



WHEN GOD IS
SILENT
(The Book of Job)

The Gospel According To Job

Job 8:1 - 10:22

REVIEW — Let's remember what we have learned ...

Where Job's Friends Went Wrong 4:1-7:21

THE 1st SPEECH

The Rigidity of Eliphaz Chapters 4-5

*"Then Eliphaz the Temanite **answered**, ..." 4:1*

Eliphaz has a rigid, cold, cause-and-effect theology — He is Eliphaz the **ELEPHANT**.

The Response of Job Chapters 6-7

*"Then Job answered 'Oh that my grief
were actually weighed', ..." 6:1*

Job is crushed and further perplexed as he mourns and misses communion with God.

THE 1st SOLUTION

"Men seek an explanation of suffering in cause and effect. They look backwards for a connection between prior sin and present suffering. The Bible looks forward in hope and seeks explanations, not so much in origins as in goals. The purpose of suffering is seen, not in its cause but in its result."

Francis Anderson

INTRODUCTION — The 2nd Speech by Bildad

*"Then Bildad the Shuhite **answered**, ..." 8:1*

The Man — He is Bildad the **BRUTAL**.

The Message — Suffering is *always* the result of God's **FAIRNESS** and **JUSTICE**.

LESSON — The Gospel According to Job 8:1-10:22

I. BILDAD'S COUNSEL — What He Said Chapter 8

4 Statements

First — I know God better than you and He is a **JUST** God. (vs. 1-7)

Second — You need to listen to what our forefathers have said because they all say that **RIGHTEOUS** people do not suffer. (vs. 8-10)

Third — Even nature proves you have sinned as it teaches us about the **JUSTICE** of God. (vs. 11-19)

Fourth — We always get what we deserve because God never rejects a man of **INTEGRITY**. (vs. 20-22)

Question — What did Bildad's counsel do to Job? (See chapter 10)

II. JOB'S COUNTER — What He Sought Chapters 9-10

The Courtroom

9: 3 "*contend*" or "*dispute*" — to enter litigation

9:15 "*answer*" — to give testimony in court

9:15 "*judge*" — an opponent at law

9:19 "*summon*" or "*set a time*" — to subpoena

9:33 "*umpire*" or "*mediator*" — an arbitrator or judicial mediator

The Counsel

5 Gospel Truths that Bring Comfort

- 1) The Gospel is a **MESSAGE** on how to be right with God. 9:2 (Cf. John 14:6; Romans 8:1; Acts 4:12)
- 2) The Gospel is a message that **MUTES** our excuses before God. 9:3 (Cf. Romans 3:19; Revelation 20)
- 3) The Gospel is a message that warns us about the **MINIMAL** amount of time we have to live. 9:25-26 (Cf. Luke 12:20; James 4:14)
- 4) The Gospel is a message that tells us that God became a **MAN**. 9:32 (Cf. Philippians 2:7)
- 5) The Gospel is a message about our need for a **MEDIATOR** between God and man. 9:33-34 (1 Timothy 2:5-6)