

## Job 4-31 Arguments with the 3 friends.

### -Friends philosophy:

The righteous always prosper in this life.  
If prosperous => righteous.  
The wicked always suffer in this life.  
If suffering => wicked.

-The friends see all suffering as punitive.

-They accuse Job of sinning, even suggest specific ones in Job 22. Repeat this argument over and over again.

-Job attacks the view with counter-examples.

-Knows of wicked men who prosper and even die nicely.  
=> Are exceptions to their philosophy.  
=> The Lord does not always punish sin in this life.

-Friends do not reply to his attacks.

## Job 31-38 Elihu's Argument (is younger, on the sidelines).

| -Is angry with 3 friends for not responding to Job's argument.

| -Is angry at Job because Job is proclaiming his innocence, making God look unjust.

-Apparently Job has the idea that suffering is only punitive also.

-Elihu says his ideas are from the Lord.

-Elihu's philosophy: Suffering is chastisement for sin.

-Not punitive, but intended to lead you to repentance.

-If Job repents, God will bless him again.

-Is good teaching here, but this does not apply to Job.

-The Lord does not condemn Elihu's view later, but does condemn the friend's philosophy.

## The Debate between the Lord and Job.

-Job's sin: Job had done no wrong to deserve the suffering, but in the suffering did sin: He showed a lack of reverence and respect for the Lord.

-Job wanted to debate his innocence with God:

| 1) 9:32-35 "Where's an umpire to referee us?"