

**Job Adult Learning Center**  
**Class Five // Job Chapters 12-15**  
**Round Two (a) – Job responds to Zophar & Eliphaz Calls Job Out**  
**September 29, 2019**

- I. **Job’s response to Zophar: I’ll not reason with you but with God (Ch. 12-14) 10:45-11:15**
- A. You three should perform a play called *Incompetent to Counsel* (12:1-3)  
*“Counselors” who are not compassionate yield loneliness for the one counseled*
  - B. I am a joke while those at ease judge me and the wicked prosper (12:4-6)
    - 1. Curse #1 – My life is a joke – righteous and what for? (Psalm 73)
    - 2. Curse #2 – Those who are doing well sneer at calamity – it can’t happen to **them**
    - 3. Curse #3 – Meanwhile, the wicked get away with murder (Psalm 73)
  - C. Anyone – *even beasts* – know God is sovereign over all (12:7-12)  
Job is saying, *One Person is ultimately behind all this.*  
*God limits, orders, and controls all things for His glory and our good.* Pastor Brad Bigney
  - D. God controls all things and brings to naught those things that are high (12:13-25)
    - 1. He knows all things and can do all things (v. 13)
    - 2. He can knock down man and nature and we can’t stop it (v. 14-15)
    - 3. He knows all and can do all – even bad fortune is under his control (v. 16)
    - 4. He can bring to nothing those in high position (vv. 17-21)
    - 5. He explains things we cannot grasp (v. 22)
    - 6. He can make those thought to be wise to have no wisdom (vv. 23-25)
  - E. I know what you have said as well as you do (13:1-2)  
*I know God judges the wicked and blesses the righteous, but what do you do when the reverse is happening? It’s right before your eyes!*
  - F. I want to see the Lord in court that He would explain (13:3)
  - G. You three have become utterly useless (13:4-6)
  - H. Does God need you to misspeak for Him? (13:7-12)
  - I. Let me take my chances with God in court (13:13-19)
  - J. He pleads with God (as if they are in court) (13:20-28)
    - 1. Please don’t pull away from me/write me off (13:20)
    - 2. Please don’t intimidate me (13:21)
    - 3. Please let our conversation be like a real relationship - where I speak and you listen and you speak and I listen (13:22)
    - 4. What have I done wrong? (13:23)
    - 5. Why do you crush me? (13:24-28)
  - K. Job admits hopelessness of any response or any deliverance (Chap. 14)
    - 1. A man’s life is short and troubled (14:1-4)
    - 2. You have foreordained the scope (start-finish) of a man’s life (14:5)
    - 3. Can’t You just leave us alone until we die? (14:6)
    - 4. Trees continue to bear fruit repeatedly (14:7-9)
    - 5. But a man just dies after his earthly existence (14:10-12)
    - 6. Let me die so there is no more pain (14:13a)
    - 7. But then remember me. Is it possible that we will live again? (14:13b-14)
    - 8. I will respond if you summon me to your presence (14:15)
    - 9. You will (deal mercifully with me) when I am in your presence (14:16-17)
    - 10. But just as rocks erode, so You crush a man and he is no more (14:18-22)

- II. Eliphaz Speaks Again (Chapter 15) 11:15-11:25**
- A. Should a wise man (me) waste words with someone so empty? (15:1-3)
  - B. You condemn yourself with your mouth and do not honor God (15:4-6)
  - C. Do you think you have wisdom more than we do? (15:7-10)
  - D. Although we are gentle, yet you speak in anger against God (15:11-13)
  - E. How dare you claim innocence when even angels are not pure and you are a corrupt man who drinks in iniquity? (15:14-16)
  - F. I will tell you something that has been passed down by the fathers (15:17-19)
    - 1. The wicked always experience judgment and can't recognize why (15:20-24)
    - 2. The reason is because they contest against God (15:25-26)
    - 3. They attack God with defensiveness and they are self-indulgent (15:27-28)  
*I haven't done anything wrong, says the fat (self-indulgent) person.*
    - 4. His home self-destructs (15:29-35)
- III. Summary (11:25-11:30)**
- In this first section of Round Two of speeches, Job withdraws from his friends and his hope for deliverance, and towards wanting a one-on-one with God. His suffering is becoming less his focus, and wondering where God is and why He is allowing all this becomes his main concern.
- A. Job is convinced of his innocence. His friends' easy answers and accusations are unhelpful.
  - B. Job's friends say since God is fair and since Job is being cursed, he must have caused it. *In our world where things make sense, you have overlooked some obvious faults. Your claims of innocence and implications of God's unfairness make it apparent to us.*
  - C. God remains silent.
  - D. God sometimes has plans which fit kingdom purposes which don't fit the world we can see, understand and hope to control.
  - E. To make God's good character and to lament real suffering are mutually possible.
  - F. Real friends do well to not solve what they don't understand. But friends do get involved.
  - G. You can know accurate things about God in your head but sometimes life experiences make those difficult to hold onto.
- IV. Discussion 11:30-12:00**
- A. "Those who do well think that those who don't caused their own pain" (paraphrase of 12:5). If this is true, what might those *who do well* think caused them to do well? And how does that prepare them for the day when they might not do so well?
  - B. In Job 12:9, Job says that *what is happening to him comes from the hand of God*. In what way is that true? In what way is it not true? What are the implications for us when we go through bad things? Please read Lamentations 3:37-38 and Isaiah 45:6-7 and Amos 3:6 before answering. Why do people have a hard time with this particular truth?
  - C. What is Job's main message to man? What is his main message to God?
  - D. How might we help others during such times, and what could we pray for them in such times?

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HOW THESE APPLY TO ME

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WHAT SHOULD I ACCEPT, PRAY ABOUT, DO?

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