

Eliphaz Speaks: His First Words of Counsel to Job

Job 4-5

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A. Good Counsel to the Sufferer

1. His kindness
Job 4:1-2, 2 Tim. 2:24
2. His encouraging affirmation
Job 4:3-4, Philemon 4-7
3. His reminder of life's realities
 - Man is hopelessly flawed before God
Job 4:17-21, Job 9:2, Job 14:4, Job 15:14, Job 25:4
 - Man is destined to much sorrow and trouble in this life
Job 5:6-7, John 16:33, Acts 14:21-22
4. His appeal to submit to God
Job 5:8, James 4:7-8

B. Eliphaz: The Bad Counsel to the Sufferer

1. His accusation of hypocrisy
Job 4:5-6, Job 5:1-7
2. His assumption Job's suffering results from sin
Job 4:7-11, John 9:1-3, Acts 28:1-5
3. His reliance upon individual special revelation
Job 4:12-16, 2 Cor. 12:1-7

C. Truth Affirmed, Truth Learned about our God

1. God's Immanence (near) and transcendence (otherness)
Job 5:8-9, Isaiah 66:1-2
2. God's loving provision and care
Job 5:10; 15-16, Isaiah 9:6
3. God's workings of providence
Job 5:12-14, Luke 1:51-53
4. God's paternal discipline
Job 5:17-18, Prov. 3:12, Heb. 12:5-6
5. God's delivering grace
Job 5:19-27, Psalm 54