



THE BOOK OF
JOB

Lesson 3

Job 8–11

Let's first **review** lesson 2

Highlights of Eliphaz's speech (4–5)

Highlights of Job's response (6–7)

Highlights of Eliphaz's Speech

- His tone is “toned down,” at least compared to what he uses later (especially in ch. 22).
- He doesn't directly **accuse** Job, but his **insinuations** are quite clear.
- “Who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off?” (4:7).
- “Now a word was secretly brought to me, and my ear received a whisper of it” (4:12).

Highlights of Eliphaz's Speech

- “Affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble spring from the ground” (5:6).
- “Happy is the man whom God corrects; therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty. For He bruises, but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole” (5:17–18).
- “Behold, this we have searched out; it is true. Hear it, and know for yourself” (5:27).

Highlights of Job's Response

- “Oh, that my grief were fully weighed, and my calamity laid with it on the scales! For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea...” (6:2–3).
- “Oh, that I might have my request...that He would loose His hand and cut me off!” (6:8–9).
- “My brothers have dealt deceitfully like a brook, like the streams of the brooks that pass away” (6:15).

Highlights of Job's Response

- “Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; cause me to understand wherein I have erred...my righteousness still stands!” (6:24, 29).
- “Like a servant who earnestly desires the shade, and like a hired man who eagerly looks for his wages...” (7:2).
- “Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target?” (7:20).

**Now let's look at the
speeches in chapters 8–11.**

Bildad Speaks (ch. 8)

- How long will you keep speaking like this—like a strong wind? Does God pervert justice or righteousness? If your children sinned, then justice was served (8:1–4).
- If you will earnestly seek God and plead for mercy, He will restore your estate as before, and even increase it (8:5–7).

Bildad Speaks (ch. 8)

- Because we are here for such a brief time, we know nothing, so let's see what lessons we can learn from our forefathers (8:8–10).
- Can papyrus grow without marsh; can reeds flourish with no water? The same thing happens to those who forget God—like a spider's web, their confidence is fragile; like a vine whose roots wrap around rocks, they flourish for a time, but soon wither (8:11–18).

Bildad Speaks (ch. 8)

- This brief “moment in the sun” IS their joy; soon others will spring up to take their place (8:19).
- God will not cast away the **blameless** nor will He uphold evildoers. Job, turn to God and He will fill you again with joy and laughter. Those who hate you will be clothed with shame (8:20–22).

Job's Response (chs. 9–10)

- Yes, I know God blesses the righteous and punishes the wicked, but how can a man be righteous before God? If I wished to contend with Him, I could not answer Him one time out of a thousand (9:1–3).
- God is wise and mighty; He does great and marvelous things—He removes mountains, shakes the earth, commands the sun not to shine, hides the stars, stretches out the heavens, treads the sea, makes constellations (9:4–10).

Job's Response (chs. 9–10)

- If He passed right by me, I wouldn't see Him. If He took something away, who could stop Him? Who could say to Him, "What are You doing?" (9:11–12).
- God will not withdraw His anger, so how can I answer Him? What words could I possibly use? Even if righteous, I could not answer Him; I could only beg for mercy (9:13–15).

Job's Response (chs. 9–10)

- If He did answer, I wouldn't believe He listened to me, with all the suffering He's inflicted on me. He won't even let me catch my breath. If it's a matter of strength, who's stronger? If a matter of justice, who can argue with Him? Even if I am righteous, my words would condemn me (9:16–20).
- I am blameless, but God destroys the blameless right along with the wicked. If not He, who else could it be? (9:21–24).

Job's Response (chs. 9–10)

- My days pass swiftly and see no good. I could make up my mind to smile instead, but the sufferings You put on me cause me too much fear. Why should I labor to maintain my innocence? I could wash myself with snow and scrub myself with lye, yet You would still plunge me into the pit (9:25–31).
- God is not a man whom I can answer, especially with no mediator. Let Him remove His rod, and I would not be in dreadful fear of Him (9:32–35).

Job's Response (chs. 9–10)

- I hate my life; I will speak freely in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God, “Do not condemn me; tell me why You contend with me. Does it seem right to you to oppress me, the work of Your hands? And why do you smile on the counsel of the wicked? (10:1–3).
- Are you looking at me with the eyes of men? Are you seeking my guilt and searching out my sin? You know I'm not wicked, yet there is no deliverance from You (10:4–7).

Job's Response (chs. 9–10)

- God, Your hands formed me, and yet now You would destroy me. You gave me life and lovingkindness; You preserved my spirit. If I sin, you mark me and won't acquit me. If I'm wicked, woe to me; but even if I'm righteous, I dare not lift my head. You hunt me like a lion and keep bringing fresh troops against me (10:8–17).

Job's Response (chs. 9–10)

- Why was I even born? Oh that I had been carried from the womb to the tomb. I've just a few days left, so please leave me alone to have a few days of comfort before I leave—before I go the land of darkness from which there is no return (10:18–22).

Zophar Speaks (ch. 11)

- Your many words, your empty talk, your mocking—should it not be answered? You claim innocence, but oh that God might speak against you. He hasn't even given you all you deserve (11:1–6).
- Can you search the depths of God, or find His outer limits? When He arrests someone and brings them to trial, who can hinder Him? He doesn't even have to investigate to see wickedness (11:7–12).

Zophar Speaks (ch. 11)

- You have the opportunity to forget your misery and fear, the opportunity for your life to be brighter than the noonday, to have hope, to lie down in peace, to have others court your favor. These blessings will be yours if you get your heart right, stretch out your hands toward heaven, and put iniquity far from you (11:13–19).
- Do this because the eyes of the wicked will fail, and there is no escape. Their hope—loss of life! (11:20).