

JOB & HIS 3 FRIENDS 1:8, 2:3; 42:7-8

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To comfort someone is difficult. To counsel someone is even more difficult.

What do we make of Job's 3 friends? (Elihu wasn't a friend and he didn't advance the argument)

1. Job's 3 friends were right to come & comfort!

Job 2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: **for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.** **Job 2:12** And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him **not**, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. **Job 2:13** So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

Heard came to mourn to comfort wept joined in the mourning stayed 7 days & nights in silence

Proverbs 14:10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; And a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

Thoughts:

- **We all have experiences**
- **Experiences that arouse deep emotions**
- **Experiences across the spectrum from bitterness to joy**
- **Emotional experiences that cannot totally be shared**
- **Certainly not easily or with just anyone**

2. Job's 3 friends were often right in the details

Job 4:7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? Or where were the righteous cut off? **Job 4:8** Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, And sow wickedness, reap the same.

Job 5:2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, And envy slayeth the silly one. **Job 5:3** I have seen the foolish taking root: But suddenly I cursed his habitation. **Job 5:4** His children are far from safety, And they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

Job 5:5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, And taketh it even out of the thorns, And the robber swalloweth up their substance.

Job 5:7 Yet man is born unto trouble, As the sparks fly upward.

Deuteronomy 8:5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee.

Job 5:17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

Psalms 94:12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, And teachest him out of thy law;

Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: **Hebrews 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

What is the proper order?

Job 8:20 Behold, God will **not** cast away a perfect man, **Neither** will he help the evil doers: **Job 8:21** Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, And thy lips with rejoicing. **Job 8:22** They that hate thee **shall be** clothed with shame; And the dwelling place of the wicked **shall come** to nought.

Job 20:5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment? **Job 20:6** Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, And his head reach unto the clouds; **Job 20:7** Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: They which have seen him shall say, Where is he? **Job 20:8** He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: Yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

Job 22:21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: Thereby good shall come unto thee.

Job 22:22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, And lay up his words in thine heart.

Job 22:23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, Thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. **Job 22:24** Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, And the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. **Job 22:25** Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, And thou shalt have plenty of silver. **Job 22:26** For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, And shalt lift up thy face unto God. **Job 22:27** Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, And thou shalt pay thy vows. **Job 22:28** Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: And the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Job 32:9 Great men are not always wise: Neither do the aged understand judgment.

Job 34:12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, Neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

3. Job's 3 friends were wrong in the big / main ideas!

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How were they wrong?

A. Their understanding of Quid Pro Quo was far too limited

Job 18:5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, And the spark of his fire shall not shine. **Job 18:6** The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, And his candle shall be put out with him. **Job 18:7** The steps of his strength shall be straitened, And his own counsel shall cast him down. **Job 18:8** For he is cast into a net by his own feet, And he walketh upon a snare. **Job 18:9** The gin shall take him by the heel, And the robber shall prevail against him. **Job 18:10** The snare is laid for him in the ground, And a trap for him in the way. **Job 18:11** Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, And shall drive him to his feet. **Job 18:12** His strength shall be hungerbitten, And destruction shall be ready at his side.

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Job 36:11 If they obey and serve him, They shall spend their days in prosperity, And their years in pleasures. **Job 36:12** But if they obey not, They shall perish by the sword, And they shall die without knowledge.

Obviously the Retribution Dogma must be adjusted for / by grace, mercy, forgiveness, God's purposes, and eternity.

B. They knew nothing of the scenes in heaven

C. Their principles didn't apply to Job

D. They had very few theological | counseling tools

4. Job wasn't always right in the details.

5. Job was right...

A. About God and life

Job 1:20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, **Job 1:21** And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, And naked shall I return thither: The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Job 1:22** In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job 2:9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. **Job 2:10** But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Job 40:1 Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said, **Job 40:2** Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? He that reproveth God, let him answer it. **Job 40:3** Then Job answered the Lord, and said, **Job 40:4** Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. **Job 40:5** Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: Yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

Job 42:1 Then Job answered the Lord, and said, **Job 42:2** I know that thou canst do every thing, And that no thought can be withholden from thee. **Job 42:3** Who is he that hideth counsel Without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. **Job 42:4** Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. **Job 42:5** I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: But now mine eye seeth thee. **Job 42:6** Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent In dust and ashes.

B. About his innocence (for and in his innocence.)

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; **and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.**

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Job 6:24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

Job 9:32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, And we should come together in judgment. **Job 9:33** Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, That might lay his hand upon us both. **Job 9:34** Let him take his rod away from me, And let not his fear terrify me: **Job 9:35** Then would I speak, and not fear him; But it is not so with me.