I was born And the night in which it was said, 'A male child is conceived.' [Continues entire chapter]

Satan now steps back to his corner of the ring  
Tag teams w/Eliphaz who continues the fight for him...

True we don't fight against flesh and blood yet also true flesh and blood is the conduit through which principalities and powers speak. [NJC]

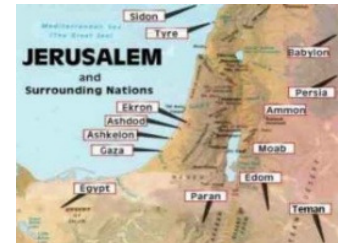
## I. Eliphaz Job Has Sinned

1 Then **Eliphaz the Temanite** answered and said: 2 "If one attempts a word with you, **will you become weary?** But who can withhold himself from speaking? 3 Surely **you have instructed** many, And **you have strengthened** weak hands. 4 **Your words have upheld** him who was stumbling, And **you have strengthened the feeble knees;** 5 But now it comes upon you, and you are weary; It touches you, and you are troubled. 6 Is not your reverence your confidence? And the integrity of your ways your hope?

- **Eliphaz** God is Strength lit God is Fine Gold
- **Teman** SE of Edom
- **Edomites** Relative of **Esau** Brother of Jacob

1. **Picture:** Flesh vs Spirit
2. **Type:** Sinful Nature/Old Man/Worldly Wisdom

Self-made man/No need of God/Pot of stew more important than God



**Romans 9:13** ... "Jacob I have loved, but **Esau I have hated.**"

**Hebrews 12:14** [Esau read Godless] [Be careful not to...] fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator **or profane** [unholy] **person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.**

- **Eliphaz:** Closely related to Esau
- **Esau:** Slave of the Flesh/Jealous of Godly/Condemner of Innocent

**Old Condemning Nature speaks to Job**  
**So...The big helper now needs help himself?**

- **Acts of an Enemy** Kick while down. Using our own words against us
- **Words of an Enemy** Physician heal Yourself/Come down off cross

Why do you think you can help others when you can't help yourself

Words of self-made me/woman ripe for judgment

- **God helps those who help themselves:** Words from the pit

7 "Remember now, **who ever perished being innocent?** Or where were the upright ever cut off? 8 Even as I have seen, Those who plow iniquity And sow trouble reap the same. 9 By the blast of God they perish, And by the breath of His anger they are consumed. 10 The roaring of the lion, The voice of the fierce lion, And the teeth of the young lions are broken. 11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey, And the cubs of the lioness are scattered.

As far as I've seen people get what they deserve? **True**

**Galatians 6:7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

- **Eliphaz** speaks truth **yet excludes God's Mercy**
- **Mercy:** Not getting what we fully deserve

Without **God's Mercy** we could not take our next breath  
Presuming to speak for God, Eliphaz begins on dangerous ground...

**Matthew 5:7** Blessed are the merciful, For **they shall obtain mercy.**

**James 5:11** Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very **compassionate and merciful.**

- **Eliphaz goes Pentecostal...** Ultra-spiritual showboating his self-appointed authority

12 "Now a word was secretly brought to me, And my ear received a whisper of it. 13 In disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night, When deep sleep falls on men, 14 Fear came upon me and trembling Which made all my **bones shake.** 15 Then a **spirit passed before my face;** The hair on my body stood up. 16 It stood still, But I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; There was silence; Then I heard a voice saying: 17 'Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker? 18 If He puts no trust in His servants, If He charges His angels with error, 19 How much more those who dwell in houses of clay, Whose foundation is in the dust, Who are crushed before a moth? 20 They are broken in pieces from morning till evening; They perish forever, with no one regarding. 21 Does not their own excellence go away? They die, even without wisdom.'

A spirit spoke to me...about you

**1 John 4:1** ...do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits,** whether they are of God...

**Test?** Spirit of God never contradicts the Word of God

- Eliphaz conclusion as per spirit      You're in this condition because of your sin

- **Reality of God's Word**

Job was not in this condition because of his sin

**Job 1:22** In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

**Job 2:10b** [Job after wife's suggestion] In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

- Eliphaz presses the issue...

## Job 5

Truth

### I. Eliphaz Job Is Being Punished

1 "Call out now; Is there **anyone who will answer you?** And to which of the holy ones will you turn? 2 For wrath kills a foolish man, And **envy slays a simple one.** 3 I have seen the foolish taking root, But suddenly I cursed his dwelling place. 4 His sons are far from safety, They are crushed in the gate, And there is no deliverer. 5 Because the hungry eat up his harvest, Taking it even from the thorns, And a snare snatches their substance. 6 For affliction does not come from the dust, Nor does trouble spring from the ground; 7 Yet man is born to trouble, As the sparks fly upward.

See if what I say is true! You're a sinner rejected by God  
Call out to Him and see if He answers you

- **Eliphaz:** God does not hear the sinner
  1. You have an **anger problem**
  2. You have an **envy problem**
- **Backhand slap:** I knew you were going to fall
  1. Lost House
  2. Lost Kids
  3. Lost Status. **Why?**

Bad things don't happen to a person for no reason...and that reason is always sin **FALSE**  
**IOWs Job...**As naturally as sparks rise...so trouble comes to people like you who cultivate it

- **Eliphaz:** Self-made man again showing **no mercy.** Attempts to give advice...

8 "But **as for me, I would seek God, And to God I would commit my cause—** 9 Who does great things, and unsearchable, Marvelous things without number. 10 He gives rain on the earth, And sends waters on the fields. 11 He sets on high those who are lowly, And those who mourn are lifted to safety. 12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty, So that their hands cannot carry out their plans. 13 He catches the wise in their own craftiness, And the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them. 14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, And grope at noontime as in the night. 15 But He saves the needy from the sword, From the mouth of the mighty, And from their hand. 16 So the poor have hope, And injustice shuts her mouth.

Passive/Aggressive Eliphaz  
Attempts to contrast the Godly [himself] with Ungodly [Job]

- **Great things** for the Godly like me
  1. Crops would flourish
  2. Set me on high/Lift me to safety for MY humility/Tears
  
- **Tragic things** to the ungodly like somebody else I know
  1. Frustrates their evil plans
  2. Prevent satisfaction day/night

Sounds a lot like you Job? Didn't you say so earlier?...

**Job 3:25** For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me. 26 I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes."

Take your medicine Job

17 "Behold, **happy is the man whom God corrects**; Therefore **do not despise the chastening** of the Almighty. 18 For **He bruises, but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole**. 19 He shall deliver you in six troubles, Yes, in seven no evil shall touch you. 20 In famine He shall redeem you from death, And in war from the power of the sword. 21 You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, And you shall not be afraid of destruction when it comes. 22 You shall laugh at destruction and famine, And you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth. 23 For you shall have a covenant with the stones of the field, And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you. 24 You shall know that your tent is in peace; You shall visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss. 25 You shall also know that your descendants shall be many, And your offspring like the grass of the earth. 26 You shall come to the grave at a full age, As a sheaf of grain ripens in its season. 27 Behold, **this we have searched out; It is true. Hear it, and know for yourself."**

Are these things completely true?

- We should be happy when God corrects? Just SMILE. **FALSE**

**Hebrews 12:11** Now **no chastening seems to be joyful** for the present, but painful;

- We should not despise God's correction? **TRUE**

**Hebrews 12:11b**...nevertheless, afterward [after correction] it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

- **Vv 18-26** If you accepted correction no bad things would happen? **FALSE**

**John 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world **you will have tribulation**...

**Psalm 34:19** Many are the **afflictions of the righteous**, But the Lord delivers him out of them all.

- Living a righteous life can eliminate many unnecessary troubles? **TRUE**

**Proverbs 10:27** The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

- **Eliphaz was there to lift up Eliphaz.**

An appearance of religion but no mercy is worse than nothing at all. Just go away...

**Self-Righteous Eliphaz:** A Fleshly Man w/Worldly Wisdom Showing No Mercy to Job

**James 2:12** So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For **judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.** 14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? **Can faith save him?**

- True Works of God are the works of Jesus; Love/Mercy/Grace  
This **we** have searched out? **IOWs** We all agree you're a sinner Job.
- **Job has had enough...**

## Job 6

Truth

### I. Job My Complaint Is Just

1 **Then Job** answered and said: 2 "Oh, that my grief were **fully weighed**, And my calamity laid with it on the scales! 3 For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea— Therefore **my words have been rash.** 4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me; My spirit drinks in their poison; The terrors of God are arrayed against me. 5 Does the wild donkey bray when it has grass, Or does the ox low over its fodder? 6 Can flavorless food be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg? 7 My soul refuses to touch them; They are as loathsome food to me. 8 "Oh, that I might have my request, That God would grant me the thing that I long for! 9 That it would **please God to crush me**, That He would loose His hand and cut me off! 10 Then I would still have comfort; Though in anguish I would exult, He will not spare; For **I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.**

You have no idea what I'm going through  
Heavier than the weight of all sand on every shoreline

- **Confession** My words have been rash but cut me a break
- **Call for Mercy** God is dealing with me. I know God is allowing this

Does an animal cry out when it has food?

**IOWs** would I be crying out if I were not in real pain!

I'm not faking this for sympathy...Not that I've found any from you

- **Job's Request v9:** It would please God to crush me

Would God be pleased to crush His Child?

**Isaiah 53:10** Yet it pleased the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,

God crushed His only Begotten Son that Jesus suffering would keep us from the Eternal suffering we all deserve. Whatever temporal suffering we incur here does not compare to the Salvation He purchased for us with His precious blood to keep us from eternal torment. [NJC]

**1 Peter 1:18** know... that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, **...19** but with the **precious blood of Christ...**

**Romans 8:18** ...the sufferings of this present time are **not worthy to be compared with the glory** which shall be revealed in us.

**2 Corinthians 4:17** **...our light affliction**, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and **eternal weight of glory...**

**1 Peter 1:6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been **grieved by various trials**, **7 that the genuineness of your faith**, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, **9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.**

**1 Peter 4:13** ... rejoice **to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings**, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be **glad with exceeding joy.**

May God crush me to death rather than for me to continue to suffer like this

- **I am innocent:** I have not denied the Word of God v10

I have nothing left within me...My fight is failing

**11** "What strength do I have, that I should hope? And what is my end, that I should prolong my life? **12** Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh bronze? **13** Is my help not within me? And is success driven from me?"

You have no idea what I am going through  
You answer my words spoken in pain without hearing my heart

- **Job pleads** for comfort/understanding

**14** "To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend, Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty. **15** My brothers have dealt deceitfully like a brook, Like the streams of the brooks that pass away, **16** Which are dark because of the ice, And into which the snow vanishes. **17** When it is warm, they cease to flow; When it is hot, they vanish from their place. **18** The paths of their way turn aside, They go nowhere and perish. **19** The caravans of Tema look, The travelers of Sheba hope for them. **20** They are disappointed because they were confident; They come there and are confused.

21 For now you are nothing, You see terror and are afraid. 22 Did I ever say, 'Bring something to me'? Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth'? 23 Or, 'Deliver me from the enemy's hand'? Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of oppressors'?

**Even if** I have forsaken the fear of God  
At least show mercy for what I am suffering!

24 "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; Cause me to understand wherein I have erred. 25 How forceful are right words! But what does your arguing prove? 26 Do you intend to rebuke my words, And the speeches of a desperate one, which are as wind? 27 Yes, you overwhelm the fatherless, And you undermine your friend. 28 Now therefore, be pleased to look at me; For I would never lie to your face. 29 Yield now, let there be no injustice! Yes, concede, my righteousness still stands! 30 Is there injustice on my tongue? Cannot my taste discern the unsavory?"

- Don't just refute my words spoken in pain
- Teach me in a way that I can understand

### **IOWs** You Really Don't Care About Me

You think I don't know when you talk about the wicked you're talking about me?

- Generic wicked guy who lost his kids
- Generic wicked guy who lost his home
- Generic wicked guy who lost his health...that's me right?

v28 Look at my state...Concede my righteousness.  
I smell you're hypocrisy. Your feigned sweetness is starting to stink

## **Job 7**

Truth

### **I. Job** My Suffering is Never-Ending

1 "Is there not a time of hard service for man on earth? Are not his days also like the days of a hired man? 2 Like a servant who earnestly desires the shade, And like a hired man who eagerly looks for his wages, 3 So I have been allotted **months of futility**, And wearisome nights have been appointed to me. 4 When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise, And the night be ended?' For I have had my fill of tossing till dawn. 5 My flesh is caked with worms and dust, My skin is cracked and breaks out afresh.

**Job:** I constantly ask myself when this will end?  
My life seems so futile... Without meaning/purpose

**Ecclesiastes 1:1** The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. 2 "**Vanity of vanities,**" says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." 3 What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun? 4 One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever. 5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down,

And hastens to the place where it arose. 6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again. 8 All things are full of labor; Man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. 10 Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. 11 There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after..

**Ecclesiastes 12:13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.** 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

Man's Chief End is to Glorify God...And to Enjoy Him Forever

- **Job did not read end of Ecclesiastes:** His hope is failing...

6 "My days are **swifter than a weaver's shuttle**, And are spent **without hope**. 7 Oh, remember that my life is a breath! My eye will **never again see good**. 8 The eye of him who sees me will see me no more; While your eyes are upon me, I shall no longer be. 9 As the cloud disappears and vanishes away, So **he who goes down to the grave does not come up**. 10 He shall never return to his house, Nor shall his place know him anymore.

As described in the previous verses, in this season of affliction time is dragging by for Job through his sleepless and painful nights. Yet when he looked at his life in totality, it seemed to be a meaningless blur, spent without hope and as a breath. [Guzik]

- He who goes down to the grave does not come up? **FALSE**

**Ecclesiastes 6:12** For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days of his vain life which he passes like a shadow? Who can tell a man what will happen after him under the sun?

- **Answer?** Jesus can tell what will happen to a man after this life. That's who.

11 "Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the **anguish of my spirit**; I will complain in the **bitterness of my soul**. 12 Am I a sea, or a sea serpent, That You set a guard over me? 13 When I say, 'My bed will comfort me, My couch will ease my complaint,' 14 Then You **scare me with dreams** And **terrify me with visions**, 15 So that my **soul chooses strangling** And death rather than my body. 16 I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Let me alone, For my days are but a breath.

Since nothing matters [fatalism] I will speak my mind toward God  
Dangerous Rationale to open our mouths

- **Job Speaks from the depths of...**

1. Anguish of Spirit
2. Bitterness of Soul



- **V14** You [God] scare me with Dreams/Visions
- **Job believed Eliphaz was speaking for God?**

When I'm finally able to get sleep you try to scare me with dreams/visions  
 We hurt people when we presume to speak for God when he hasn't spoken to us

**Jeremiah 23:16 ... "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the Lord ...18 For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it?"**

- Words from Eliphaz own heart/flesh **leaving Job a mess...**
  1. **My soul** chooses strangling ...rather than listening to more of this
  2. **My body** chooses death ...rather than hearing one more word

Leave me alone for the short time I have left  
 Now overconfident Job continues to question God [c.f. Brute beast Psalm 73]

17 "What is man, that You should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him, 18 That You should visit him every morning, And test him every moment? 19 How long? Will You not look away from me, And let me alone till I swallow my saliva? 20 **Have I sinned? 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? 21 Why then do You not pardon my transgression, And take away my iniquity? For now I will lie down in the dust, And You will seek me diligently, But I will no longer be."

Why did You create me? Did I ask to be born?  
 Dangerous line of questioning aimed at the Creator of all things

- **What have I done to You?**      **A.** Sinned against a Holy God
- **How am I now Your target**      **A.** Be glad My hand on you Job
- **Why don't You forgive Me?**      **A.** I look forward to it when you see your own sin

Job concludes with a spoonful of self-pity...*because that's what God responds to?*  
 I'm just going to lay down and die/You'll be sorry when You can't find me to pick-on

- Too much like us I'm afraid
- Eliphaz will tag-team Bildad who will tell Job to just repent in Ch. 8