

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: Job 5:17****IN THE BEGINNING 16-1**

Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.

**"THE ADVICE OF ELIPHAZ"****Job 4:1 – 7:21**

1. What inspiration to your life did you find in last week's lesson?

**INTRODUCTION:** In chapters 4-31, Job's friends attempted to answer his question, "Why?" Each friend had his say which reflected his personality: Eliphaz "the Eloquent," Bildad "the Brutal," and Zophar "the Zealous." \* Each maintained Job's sin was the cause of his suffering. As the conversations cycled, in the first round (chapters 4-14) they hinted at sin as a cause; round two (chapters 15-21) they moved from suggestion to insinuation; and by round three (chapters 22-31), it was open accusation. While the diagnoses of the friends are wrong or incomplete, do not overlook much of what they say is true (i.e., 5:9-16). \*Ray C. Stedman, *Expository Studies in Job*

**DAY 1 – READ Job 4:1-21**

2. How did Eliphaz begin his reply to Job?
3. a. How was Job both encouraged and rebuked by Eliphaz?  
  
b. In your opinion, was this good Scriptural advice? Explain.
4. How did Eliphaz view divine justice in vs. 7-9?
5. Eliphaz said he experienced what in vs. 12-16?
6. a. Fill in vs. 17: "Can \_\_\_\_\_?"  
Can \_\_\_\_\_?"  
b. What did Eliphaz conclude?  
  
c. How was he right according to Romans 3:23?  
  
d. What had he not taken into consideration from Lamentations 3:22,23?

**DAY 2 – READ Job 5:1-16**

7. Eliphaz told Job he had no helper. How does our Helper (the Holy Spirit) help us according to Romans 8:26,27?
8. a. What kind of person was described in vs. 2-5?  
  
b. Do you think Job might have understood this as a reference to himself? Why or why not?

**DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Job 5:1-16**

9. What was Eliphaz' philosophy of trouble from vs. 6,7?
10. a. What solution did Eliphaz offer?  
  
b. Have you ever given or received advice that began with "If I were you . . ."? How was it taken or received? Please share.
11. What did Eliphaz attribute to God in vs. 9-16?
12. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, give examples that support the truth of vs. 12,13.

**DAY 3 – READ Job 5:17-27**

13. Sitting across from Job, Eliphaz had a three-point "sermon" to deliver. Summarize it from these verses:
  - a. Point One (vs. 17)

From Chapter 1, how do you know Job was not being disciplined?

- b. Point Two (vs. 18-26)

Do you think that is/is not a valid expectation when a believer repents? Explain.

- c. Point Three (vs. 27)

Job had listened patiently. When listening to the advice (views) of others, what, in your opinion, must we be careful to do in applying it to ourselves?

**DAY 4 – READ Job 6:1-30**

- 14.a. Job said he had a right to complain. His misery outweighed what?
  - b. How did he describe the feeling God was attacking him directly?
  - c. You don't complain if you're comfortable, but it helps when you hurt just as \_\_\_\_\_ helps tasteless food.
15. What did Job want God to do?
16. Job felt he'd reached the limit of his strength. What do we learn about gaining strength from God in Isaiah 40:28-31?

**DAY 4 (Continued) – READ Job 6:1-30**

17. a. "A despairing/afflicted man should have the devotion of his \_\_\_\_\_." (vs. 14)  
b. If you had to choose between sympathy and advice, which is more important? Why?  
  
c. To what did Job compare his friends in verses 15-17?
18. Of what did Job accuse them in vs. 21?
19. Eliphaz had hinted that sin was the root of Job's suffering. What was Job's plea in verse 24?
20. What was his stand in . . .  
. . . verse 28?  
. . . verse 29?  
. . . verse 30?

**DAY 5 – READ Job 7:1-21**

21. How did Job describe man's existence?
22. His sleeplessness was compounded with what in verse 5?
23. a. Job complained to God in his misery. Of what did he accuse God in verse 14?  
  
b. What main questions did Job ask in verses 17-21?
24. Whatever action God would take must be done quickly. Why?
25. Job described his suffering as though God could not feel or understand it. What do we know from these Scriptures to assure us He does?  
Hebrews 2:9,10

Hebrews 2:17,18

Hebrews 4:15

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**