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Job (Selected Verses)

With Friends Like You Who Needs Enemies

I. Introduction:

Have you ever had well-meaning friends who caused you more grief?

II. With Friends Like You Who Needs Enemies:

A. Job's Declaration:

"you are miserable comforters, all of you! 3] Will your long-winded speeches never end? Job 16:2-3

B. Eliphaz Speaks: God Brings Judgment On The Wicked.

"As I have observed, **those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.** ⁹ At the breath of God they perish; at the blast of his anger they are no more." Job 4:8

"you stripped people of their clothing, leaving them naked. ⁷ You gave no water to the weary. and you withheld food from the hungry, ⁸ though you were a powerful man, owning land—an honored man, living on it. ⁹ And you sent widows away empty-handed and broke the strength of the fatherless." Job 22:6-9

C. Bildad Speaks: God Is Just

Does God pervert justice? Does the Almighty pervert what is right? ... "Surely God does not reject one who is blameless or strengthen the hands of evildoers." Job 3:8;20

When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin." Job 8:4

D. Zophar: Job Has Sinned And Must Repent

Oh, how I wish that God would speak, that he would open his lips against you ⁶ and disclose to you the secrets of wisdom, for true wisdom has two sides. Know this: God has even forgotten some of your sin.”
Job 11:5-6

E. Evaluating Job's Three Friends

- 1.) Their Behavior Was Wrong, Cruel
- 2.) Their Theology Was Wrong

“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 the truth about me, as my servant Job has.” Job 42:7

“I also could speak like you, if you were in my place; I could make fine speeches against you and shake my head at you. ⁵ But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief.” Job 16:4-5

III. Conclusion And Application:

- A. Seek To Be A Comforter To Others
- B. Don't Jump To Conclusions
- C. Pray For Understanding