

**The Book of Job**  
***Conversations at the Garbage Dump: Round 1 Part 1***  
**Job 4-7 (page 351)**

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**Eliphaz - When addressing those who are hurting we must remember that:**

- Suffering is not always the result of personal sin (Job 4:1-11)
- One's experiences are not always trustworthy to make assessments (Job 4:12-21)
- Our observations are severely limited in making judgments (Job 5:1-16)
- Truth misapplied will result in wrong advice (Job 5:17-25)

**Job - When we are hurting we often feel alienated and isolated:**

- from God (Job 6:1-7)
- from ourselves (Job 6:8-13)
- from others (Job 6:14-36)

**Job - When we are hurting we may feel like challenging God to respond to our questions concerning:**

- our condition (Job 7:1-16)
- our confusion (Job 7:17-21)

***Real Life Lessons...***

How are we like Eliphaz as we address issues and people around us? \_\_\_\_\_

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Even if all Eliphaz said was right, what does he still lack? What can we learn from this encounter about comforting others in their distress? \_\_\_\_\_

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Job's confusion is understandable. How have you responded toward God when you have experienced hurt and/or trouble? Would you respond differently now? In what way? \_\_\_\_\_

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## An Overview of the Book of Job

**The Character of Job (1:1-5)**  
**The Calamities of Job (1:6-2:10)**  
**The Comforters of Job (2:11-13)**

**Job's Complaint (3:1-26)**

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 1**  
**(4:14-14:22)**

Eliphaz's speech (4-5)  
 Job's response (6-7)  
 Bildad's speech (8)  
 Job's response (9-10)  
 Zophar's speech (11)  
 Job's response (12-14)

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 2**  
**(15:1-21:34)**

Eliphaz's second speech (15)  
 Job's response (16-17)  
 Bildad's second speech (18)  
 Job's response (19)  
 Zophar's second speech (20)  
 Job's response (21)

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 3**  
**(22:1-31:40)**

Eliphaz's third speech (22)  
 Job's reply (23-24)  
 Bildad's third speech (25)  
 Job's response (26-31)

**Elihu's speeches (32-37)**

**God's Confrontation (38-42:6)**

God's first speech (38:1-40:2)  
 Job's response (40:3-5)  
 God's second speech (40:6-41:34)  
 Job's response (42:1-6)

**Job and His Friends (42:7-17)**

God vindicates Job (42:7-9)  
 God restores Job's fortunes (42:10-17)

### A Profile of Job's Four Friends

	<b>Eliphaz</b>	<b>Bildad</b>	<b>Zophar</b>	<b>Elihu</b>
<b>Distinctive:</b>	Theologian, Pragmatist	Historian, Legalist	Moralist, Dogmatist	Theological Intellectual
<b>Relies on:</b>	Experience	Tradition	Assumption	Education
<b>Voice of:</b>	Philosophy	History	Orthodoxy	Logic
<b>Key Phrase:</b>	"I have seen..."	"Ask the former generations..."	"Know this..."	"Listen to me..."
<b>Argument:</b>	"If you sin, you suffer..."	"You MUST be sinning since you suffer..."	"You ARE sinning since you suffer..."	"Suffering may be to PURIFY and INSTRUCT..."
<b>Advice to Job:</b>	"ONLY the wicked suffer"	"The wicked ALWAYS suffer"	"The wicked are SHORT-LIVED"	"HUMBLE yourself before God"
<b>Meaning of Name:</b>	"God dispenses"	"Contention"	"Rough" of "Chirper"	"He is my God"