

JOB'S TRIAL, ROUND 1: THE FIRST DEBATE WITH ELIPHAZ  
(Job 4 - 7)

- I. Eliphaz's ACCUSATION (Job 4 - 5)
  - A. Expressed HESITATION to SPEAK (4:1-2)
  - B. Rebuked Job for failing to PRACTICE what he PREACHED (4:3-6)
  - C. Implied Job's suffering was due to SERIOUS SIN (4:7-11)
  - D. Based his OPINION on a FALSE system of knowledge (4:12-16)
    - 1. *Mysticism* says, "I believe what I FEEL"
    - 2. *Existentialism* says, "I believe what I EXPERIENCE"
    - 3. *Rationalism* says, "I believe what MAKES SENSE to me"
    - 4. *Traditionalism* says, "I believe what I've been TAUGHT"
    - 5. *Dogmatism* says, "I believe what SOUNDS GOOD to me"
    - 6. *Biblicism* says, "I believe what GOD SAYS"
    - 7. Eliphaz's view had elements of ALL but the LAST
  - E. Drew a FOOLISH conclusion
    - 1. Accused Job of FOLLY (4:17 - 5:7)
    - 2. Counseled Job to APPEAL to GOD (5:8-27)
    - 3. Insisted Job was being CHASTIZED for SIN (5:17)
- II. Job's RESPONSE (Job 6 - 7)

- A. Expressed the WEIGHT of his MISERY (6:1-3)
- B. Felt under DIVINE ATTACK (6:4)
- C. Had no APPETITE due to his ANGUISH (6:5-7)
- D. Longed for God to TAKE his LIFE (6:8-9)
- E. Consoled in NOT having DENIED God's WORDS (6:10)
- F. Had no more PATIENCE or STRENGTH (6:11-12)
- G. Had found no HELP and lost all HOPE (6:13)
- H. Had been offered DECIET instead of KINDNESS (6:14-18)
- I. Was DISAPPOINTED in his FRIENDS (6:19-23)
- J. Demanded EVIDENCE of SPECIFIC sin (6:24-30)
- K. Saw no REWARD for his LABOR (7:1-5)
- L. Despaired of HAPPINESS in what remained of LIFE (7:6-10)
- M. Cried against the apparent INJUSTICE of GOD (7:11-12)
- N. Begged God to LEAVE HIM ALONE (7:13-19)
- O. Says He can't REPENT of a SIN he doesn't KNOW (7:20)
- P. Concludes he'll have to DIE UNFORGIVEN (7:21)

### III. Summary

- A. Job's MISERY and FRUSTRATION left him in danger of SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS
- B. Job's friends were DESPERATE for an EXPLANATION, lest they SUFFER the same kind of LOSS