

**The Book of Job**  
***Conversations at the Garbage Dump: Round 1***  
**Job 8-10 (page 354)**

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**We can become so t i e d to our traditions and dogmas**

**that we m i s s the n e e d of our friends (Job 8:1-22)**

- It happens when we focus on o n e facet of God's c h a r a c t e r (vs 1-7; Proverb 22:25; 15:23)
- It happens when we hold to t r a d i t i o n over the t r u t h of God's w o r d (vs 8-10; Philippians 3:13-14)
- It happens when we issue c o n c l u s i o n s that are in c o n f l i c t with the present r e a l i t y (vs 11-22; Matthew 27:43)

**When others are suffering, it is more helpful for us to h e a r and u n d e r s t a n d the deeper q u e s t i o n s they are wrestling with (Job 9:1-10:22)**

They may have questions that involve their:

- r e l a t i o n s h i p with God (9:1-13)
- opportunity to a p p r o a c h God with their c o n c e r n s (9:14-35)
  - sometimes God seems so r a n d o m (vs 14-24)
  - sometimes God seems so u n f a i r (vs 25-35)
- questions about their p u r p o s e in life (10:1-22)

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

In what ways are we like Bildad when we reach out to others? Do our “traditions” and “pet issues” cloud our ability to be helpful? Identify those areas and establish a plan to move past them.

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What are one or two things that I can do to become a better listener and see past the surface issues others are struggling with? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which of the three areas in the second point do you wrestle with God about? Your relationship with Him? Your ability to honestly approach Him with your concerns? Your purpose in life? How can I change? \_\_\_\_\_

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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"