

## **Studies in Job**

### **Eliphaz, “Who Can Refrain from Speaking?” (4-5)**

#### **I. The tables are turned (4:1-6)**

- A. Eliphaz
  
- B. Can I speak without offending you? (2)
  
- C. You have counseled so many others (3-4)
  
- D. The tables are turned and you are impatient and dismayed (5)
  
- E. Job, your faith is still your hope, isn't it? (6)

#### **II. God delivers the innocent (4:7-11)**

- A. Eliphaz's retribution theology (7)
  
- B. Eliphaz's authority (8)
  
- C. You reap what you sow (8b-11)

#### **III. I've got a word from the Lord (4:12-21)**

- A. Appeals to a special revelation (12-16)
  
- B. “Can mankind be just before God?” (17-21)
  
- C. Who can argue with, “God told me”?

#### **IV. The futility of prayer for fools (5:1-7)**

- A. Job, there is no where to turn (1-2)
  
- B. I do not tolerate fools (3-4)

- C. The fool's calamity is the natural result of his folly (5-7)
  
- V. **If I were you. . . (5:8-16)**
  - A. I would seek God if I were you (8)
  
  - B. Creedal hymn celebrating God's attributes (9-16)
  
- VI. **The recipe for the good life (5:17-27)**
  - A. Rejoice, you are actually blessed (17-18)
  
  - B. Evil won't touch you (19-22)
  
  - C. You will live the good life (23-26)
  
  - D. Eliphaz's arrogance (27)

## **Conclusion**

## **Application**

### **How NOT to counsel....**

Theology without compassion  
Wisdom without proper application  
Truth without a proper foundation  
Counsel without empathy or sensitivity  
God as predictable, the world as mechanical

### **How to counsel...**

Theology with compassion  
Wisdom with proper application  
Truth on the solid foundation of the Word  
Counsel with empathy and sensitivity  
God as loving, kind, sovereign, trustworthy  
The world as unpredictable, God as good