

## “DO THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER, AND IF SO, WHY” [Part III]

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**INTRO:** Job had two really bad days costing him his wealth, his children (chap. 1) and his health (chap. 2), yet he maintained his integrity. Today we’re going to take a brief look at the speeches of Job’s three friends and Job’s responses to those speeches in Job chapters 4-31.

### **The 1<sup>st</sup> Speech of Eliphaz (chapters 4-5).**

- A. The record of the speeches is inspired, not all content.
- B. He felt he just had to say something (4:1-2).
- C. This time, you need to listen and learn (4:3-5).
- D. There must be sin in your life (4:7-8).
- E. God is chastening you (5:17).

### **•Job’s Response to Eliphaz’s 1<sup>st</sup> Speech (chapters 6-7).**

- A. Job vents regarding his suffering (6:1; 7:3-7, 11, 16, 19).
- B. Job felt condemned by Eliphaz (6:14-15, 27).
- C. Job wanted answers but maintained his innocence (6:24-30).

### **•The 1<sup>st</sup> Speech of Bildad (chapters 8).**

- A. Bildad: *“You’re suffering because of unrighteousness.”*

### **•Job’s Response to Bildad’s 1<sup>st</sup> Speech (chapters 9-10).**

- A. Who can be righteous before God?

### **•The 1<sup>st</sup> Speech of Zophar (chapter 11).**

- A. Zophar says Job’s sin deserves even more suffering.

### **•Job’s Response to Zophar’s 1<sup>st</sup> Speech (chapters 12-14).**

- A. Job maintains his innocence and prays.

**•The 2<sup>nd</sup> Speeches of Eliphaz (15-17), Bildad (18-19), & Zophar (20-21) and Job’s Responses are more of same.**

**•The 3<sup>rd</sup> Speeches of Eliphaz (22-24) & Bildad (25-31) and Job’s Responses are more of same.**

### **•SUFFERING & THE NEW COVENANT (1Cor. 12-13).**

- A. We’re called to belong to a body (1Cor. 12:12, 14, 27).
- B. We’re called to care for one another (1Cor. 12:20, 25-26).
- C. We should be compassionate towards those who are suffering (1Cor. 13; see esp. vv. 1, 4-7).
- D. Don’t think you understand everything about what another person is going through and why (1Cor. 13:9, 12)!

**CONCLUSION: Persevere like Job in the midst of adversity!**