

Human Capacity

An Ancient Belief

Job's Friends

Eliphaz the Temanite, Zophar the Naamathite, and Bildad the Shuhite

***Mistaken* "Reverence"**

- Self-abasement exalts God.
- Human effort discounts God.
- Piety accepts things we don't understand.

Job 4:17

"Can mortal man be in the right before God?

Can a man be pure before his Maker?

Job 4:18

Even in his servants he puts no trust,
and his angels he charges with error;

Job 4:19

how much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
whose foundation is in the dust ..."

Job 15:14

“What is man, that he can be pure?

Or he who is born of a woman, that he can be righteous?

Job 15:15

Behold, God puts no trust in his holy ones,
and the heavens are not pure in his sight;

Job 15:16

how much less one who is abominable and corrupt,
a man who drinks injustice like water!”

Job 25:4

“How can man be in the right before God?

How can he who is born of woman be pure?

Job 25:5

Behold, even the moon is not bright,
and the stars are not pure in his eyes;

Job 25:6

how much less man, who is a maggot,
and the son of man, who is a worm!”

Job 5:6

“Affliction does not come
from the dust,
nor does trouble sprout
from the ground,

Job 5:7

but man is born to trouble
as the sparks fly upward.”

Job 15:35

“They conceive trouble and
give birth to evil,
and their womb prepares
deceit.”

Job 11:4

“You say, ‘My doctrine is
pure,
and I am clean in God’s
eyes ...’

Job 11:6

... Know then that God
exact of you less than your
guilt deserves ...

Job 11:10

If he passes through and
imprisons
and summons the court,
who can turn him back?”

Job 34:9

“[Job] has said, ‘It profits a man nothing that he should take delight in God.’

Job 34:10

Therefore, hear me, you men of understanding:
Far be it from God that he should do wickedness,
and from the Almighty that he should do wrong.

Job 34:11

For according to the work of a man he will repay him,
and according to his ways he will make it befall him.”

What does the LORD say?

Why Job Suffered

The truth is very clearly laid out for all to see in this book.

The reason for Job’s suffering is *not* that he did wrong but that *he did right!*

Job 1:8

And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?”

Job 1:9

Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason?"

Job 1:10

Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

Job 1:11

But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face."

Job 1:12

And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Job 2:3

And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? ...

Job 2:3

... He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason."

Job 2:4

Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life.

Job 2:5

But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."

Job 2:6

And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

Job 42:7

The LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My **anger** burns **against** you and **against** your two friends, for **you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.**"

An Adversary and an Advocate

We have an adversary who actively seeks our harm.

Do you have an Advocate?

Job 9:32

“He is not a man, as I am,
that I might answer him,
that we should come to
trial together.

Job 9:33

There is no arbiter between
us,
who might lay his hand on
us both.”

1 Timothy 2:5

There is one God, and there
is one mediator between
God and men, the man
Christ Jesus ...

Hebrews 2:14

Since therefore the children
share in flesh and blood, he
himself likewise partook of
the same things, that
through death he might
destroy the one who has the
power of death, that is, the
devil ...

Hebrews 2:17

Therefore he *had to be*
made *like his brothers* in
every respect, so that he
might become a merciful
and faithful high priest in the
service of God, to make
propitiation for the sins of
the people.

Hebrews 2:18

For because he himself has
suffered when tempted, he
is able to help those who are
being tempted.

1 John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you *so that you may not sin*. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John 2:2

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:3

And by this we know that we have come to know him, **if we keep his commandments**.

1 John 2:4

Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1 John 2:5

but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1 John 2:6

whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 John 3:7

Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

1 John 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.