

“Trusting the Wisdom of God in the Chaos of Life”

You Must Be Livin’ Wrong

Job 4:1-14:22

Summary: Job’s friends concluded Job was suffering the consequences of personal sin which prompted Job to declare his innocence and the greatness of God, even while wondering if he would survive.

Job’s friend Eliphaz;

concludes that Job is suffering because of his sin, and he should appeal to God about his situation. 4:5-9; 5:8

proclaims that God is disciplining Job for his sin. 5:17-18

Job responds by declaring that Eliphaz is of no help to him. 6:14-15

Job wonders how he has offended God and if God will forgive his sins before he dies. 7:16-21

Job’s friend Bildad concludes that;

all of Job’s complaints are nothing but hot air. 8:2

Job’s children are dead because they sinned against God. 8:4

a blameless man is well cared for by God. 8:5-7, 20-22

Job responds by;

wondering how he can be righteous before God. 9:2

declaring that he is no match for God, and he must ask God for mercy. 9:14-15

hopelessly stating that God must deal with all of humanity the same. 9:22

fearing the words and judgments of the Lord. 9:33-35

questioning why God his creator is so hard on him. 10:1-3,8,12,18,20-22

Zophar confronts Job concerning his belief that he is pure in the eyes of God. 11:1-6

Zophar declares to Job that if he is devoted to the Lord he can stand before the Lord without fear. 11:13-15

Job responds;

I am not inferior to my friends because I too have called out to God, and He responded to me. 12:1-4,13

I am not inferior to my friends because even though they smear me with lies I can make my case to God. 13:1-4,15, 20-23

By lamenting the brevity of life and the finality of death. 14:1-5,13-17

Some lessons from Job Chapters 4-14

- Blameless living does not guarantee a life free of pain and trouble.
- God does not always reveal to you the reason for your suffering.
- Those closest to you may not provide wise counsel when it comes to the ways of the Lord in your life.
- When you experience the unexplainable pain, struggle, and chaos of this life, you must continue to take your questions to God.