

## **Job – Part 7**

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### **The Point**

We need endurance in trusting God even when things are inexplicably difficult. (James 5:7-11)

Question: Is pain (evil and suffering) necessary in a fallen world?

“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” — C.S. Lewis

### **Job's 1<sup>st</sup> Right Response (Ch 1)**

Job worships God in the midst of his grief of losing his children and servants and possessions. (1:21)

### **Job's 2<sup>nd</sup> Right Response (Ch 2)**

Job refuses the counsel of his wife to curse God in the midst of the painful loss of his health. (2:10)

### **Job's 1<sup>st</sup> Complaint (Ch 3)**

Argument: A life of suffering is not worth living and God is wrong to give life to the suffering. (3:1)

### **Eliphaz's 1<sup>st</sup> Response (Chs 4-5)**

Argument: A life of suffering is not God's fault but the result of reaping what you sow. (4:8)

### **Job's 2<sup>nd</sup> Complaint (Chs 6-7)**

Argument: God is not giving me what I deserve, but what I don't deserve. (7:20)

### **Bildad's 1<sup>st</sup> Response (Ch 8)**

Argument: God gives us what we deserve in this life, even it is delayed. (8:3)

### **Job's 3<sup>rd</sup> Complaint (Job 9-10)**

Argument: We have no recourse when mistreated by God because 'might makes right' and his power allows him to do what he wants and no one can hold him accountable. (9:3-4)

### **Zophar's 1<sup>st</sup> Response (Job 11)**

Argument: God has the right to do what he wants even if you can't understand it. God knows your sin better than you do and you are getting better than you deserve. (11:5-6)

### **Job's 4<sup>th</sup> Complaint (Job 12-14)**

<sup>4</sup> *“But you smear with lies; You are all worthless physicians. <sup>5</sup> “O that you would be completely silent, And that it would become your wisdom! <sup>6</sup> “Please hear my argument And listen to the*

*contentions of my lips.* <sup>7</sup> *“Will you speak what is unjust for God, And speak what is deceitful for Him?”* <sup>8</sup> *“Will you show partiality for Him? Will you contend for God?”* <sup>9</sup> *“Will it be well when He examines you? Or will you deceive Him as one deceives a man?”* <sup>10</sup> *“He will surely reprove you If you secretly show partiality.”* <sup>11</sup> *“Will not His majesty terrify you, And the dread of Him fall on you?”* <sup>12</sup> *“Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your defenses are defenses of clay. – Job 13:4-12*

Argument: God is in the business of surprising reversals so your assumption that one who suffers must have sinned is not always true, so shut up and stop defending God with lies!

- You aren't smarter than I am! (12:1-3)
- It is a joke to think that the godly will be blessed. (12:4-6)
- God is in the business of destroying popular expectations. (12:7-25)
- I know what you know! (13:1-2)
- You are speaking lies about me and showing partiality to God! (13:3-12)
- I will hope in God and argue with God! (13:13-19)
- Don't terrify me but tell me what I have done wrong! (13:20-28)
- Life is short and difficult. (14:1-6)
- Death is the end of it all. (14:7-12)
- There is hope for change but even that God seems intent on destroying! (14:13-22)

### **Eliphaz's 2<sup>nd</sup> Response (Job 15)**

<sup>7</sup> *“Were you the first man to be born, Or were you brought forth before the hills?”* <sup>8</sup> *“Do you hear the secret counsel of God, And limit wisdom to yourself?”* <sup>9</sup> *“What do you know that we do not know? What do you understand that we do not?”* <sup>10</sup> *“Both the gray-haired and the aged are among us, Older than your father.”* <sup>11</sup> *“Are the consolations of God too small for you, Even the word spoken gently with you?”* <sup>12</sup> *“Why does your heart carry you away? And why do your eyes flash,”* <sup>13</sup> *That you should turn your spirit against God And allow such words to go out of your mouth? – Job 15:7-13*

Argument: We are older than you are and wisdom comes with age, so shut up and listen!

- Your words are empty and meaningless! (15:1-3)
- Your own words show your guilt! (15:4-6)
- Wisdom comes with age so listen to us when we say you must have sinned! (15:7-16)
- Your suffering is evidence of your sin. (15:17-23)
- You have finally begun to reap what your sin deserves. (15:24-35)

*Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!” – John 9:35*