

# The Dialogues Begin: An Introduction to Job's Comforters

## Job 4-5

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### A. The Commonalities in Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar

#### 1. The lack of love: Insensitivity to Job's pain

- Eliphaz: Job 4:1-6

- Bildad: Job 8:2

- Zophar: Job 11:1-3

Application: Rom. 12:15, Gal. 6:2

#### 2. The lack of love: Speaking truth without patient compassion

- Eliphaz: Job 22:5

- Bildad: Job 8:20-21

- Zophar: Job 11:7-10

Application: Eph. 4:15, Prov. 12:18

#### 3. The lack of love: Making hurtful and wrong assumptions

- Eliphaz: Job 5:17

- Bildad: Job 8:3-4

- Zophar: Job 11:14-19

Application: 1 Thess. 3:5

#### 4. The lack of love: Self-deceiving, self-righteousness, pride

- Eliphaz: Job 4:12-17

- Bildad: Job 18:1-3

- Zophar: Job 11:5-6

Application: Rom. 12:3

## Advice to relatives and friends of depressed people

by: Timothy Rogers, English Puritan Pastor (1658-1728)

1. Look upon your distressed friends as being under one of the worst distempers they can have in this miserable life.
2. Look upon those who are under this woeful disease of melancholy with great pity and compassion. And pity them the more by considering that you are in the body, and are liable to the very same trouble.
3. Do not use harsh speeches to your friends when they are under the disease of melancholy. Harsh words may fret and perplex, and enrage them more, but they will never do them the least good.
4. You must be so kind to your friends, who are under this disease as to believe what they say. Believe that their apprehensions are such as they tell you they are.
5. Do not urge your friends who are under the disease of melancholy to do things which they cannot do. They are as persons whose bones are broken, who are in great pain and anguish, and are consequently incapacitated for action