

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

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**INTRO:** The two primary lessons in Job are: 1) When suffering, persevere in your faith! 2) When someone is suffering, it doesn't necessarily mean they did something to deserve it! In today's message we're going to look at the speech of Elihu in chapters 32-37, and a few Scriptures on suffering in the New Testament.

### From Chapter 32

1. Did Job slip into an unhealthy self-righteousness (vv. 1-2)?
2. Job felt more condemned than comforted (vv. 3-4).
3. Elihu speaks out of anger towards Job's 3 friends (vv. 1-5).
4. Elihu assumes he has wisdom from God (vv. 8-10).
5. Elihu feels compelled to give his opinion (vv. 11-12, 17-19).
6. Does Elihu speak to find relief or comfort Job (vv. 20-22)?

### From Chapter 33

1. Does Elihu also sound self-righteous?
2. We often see in others our own weaknesses!

**From Chapter 34** Is Elihu also accusing Job of sin in his life (vv. 1-2, 5-8, 10-12, 34-37)?

### From Chapter 35

1. Elihu continues accusing Job of sin & self-righteousness.

### From Chapter 36

1. Elihu's perspective on what God is like.
2. Elihu continues to condemn Job (vv. 17-18).

**From Chapter 37** Elihu describes some of the great things God does that we cannot comprehend (vv. 1-3, 5-7, 9-10).

## SUFFERING IN THE NEW COVENANT

### Causes of Suffering:

1. Living in a fallen world.
2. The actions of others.
3. Persecution for our faith (Acts 5:40-42).
4. Our poor choices.
5. Far better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong (1Peter 2:19-20; 3:17; 4:15).

**CONCLUSION:** Let's rejoice when we are counted worthy to suffer shame for His name and persevere (Acts 5:40-41)!