

# Job

## (5) Introducing Job's Friends

Job 42:7-9

7 After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." 8 So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer. NIV

### Job's three friends; their finest hour...2:11-13

What is the stated motive for the (3) friends to travel to see Job? 2:11; Rom.12:15; ICor.12:26

**Obviously a sincere respect/love for Job and a desire to sympathize-with/comfort him.**

Is there any hint that this motive was not sincere? Comment? see Josh.7:6

**Absolutely none. This was apparently a lengthy trip for all of them. No idea of intensity.**

Describe their initial reaction when they first see Job. 2:12 see ISam.30:4

**Disbelief. Could hardly recognize him! Wept, tore robes, sprinkled dust on their heads.**

What did they do next? 2:13a see Ps.77:1-4

**Sat with him (in the garbage dump) for (7) days and (7) nights, without speaking a word.**

What does the Scripture indicate as their reasoning? 2:13b; Gen.50:10

**(7) days, honored him as a great man and they saw how great his suffering was.**

Why is this their 'finest hour'? James 1:19; Prov.10:19

**Apparently good motives, respectful, sympathetic, and most of all... silent! Often best.**

What application do you see to this point? see **42:7-9** (Key passage to the book of Job...)

### Job's first words...3:1-26

After (7) days, Job speaks. Summarize his words in 3:1-10. see Jer.20:14-18

**Cursed be the day I was born! May that birthday be stricken from history.**

What's he really saying? 3:11 see Ps.139:13-16

**I would have been better off to have died at childbirth! At least I would be in peace (v.13).**

What do you *never* hear from Job? 1:11; 2:5

**Job never speaks of suicide or 'mercy killing'. And he never curses God as Satan wanted.**

What is the heart of Job's questions in 3:20-23?

**Why is anyone born into a life of such misery? Those praying for the release of death?**

How do you interpret Job's words in 3:25?

**Perhaps a premonition? Or more likely just a realization of a fallen world? Fear.**

What is the heart cry of Job in 3:26? Compare to a believer today.

**My mind is full of fear and I have no peace, rest, quietness. Only turmoil, and fear.**

What is an application of this for us today? Jn.14:1-6; IICor.7:5-6; Heb.2:4-15; IPet.1:17-21

# Job

## (5) Introducing Job's Friends

Job 42:7-9

7 After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." 8 So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer. NIV

### Job's three friends; their finest hour...2:11-13

What is the stated motive for the (3) friends to travel to see Job? 2:11; Rom.12:15; ICor.12:26

---

Is there any hint that this motive was not sincere? Comment? see Josh.7:6

---

Describe their initial reaction when they first see Job. 2:12 see ISam.30:4

---

What did they do next? 2:13a see Ps.77:1-4

---

What does the Scripture indicate as their reasoning? 2:13b; Gen.50:10

---

Why is this their 'finest hour'? James 1:19; Prov.10:19

---

What application do you see to this point? see **42:7-9** (Key passage to the book of Job...)

### Job's first words...3:1-26

After (7) days, Job speaks. Summarize his words in 3:1-10. see Jer.20:14-18

---

What's he really saying? 3:11 see Ps.139:13-16

---

What do you *never* hear from Job? 1:11; 2:5

---

What is the heart of Job's questions in 3:20-23?

---

How do you interpret Job's words in 3:25?

---

What is the heart cry of Job in 3:26? Compare to a believer today.

---

What is an application of this for us today? Jn.14:1-6; IICor.7:5-6; Heb.2:4-15; IPet.1:17-21