



Job's Sorrow In The Midst Of Silence

Job 2:11 - 3:26

REVIEW — When Your World is Turned Upside Down (Job 1:1-2:10) ...

Lesson #1 — There is such a thing as **INNOCENT** suffering.

Lesson #2 — The **GLORY** of God is more important than your or my or Job's comfort.

Lesson #3 — Biblical prosperity is growing richer in our **KNOWLEDGE** and **LOVE** of God.

Lesson #4 — Satan is the **IMMEDIATE** cause of suffering, but God is the **ULTIMATE** cause.

INTRODUCTION — Why won't God speak to me?

The Reality — God waits a long time to speak to Job (Cf. Job 38:1 *"Then the Lord answered Job ..."*)

The Reason — Why was God silent with Job?

LESSON — **Job's Sorrow in The Midst of Silence** 2:11-3:26

I. JOB'S COMFORTERS (His True Friends) 2:11-13

*"Now when **Job's three friends** heard of all this adversity ..."*

The Reminder: What is a friend?

"A man of many **companions** may come to ruin, but there is a **friend**
who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18: 24)

Cf. 2 Samuel 16:16-17

True friends are defined by words like: **UNBREAKABLE**, covenant **LOVE** and **LOYALTY**.

The Relationship: Who are Job's friends? v. 11a

- ❑ Eliphaz (God is fine gold) the Temanite — The **OLDEST** one (Cf. Job 15:10, 42:7; Jeremiah 49:7; Obadiah 1:8)
- ❑ Bildad the Shuhite — The **UNKNOWN** one.
- ❑ Zophar (young bird) the Naamathite — The **YOUNGEST** one.

The Response: What did Job's friends do? vs. 11b-13

*“And they made an appointment together to come to **sympathize** with him and **comfort** him. When they lifted up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, **they** raised their voices and for **they** saw his pain was great.”*

II. JOB'S CONFUSION (His Tormenting Frustrations) 3:1-26

- ❑ Job wishes he had never been **BORN**. vs. 1-10
- ❑ Job wishes, had he been born, he had not **LIVED**. vs. 11-19
- ❑ Job wishes he would **DIE**. vs. 20-26

Application — How True Friends Treat Friends in Their Times of Suffering ...

1. **A true friend recognizes that simply quoting a Scripture — or a list of them — will not eliminate **SUFFERING**.** The Bible is not an aspirin or band-aid in times of suffering. (Cf. Proverbs 15:23, 25:11)
2. **A true friend refrains from the temptation to try and say something **PROFOUND** —** We don't need to summarize “why” something is happening. (Cf. Romans 11:33; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Proverbs 25:2)
3. **A true friend realizes that you don't always have to speak to express genuine **LOVE** and **CARE**.** (Cf. John 11:35-36)