

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN DISASTER COMES, AND YOUR FRIENDS DON'T HELP?
(Part 2) JOB 3-37

- I. The Conversations between Job and his "friends" (Cpt 3-37)
- A. The First Cycle (Cpt 3-14)
1. Job's first speech expresses _____ (Cpt 3)
 2. Eliphaz's first speech urges humility and _____ (Cpt 4-5) [Eliphaz is a descendant of Esau]
 3. Job's reply to Eliphaz expresses anguish and questions the trials, asking for _____ in his pain (Cpt 6-7)
 - a. As _____ had hoped, Job sees his circumstances as the hand of God upon him (6:4)
 - b. *"To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend;"* (6:14a)
 4. Bildad's first speech accuses Job of _____ God falsely (Cpt 8) [Son of Abraham and his second wife Keturah] Cf Vs 1-6
 5. Job's response to Bildad acknowledges God's superiority, and his inability to plead his case before God. Yet he feels it _____ to speak out concerning the events he does not understand (Cpt 9-10)
 6. Zophar's first speech: Job needs to _____ of his sinfulness (Cpt 11) [Location of Naamah unknown]
 7. Job responses to Zophar and his friends that they are wrong and only _____ knows and will, hopefully, speak to him (Cpt 12-14) Cf 12:1; 13:1-5
 - a. God is almighty and rules the universe as he _____ Cpt. 12
 - b. Job states his _____ in God, yet he states his feelings to the Lord Cpt. 13
 - c. Job attributes the _____ of a person's life time to the power and knowledge of God Cpt.14
- B. The Second Cycle (Cpt 15-21)
1. Eliphaz's second speech accuses Job of _____ and disregarding the wisdom of the ancients (Cpt 15)
 2. Job's response to Eliphaz _____ to God against his unjust accusers (Cpt 16-17)
 - a. 16:1-5-Job _____ his so-called comforters
 - b. 17:1-6-Job's _____ to God for help
 3. Bildad's second speech tells Job he is suffering just what he _____ (Cpt 18)
 4. Job's response to Bildad cries out to his _____ for comfort not criticism (Cpt 19) Cf. Vs 23-27
 5. Zophar's second speech accuses Job of _____ what he had coming because of his wickedness (Cpt 20)
 6. Job's response is that Zophar is out of _____ with how the wicked prosper (Cpt 21)
- C. The Third Cycle (Cpt 22-26)
1. Eliphaz's third speech make many _____ accusations against Job's (Cpt 22) Cf Vs 1-5
 2. Job's response to Eliphaz is that _____ knows he is without guilt, and yet in His providence and refining purpose He permits temporary success for the wicked (Cpt 23-24) Cf. 23:10-12
 3. Bildad's third speech of the sovereignty of God and the sinfulness of man and _____ (Cpt 25)
 4. Job's response to Bildad that God is indeed _____ wise and absolutely sovereign (Cpt 26)
- D. The Final Defense of Job (Cpt 27-31)
1. Job's first monologue affirms his _____ to God, the all-wise one (Cpt27-28)
 - a. Job's _____ to remain righteous and honest 27:1-6
 - b. Job describes the depth of God's wisdom in his _____ acts Cpt 28

2. Job's second monologue remembers his past (Cpt 29), describes his present (Cpt 30), defends his _____, (31:1-34), and asks for God to defend him (31:35-40)
- E. The Speeches of Elihu (Cpt 32-37) [Elihu has not been _____ in the book until now; probably the youngest of the group of "comforters"; he does not speak until the other three stop saying anything]
1. Elihu, out of frustration at what he has been hearing speaks to all _____ men (Cpt 32)
 2. Elihu charges Job with _____ and criticizing God, not recognizing that God may have a loving purpose, even in allowing Job to suffer (Cpt 33)
 - a. Elihu's summary of Job's presentation thus far Vs 8-11
 - b. Elihu's brief summary of what is happening to Job Vs 12-33
 3. Elihu accuses Job of being _____ (Cpt 34)
 4. Elihu urges Job to wait _____ for the Lord (Cpt 35)
 5. Elihu believes that God is _____ Job (36:1-21)
 6. Elihu describes the almighty power of God demonstrated in _____ events (36:22-33)
 7. Elihu encourages Job to _____ on what God is doing in his everyday life (Cpt 37)

II. Lessons to learn from Job and his three friends

- A. I must be diligent to _____ in God's love for me, no matter how horrible the disaster may appear to look.
- B. Human understanding from others is _____ as to what I am going through right now.
- C. I must be careful not to get into a _____ with others as to what is happening in my life.
- D. Anything I may say can, and usually will be, misunderstood by someone who is _____ they know what my situation is and the solution to it.
- E. Ultimately what _____ think does not matter, what really matters is what _____ thinks and is doing in my life; I may not understand, but I can truly _____ God in this and all situations.