

The Book of JOB
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“With Friends Like You?”

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Chapter 15 - “Eliphaz – The Critic!”

- (v1-6) Your mouth condemns you.
- (v7-16) Let me interrogate you. (10 questions)
- (v17-26) Listen to me Job; you’re being judged for your iniquity.
- (v27-35) You’re getting what you deserve.

Chapter 16 - Job’s Response: “Miserable Comforters are You All!”

- (v1-5) Hey! Try walking in my shoes!
 - (v6-17) I guess God has done this to me. (Did God do this or Satan? Why is a natural disaster always an act of God? Maybe it’s an act of the devil!)
 - (v18-22) I’m not that bad, somebody help me!
- In verse 18, Job could be thinking about the life of Abel in comparison to his, Gen 4:10- *The LORD said (to Cain), “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Abel’s blood cried out from the ground. Heb 11:4- By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.*

Chapter 17 - “My Spirit is Broken”

- (v1-9) I’m at the end of my rope.
- (v10-16) Maybe death will relieve me of my anguish & pain. (Sheol or Hades- Luke 16:23)

Chapter 18 - “Bildad’s Bad Rap!”

- (v1-4) Job, you think we’re stupid.
- (v5-21) I’ll tell you what happens to the wicked and you better think about this!

Chapter 19 - “Job’s Reply- “Pity & Hope!”

- (v1-12) Job blames God for his calamity. **Understanding trials: James 1:2-4- My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 1 Peter 1:6-9- In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 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, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith -- the salvation of your souls.**
- (v13-21) Nobody likes me, everybody hates me; I think I’ll go eat worms.
- (v22-23) Please come to my pity party.
- (v24-29) My Redeemer lives & I shall see God!- Gal 3:13-14- *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. 1 Peter 1:17-21- And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were*

*not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **1 John 3:2-3**- Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. **Phil 3:20-21**- For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

Worship Song of Hope! - *I know that my redeemer lives
I know that my redeemer lives
He calls my name and I'll never be the same
I know that my redeemer lives*