

Eliphaz Speaks

Chapter Four and Five

Job 4:1-21

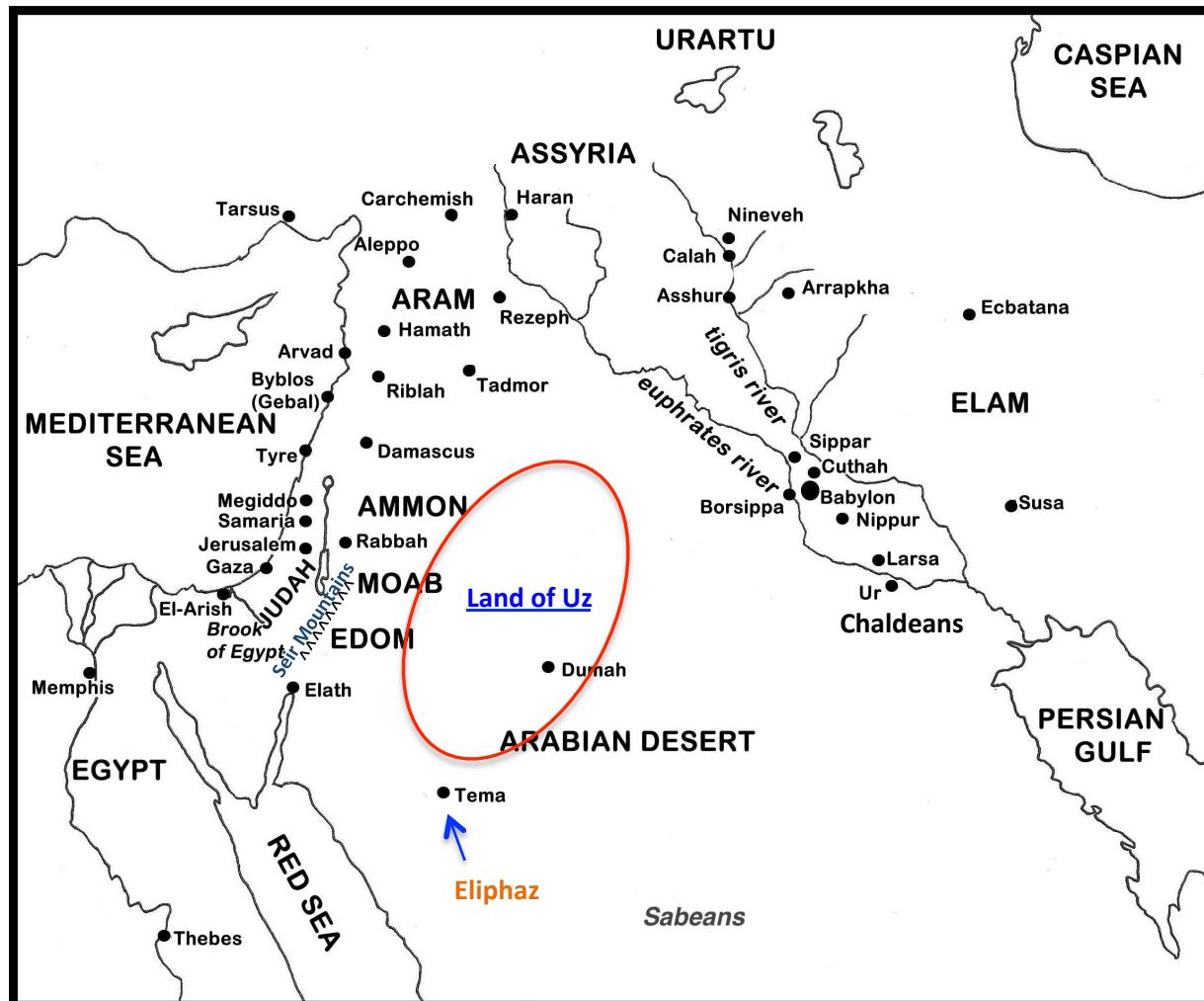
“Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said: “If one ventures a word with you, will you be impatient? Yet who can keep from speaking? Behold, you have instructed many, and you have strengthened the weak hands. Your words have upheld him who was stumbling, and you have made firm the feeble knees.

But now it has come to you, and you are impatient; it touches you, and you are dismayed. Is not your fear of God your confidence and the integrity of your ways your hope? Remember: who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.”

“The roar of the lion, the voice of the fierce lion, the teeth of the young lions are broken. The strong lion perishes for lack of prey, and the cubs of the lioness are scattered. Now a word was brought to me stealthily; my ear received the whisper of it. Amid thoughts from visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, dread came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake.”

“A spirit glided past my face; the hair of my flesh stood up. It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, then I heard a voice: ‘Can mortal man be in the right before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?’

“ Even in his servants he puts no trust, and his angels he charges with error; how much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like the moth. Between morning and evening they are beaten to pieces; they perish forever without anyone regarding it. Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them, do they not die, and that without wisdom?””



Eliphaz

- Eliphaz was from Teman, an Edomite city that was known as a center of wisdom.
- “Concerning Edom. Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Is wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished?”-**Jeremiah 49:7**
- Eliphaz bases his argument upon his own personal experience.
- In the view of Eliphaz: Experience gives evidence that the righteous don’t suffer, Job is suffering because he did something wrong, and I have the authority because a spirit being told me so.

- Job's friends, led by Eliphaz, seem to have had enough of Job's lament and instead of continuing to mourn with their friend they feel a need to come to God's defense.
- "If one ventures a word with you, will you be impatient? Yet who can keep from speaking?-Job 4:2
- Eliphaz has had enough of Job's words and embarks on a discussion in defense of God, Who is punishing Job, because no one is punished who is not guilty of something.

- Job's friends each emphasized a different aspect of God's character and they seemed transfixed upon God as Judge instead of His mercy and grace for man during times of suffering.
- Job's three friends argued that affliction could happen only in the way of punishment which necessarily inferred Job to be guilty of sinful behavior.

- Eliphaz reminds Job of who he is:
 - A. “Behold, you have instructed many, and you have strengthened the weak hands.”-**Job 4:3**
 - B. “Your words have upheld him who was stumbling, and you have made firm the feeble knees.”-**Job 4:4**
 - C. “Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?”-**Job 4:6**

Job's Integrity

- God was the One Who proclaimed about Job: “He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.”-
Job 2:3
- Satan took up the challenge to prove Job a hypocrite and disprove God’s word about Job.

- Job's wife tempted Job to renounce his integrity and curse God.
- Now Eliphaz is challenging Job's integrity by telling Job that he is a hypocrite for not recognizing his affliction is a result of him not admitting wrong doing.
- “Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?”-**Job 4:6**
- Eliphaz is claiming that if Job still had reverence for God and his integrity he would admit his wrong doing and God would restore him, problem fixed and everybody could go home and have everything restored to a normal lifestyle.

Suffering Is The Result Of Sin

- Eliphaz seems to be frustrated with Job who taught many people over the years but now is experiencing suffering himself.
- “But now it has come to you, and you are impatient; it touches you, and you are dismayed.”-**Job 4:5**
- Eliphaz is thrusting a sword into Job's soul by disapproving of his behavior of being depressed when trouble comes to him.

- Instead of criticizing Job for his behavior, Eliphaz should have done what he says Job had done in the past, strengthening the weak hands and upholding those who stumbled?
- It is easy for us to discern what we think is wrong with another person without investing in the person.
- “A wise counselor and comforter must listen with the heart and respond to feelings as well as to words. You do not heal a broken heart with logic; you heal a broken heart with love.”-Wiersbe

- “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”-**Colossians 4:6**
- “They must strive to cultivate the gift of pleasant and wise conversation, so that they may be able to speak appropriately to each individual (with his peculiar needs) with whom they come in contact.”-Peake
- Instead of directing Job to God, Who alone could heal Job’s affliction, Eliphaz points out what he believes to be Job’s appearance of hypocrisy, teaching others yet not living what he had taught others to do.

Innocent People Do Not Suffer

- “Remember: who that was innocent ever perished?
Or where were the upright cut off?”-**Job 4:7**
- “As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.”-**Job 4:8**
- “By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.”-**Job 4:9**

- Job and his friends have built their whole life on the belief that God helps the good and hinders the bad.
- God can be seen as just in the affairs of men by punishing the bad behavior of man and rewarding the good.
- “The friends must infer from Job’s suffering that he has sinned; Job must infer from his innocence that God is unjust.”-Andersen

Innocent People Do Suffer

- “The righteous man perishes, and no one lays it to heart; devout men are taken away, while no one understands.”-**Isaiah 57:1**
- Even before the time of Job there were situations that give evidence to contradict the principle of Job’s friends that innocent people do not suffer affliction.
- Abel being innocent perished at the hand of his brother Cain.

Eliphaz's Authority Was A Vision

- Eliphaz now appeals to the supernatural for evidence that the righteous do not suffer affliction: “A spirit glided past my face; the hair of my flesh stood up. It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, then I heard a voice:”-**Job 4:15-16**
- “Whether it came from heaven or hell, we know not, for its communication shows and rankles a wound, without providing a cure.”-Clarke

The Message Of The Vision

- “Can mortal man be in the right before God? Can man be pure before his Maker?”-**Job 4:17**
- No matter how good, righteous, or innocent a man may be no one can stand before a Holy God with the defects of human fallibility.
- Paul said the same thing: “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”-**Romans 3:23**

Eliphaz's View Of God

- Whereas Paul points man to the grace and mercy of God in Christ, Eliphaz points Job to a vengeful, spiteful God revealed to him by his spirit being.
 1. God has not trust in His servants.-**Job 4:18**
 2. God even charges angels with error.-**Job 4:18**
 3. Man is crushed like a moth.-**Job 4:19**
 4. Man is beaten all day long.-**Job 4:20**
 5. Man perishes with anyone regarding it.-**Job 4:20**
 6. Man dies without wisdom.-**Job 4:21**
- The substance of what Eliphaz received in his vision does not accurately represent the character of God as He has revealed Himself elsewhere in Scripture.

Job 5:1-7

“Call now; is there anyone who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn? Surely vexation kills the fool, and jealousy slays the simple. I have seen the fool taking root, but suddenly I cursed his dwelling. His children are far from safety; they are crushed in the gate, and there is no one to deliver them. The hungry eat his harvest, and he takes it even out of thorns, and the thirsty pant after his wealth. For affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble sprout from the ground, but man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.”

Eliphaz's Counsel

- Again, Eliphaz's frame of reference is: I have seen. He speaks from his own experience and observation on life.
- In Eliphaz's experience the wicked fool prospers temporarily but before he died Eliphaz believed the fool would be punished.
- It is true what Eliphaz says in verse 7, people are born into trouble. This has been the case ever since the Fall of man.
- However, Eliphaz is wrong to connect this truth with the reason for Job's present affliction and suffering.
- "Eliphaz as a counselor is a supreme negative example. Great truths misapplied only hurt more those who are already hurting." -Smick

Job 5:8-17

“As for me, I would seek God, and to God would I commit my cause, who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number: he gives rain on the earth and sends waters on the fields; he sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety. He frustrates the devices of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success. He catches the wise in their own craftiness, and the schemes of the wily are brought to a quick end.

They meet with darkness in the daytime and grope at noonday as in the night. But he saves the needy from the sword of their mouth and from the hand of the mighty. So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts her mouth. Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves; therefore I despise not the discipline of the Almighty.”

God Is Disciplining Job

- In verse 17, of Chapter 5, Eliphaz connects Job's affliction to God's discipline for sin in his life.
- Eliphaz exalts himself in pride by proclaiming that he was superior in spirituality, "I would seek God...I commit my cause" to God.
- Eliphaz believes that if Job would follow his example he would recognize what is happening to him as God's discipline and therefore would be blessed.

“In this speech, Eliphaz said that Job's suffering was a result of his sin. He asserted that sin is part of the human condition and that it brings retribution and discipline from God. He also called on Job to repent, with the promise that God would then bless him.”-Constable

God's Discipline And trials

- A question arises when we talk about God's discipline verses suffering and trials.
- How do we know if we are being disciplined or if we are enduring a trial?
- How do we make the distinction between discipline and a trial?

- Eliphaz and his friends failed to separate the different reasons that people suffer in this world.
- There are at least three reasons why believers suffer in this world:
 - To sanctify from sin.
 - To test our faith and trust.
 - To be a living or martyred testimony.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Trials</u>
Discipline produces sanctification	Trials produce character
The purpose of discipline is to be conformed to the image of Christ	The purpose of trials is for the believer's maturity.
It is through discipline that God teaches the believer a lesson.	It is through trials that God tests our faith and trust.
"For this is the will of God, your sanctification "- 1 Thessalonians 4:3	"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character , and character produces hope,"- Romans 5:3-4
"For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."- Hebrews 12:11	"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness . And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete , lacking in nothing."- James

Discipline

- According to the 1828, Webster dictionary discipline means: “To instruct or educate ; to inform the mind; to prepare by instruction in correct principles and habits.”
- God is training believers with habits and principles to conform us into the image of His Son.
- Discipline always has a purpose for God’s children.
- “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.....”-Romans 8:28-29

Conformed

- The word “conformed” that Paul chose to use guided by the Holy Spirit is “*symmorphos*” and carries the idea of being jointly formed or having the same form of another.
- Our participation is fundamental to God’s eternal goal that we might be conformed to the image of His Son
- This is a process that God does with our cooperation and dependence upon the Holy Spirit not something He just “does” to us.
- “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law... For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”-**Galatians 5:16,18;6:8**

- “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”-**Titus 3:4-7**

The Reason For Discipline

- God uses discipline to draw His children into a more abundant life in relationship with Him.
- We should never reject or despise God and His discipline because that would put us on equal ground with God thinking that we know better of what our needs are then He does.
- As the believer submits to God's discipline He transforms the believer through the process of sanctification creating a new heart within us by the work of the Holy Spirit with the result of us becoming more and more changed into the likeness of His Son.

The Fruit Of Discipline

- The fruit of discipline, though painful, results in a greater understanding of Who God is.
- God is producing or sanctifying within us His ideas and His thoughts within our heart as we are being conformed to the image of His Son.
- After a time of discipline hopefully we begin to see others and ourselves through the lens of God's perspective.
- “The victorious Christian neither exalts himself, nor downgrades himself, his interests have shifted from self to Christ.”-Tozer

- “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

- For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being **ineffective** or **unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you **practice these qualities** you will never fall.”-2

Peter 1:3-10

Understanding Sanctification

- The Bible teaches that are two types of sanctification.
- The first is the result of the work of Christ “for” us.
- The second is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit “within” us.
- The first is perfect and complete and is given to the believer the moment we believe in Jesus
- The second is an ongoing process and is incomplete and far from perfect and continues until we die.

Understanding Sanctification

- We know that we are justified by faith and sanctified before the Lord through Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1:30)
- This is our complete position before the Lord unto salvation.
- However, the believer needs to pursue after the moment by moment sanctification of the heart accomplished by the Holy Spirit.
- It is through God's discipline and the process of sanctification within the believer's life that produces holiness.
- God's primary concern for the believer is not our happiness but our holiness.

- “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”-**Philippians 1:6**
- “And by that will [of God] we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all...For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”-**Hebrews 10:10,14**

Examples Of God's Discipline

- God can use illness for discipline as in the case of the people partaking of the Lord's supper in an unworthy manner.
- “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.” - 1 Corinthians 11:27-30

- **God can use Satan for discipline as in the case of the man having a sexual relationship with his father's wife.**
- “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife...you are to **deliver this man to Satan** for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.”-1 Corinthians 5:1,5

- **God can use a thorn in the flesh for discipline as in the case of Paul needing it for humility.**
- “So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.”-**2 Corinthians 12:7**

- God can use the world itself to discipline the believer who is attracted to the world as in the case of the prodigal son.
- God can use a shake-up in a company or place of work for discipline to rid the believer of self-confidence.
- The bottom line is that God uses suffering and distress as a wake-up call to change something very particular in the life of a believer.
- Discipline varies depending where a person is in the process of sanctification and what the Father through the Holy Spirit desires to teach the believer.

Trials

- **The discipline of the Father can be a trial for the believer but trials are never intended as discipline.**
- When we are suffering we often wonder if we did something wrong. As a result, we end up confusing God's discipline and trials.
- Trials are mainly for the purpose of developing maturity in the believer's life and usually involve a test of faith and trust.

- In this world we should recognize that trials are a part of life but when we are confronted by them we don't have to speculate if we sinned.
- It is a terrible circumstance when people blame themselves for their trials.
- It is also a terrible situation when people who are close to us when we are experiencing a trial place blame upon the victim of a trial as Job's friends did.
- God wants to reveal Himself through trials and use the trial to develop maturity and character within the believer.

Trial As A Test

- “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”-James 1:2-4
- This verse teaches that trials are “various” and also come as “test of our faith” resulting in the “maturity” of the believer.

- “In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”-1

Peter 1:6-9

- God’s purpose in testing is to display the enduring quality of our faith.

- These trials do “grieve” the believer but there needs to be a balance between being overwhelmed by the trial and the rejoicing that our faith is being proved genuine.
- “A subtle law, which ever and anon lost sight of by Christian teachers, is that an emotion which does not react in a proper manner will find an outlet in an improper manner.”-Chambers

- “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to **test** you, as though something strange were happening to you.”-**1 Peter 4:12**
- In this world ever since the Fall man has encountered various kinds of suffering and trials so Peter encourages believers to not be shocked at trials when they come our way.
- “For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest.”-**Ecclesiastes 2:23**

- “Indeed, it is the honor of faith to be tried. Shall any man say, ‘I have faith, but I have never had to believe under difficulties’? Who knows whether thou hast any faith? Shall a man say, ‘I have great faith in God, but I have never had to use it in anything more than the ordinary affairs of life, where I could probably have done without it as well as with it’? Is this to the honor and praise of thy faith? Dost thou think that such a faith as this will bring any great glory to God, or bring to thee any great reward? If so, thou art mightily mistaken.”- Spurgeon

- “God has not been trying an experiment on my faith or love in order to find out their quality. He knew it already. It was I who didn’t. In this trial He makes us occupy the dock, the witness box, and the bench all at once. He always knew that my temple was a house of cards. His only way of making me realize the fact was to knock it down.”-C.S. Lewis

Various Kinds Of Trials

- “If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.” **-1 Peter 4:14-19**

1. A person can go through a trial of suffering for being a Christian by being insulted.
2. A person can suffer a trial for simply being a Christian.
 - To suffer as a Christian is because there is a difference between the world and the kingdom of God. We can suffer as believers because our Lord suffered.
3. A person can suffer because of the will of God.

4. A person can suffer for not doing the will of God.
5. A person can suffer a trial because of the sinful behavior of people.
 - The Las Vegas Shooting
 - A drunk or texting driver hits and kills a loved one
6. A person can suffer a trial because of the company they worked for goes out of business or has an employee layoff.

- A person can suffer a trial because of health issues.
- A person can suffer a trial because of the death of a loved one.
- The ways in which a person can suffer in this world are endless.
- “Suffering is the heritage of the bad, of the penitent, and of the Son of God. Each one ends in the cross. The bad thief is crucified, the penitent thief is crucified, and the Son of God is crucified. By these signs we know the widespread heritage of suffering.”-Chambers

- Which of these would be considered a trial and which of these would be considered discipline?
 - A friend has a serious illness and is in the hospital.
 - A friend has a serious illness because he smoked and drank too much.
 - A friend has financial difficulties because he spent more than his income allowed.
 - A friend has financial difficulties because he suffered an unexpected illness.

- A Believer who is diagnosed with a form of cancer should not think that his sickness is a punishment from God, nor should he think that there is sin that caused his illness. However, he should not miss the opportunity to be a steward of his pain and grow into a deeper dimension of trust and knowledge of God.

Job 5:18-27

“For he wounds, but he binds up; he shatters, but his hands heal. He will deliver you from six troubles; in seven no evil shall touch you. In famine he will redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword. You shall be hidden from the lash of the tongue, and shall not fear destruction when it comes. At destruction and famine you shall laugh, and shall not fear the beasts of the earth.”

“ For you shall be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you. You shall know that your tent is at peace, and you shall inspect your fold and miss nothing.

You shall know also that your offspring shall be many, and your descendants as the grass of the earth. You shall come to your grave in ripe old age, like a sheaf gathered up in its season. Behold, this we have searched out; it is true. Hear, and know it for your good.”

Eliphaz and Discipline

- Eliphaz who is convinced that Job is being disciplined by God instructs Job to stop his complaints against the only One who could bring Him comfort.
- Eliphaz explains to Job that he should not “despise” the discipline of God but humble himself under it, repent of his sin, and learn from God’s discipline.
- **This would be true if in fact God was disciplining Job.**

- This is a trial that Job is enduring initiated by God and carried out by Satan to test Job's trust in the Lord during hardship.
- Remember from Job chapters 1 and 2, God proclaimed Job to be "a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil."
- There is no blame or sin attached to Job because the very One he ultimately will answer to has exonerated him.
- At the end of Job's trial he will be disciplined for the sins he committed during the trial and will repent and be restored by God.

Blessings of Restoration

- Eliphaz lists the blessings of restoration that will come to Job if he would only give in to the discipline of God and repent.
 1. God wounds and shatters individuals but Job can count on God to heal (vs.18).
 2. God will deliver Job from many troubles (vs. 19)

3. In times of famine God will redeem Job from death(vs.20).
4. In times of war God will protect Job from dying by the power of the sword (vs. 20)
5. God will protect Job from the painful words people say (vs. 21)
6. God will bring peace to Job during times of destruction(vs.21).

7. God will give joy to Job during times of destruction (vs.22).
8. God will give Job reconciliation with creation (vs.23).
9. God will give Job unity within his household (vs. 24)
10. God will give Job numerous children and descendants (vs.25).
11. God will give Job a long and prosperous life (vs.26).

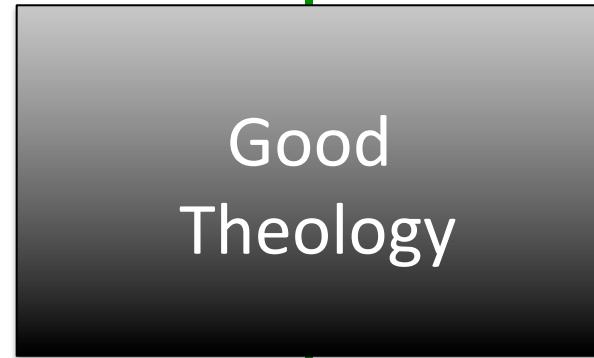
Eliphaz Declares Confidence

- Eliphaz wanted to persuade Job so he appeals to Job from the argument of authority and is confident in the truth of his argument. (vs.27)
- An appeal from authority is making an argument in which a claimed authority's support is used as evidence for an argument's conclusion.
- It is a well known fallacy but is used commonly within our own culture.

- In essence, Eliphaz is telling Job that he needs to accept what he is telling him because we have researched the issue and on the basis of the research our authority has been proven true.
- Eliphaz, like so many in the church today, think they have figured out God, thus limiting God based upon their own limited knowledge and arguments.
- “It is not what Eliphaz knew that is wrong; it is what he was ignorant of – God’s hidden purpose – that made all his beautiful poetry and grand truth only a snare to Job.”-Smick

- “Aspirin is a good and effective medicine. But it is useless against cancer. Similarly, so much of the advice that Eliphaz and the other friends dole out is, in its own right, correct and good and true. But because it is wrongly applied it becomes useless. More than useless, it is a lie.”- Mason
- Eliphaz, in order to defend his idea of God, developed a narrow theology that had to sacrifice Job’s character instead of changing his theology.

**Good Theology begins with
God's Revelation**



Bad Theology Begins With Man



Works down towards man

**Seeks to define God through reason and
experience**

- “This is the foundation truth of all real theology. God is the great originator and initiator. It is the ignoring of this which is the basic error in all human schemes. False systems of theology and philosophy begin with man, and seek to work up towards God. But this is the turning of things upside down. We must, in all our thinking begin with God , and work down to man.”—Pink, Gleanings in Genesis
- “O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.”-1 Timothy 6:20