

The Book of Job
Conversations at the Garbage Dump: Round 2 (Bildad)
Job 18-19 (page 359)
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During *difficult times*, friends may:

- become resentful (Job 18:1-4)
- attempt to rob us of our hope for the future (Job 18:5-21)

During *difficult times* it may seem like I experience hostility:

- from my friends (Job 19:1-6)
- from God (Job 19:7-12)
- from those closest to me (Job 19:13-22)

During difficult times:

- faith brings renewed hope (Job 19:23-29)

Personally....

How important is having hope for the future? Read these verses and write out your thoughts on them in relation to what you are learning from Job:

Proverbs 13:12 _____

Proverbs 24:14 _____

Romans 5:3-5 _____

Romans 15:4 _____

Colossians 1:27 _____

1 Timothy 4:10 _____

Hebrews 6:18-20 _____

Do you ever consider the wonder of God's redemption of us?

Open your concordance (in the back of your Bible or in a separate concordance) and look at some of the aspects of God and His redemption of us. Look up "redeem", "redeemer", and "redemption", and read some of the passages. How does a better understanding of this issue build your hope? _____

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

	Eliphaz	Bildad	Zophar	Elihu
Distinctive:	Theologian, Pragmatist	Historian, Legalist	Moralist, Dogmatist	Theological Intellectual
Relies on:	Experience	Tradition	Assumption	Education
Voice of:	Philosophy	History	Orthodoxy	Logic
Key Phrase:	"I have seen..."	"Ask the former generations..."	"Know this..."	"Listen to me..."
Argument:	"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..."
Advice to Job:	"ONLY the wicked suffer"	"The wicked ALWAYS suffer"	"The wicked are SHORT-LIVED"	"HUMBLE yourself before God"
Meaning of Name:	"God dispenses"	"Contention"	"Rough" of "Chirper"	"He is my God"