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In the television competition program *The Voice*, a contestant will sing, but the judges have their backs to him or her. The judges listen to the singer and are not swayed by how the singer appears. The contestant is chosen solely upon what the judges hear. Therefore, they must listen very intently to each note.

The third respondent to listen and pass judgment on Job's situation was Zophar. He was the most callous of the three friends. He referred to Job's responses as "idle talk" (v. 3). He wanted God to speak against Job (v. 5). He was so opposed to Job's innocence

that he proclaimed that "God has forgotten some of your sin" (v. 6). This statement indicates that Zophar believed that Job was not receiving the full punishment he deserved. Since God knows everything (vv. 7–9), Job needed to come clean.

*Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?*

**JOB 11:7**

Zophar set himself up as the judge and jury. He spoke authoritatively on God's behalf. He directed Job to "put away the sin that is in your hand" (v. 13) and as a result, "life will be brighter than noonday and darkness will become morning" (v. 17).

Again, there is some truth to Zophar's statements. If a person is engaged in sinful behavior, he should repent and seek the Lord. In turn, the Lord will forgive and cleanse (1 John 1:9). But Zophar's directives did not fit the circumstances. Job's talk was not idle but factual. If only Zophar

had listened intently to every word Job spoke, instead of being swayed by appearances.

Unfortunately, it is easy to pass judgment on an individual based upon appearance. A wise person is slow to speak and quick to listen (James 1:19). Zophar made up his mind about Job based upon what he observed, not based on what Job was sharing. Let us be people who listen, understand, and offer grace when needed.

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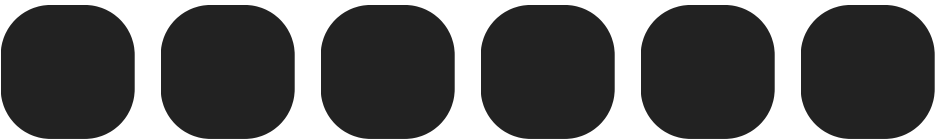
When was the last time you provided a listening ear to someone in need? How can you be a better listener?

**Pray with Us:** “Do not judge, or you too will be judged” (Matt. 7:1). Lord Jesus, make us people who listen, understand, and offer grace. Soften our hearts that we may hear Your voice, turn to You with all our worries, and comfort others.

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Daily Devotional - Wednesday, August 7, 2024 -

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Although we may never meet in person, I would like to pass on a bit of wisdom I have acquired as a pastor. Speak kindly concerning somebody's children and grandchildren even when you need to deliver unpleasant news regarding their behavior.

In Job 8, Bildad, Job's other friend, decided to speak. As the reader, you may be hoping that he has listened to Job and will come alongside him with helpful truth. Unfortunately, our hopes are quickly dashed. He responds by calling Job a windbag (v. 2).

*Does God pervert justice? Does the Almighty pervert what is right?*

**JOB 8:3**

Then he asks two questions to place himself on the moral high ground: "Does God pervert justice? Does the Almighty pervert what is right?" (v. 3). On this, Bildad is correct. But then he attacked Job's children: "When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin" (v. 4).

Wow! It is obvious that Bildad is not wise when it comes to giving counsel. Proverbs tells us, "Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a ruling rightly given" (Prov. 25:11). In Bildad's own twisted way, he did want what was best for Job. He said, "Surely God does not reject one who is blameless or strengthen the hands of evildoers. He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy" (vv. 20–21). Bildad wanted joy for his friend, but his theological instruction was warped.

When we walk through times of trouble, not everyone will be sensitive to our plight. Some, when trying to help, will add a dose of salt to our open wound and it will sting. However, we can rest in God's promise to Israel, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!" (Isa. 49:15).

## Go Deeper

How have well-meaning people been hurtful in their efforts to minister to you in difficult times? Why is our knowledge of God and His Word so important during those times?

**Pray with Us:** Reading about Job's "friends" who added insult to his injury, we can't help but praise You, merciful God, for the wise friends You give us on our life's journey. Thank You for Your faithful servants who speak Your truth to us.

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## Daily Devotional - Monday, August 5, 2024 - Eliphaz: Sin Caused Your Suffering

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Years ago, when I was in seminary, I misplaced one of my Bibles. One of my classmates picked it up. Approximately a week later, he returned it to me along with a statement: “You obviously have not been having quiet time with the Lord.” It must not have occurred to him that I had more than one Bible. I thought, “With friends like you, who needs enemies?”

Job must have had similar thoughts as his friends began to respond to his plight. While they were silent (2:13), they were probably a comfort to Job (2:11). But when they began to speak, their words were sharp as razors. The first to respond was Eliphaz. He appears to have been the leader of the three friends (42:7).

*Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.*

**JOB 5:17**

Eliphaz complimented Job for giving wise instruction to others, strengthening the weak and supporting the unstable (vv. 3–4). At least, this was the public face of Job. However, because of

Eliphaz’s extreme view of retribution, he was convinced that Job was leading a double life. Eliphaz believed that a person “only” reaps what he sows. Therefore, Job must have secretly sowed evil.

The good news from Eliphaz’s perspective was that Job could be blessed by God. His tragedy was God’s reproof (5:17). If Job turned to God (5:8) and away from evil (5:12–13), advised Eliphaz, then Job could once again experience God’s blessing (5:17).

Galatians 6:7 is clear: “Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” However, tragedy is not always the result of our own sinful behavior. Jesus Christ, who had no sin was tragically crucified for our sins. We may suffer for sin, but it is not always our own personal sin. As believers, we should never despise God’s discipline, but tragedy isn’t necessarily God’s discipline.

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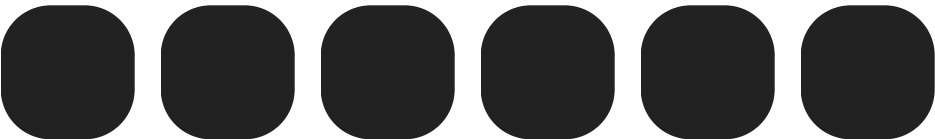
What did Job’s friends fail to understand? Have you ever been falsely accused of something? How did you respond?

**Pray with Us:** Jesus, Savior, You brought the Kingdom of Light into the shadows of our lives. And You walked through the shadows of our world as well. Kindle great hope in our hearts as we wait for You to come in power and glory to make all things new.

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# Daily Devotional - Friday, August 2, 2024 - Worshiping in Tragedy

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In 2009, a major news outlet published an article titled “Why Do We Believe That Catastrophes Come in Threes?” The author stated, “The persistence of this belief is difficult to explain since the case for it is so easily demolished.” The story of Job demolishes this illogical belief as well. Job’s catastrophes came in four waves.

After receiving permission from the Lord, Satan began to attack Job’s household and possessions (v. 12). Job received a string of bad news from a survivor of each event.

First, the Sabeans killed his

herdsmen with the sword and stole his oxen and donkeys. Next, lightning struck and killed all his sheep and the shepherds watching them. Then, the Chaldeans stole his camels and murdered more servants. Finally, a windstorm destroyed the house where Job’s children were feasting and killed them all. This last news was the worst of all. His children had been killed from what we might call “an act of God.”

*The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised.*

**JOB 1:21**

Not having time to grieve between each of the four sequential messages, he finally mourned his loss. The narrator depicts four separate and sequential acts by Job. He got up. He tore his robe. He shaved his head. He fell to the ground in worship (v. 20). He acknowledged that everything he had came from God and that the Giver had the right to take back those gifts. Job’s response expresses praise, even in the midst of tragedy: “The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised” (v. 21).

It would have been easy for Job to become angry with the Lord for taking away his possessions and his children. However, the narrator allows us to see that just as Job was concerned that his children might have “sinned and cursed God in their hearts” (v. 5), Job hadn’t sinned against God in his (v. 22).

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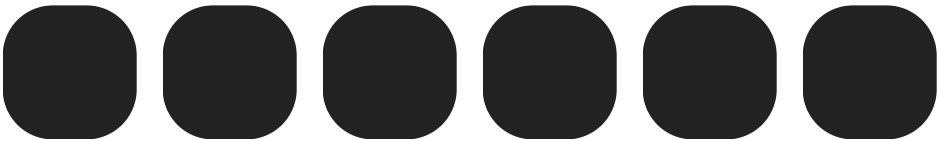
Has God ever removed something or someone important in your life? Did you respond appropriately?

**Pray with Us:** Almighty God, we marvel at Job’s unshakable faith in the face of all his misfortunes! Give us strength to be able to say, like Job, “May the name of the Lord be praised” (Job 1:21), in both happy and hard times.

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# Certain Future

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A few years ago, I was at a conference where the speaker was introduced as a “futurist.” I had never heard of that as a job title before. A futurist is someone who analyzes data and trends to forecast what might happen in different areas of life such as technology, government, or medicine. Humans have always desired a glimpse into what the future holds.

In Genesis 49, Jacob gathered his sons to share one final message (v. 1). He introduced his speech by declaring that he would “tell you what will happen to you in the days to come” (v. 1). His speech described the future tribes of Israel and some of their qualities. The sons are grouped by their mutual mothers and then listed in their birth order.

*The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.*

**GENESIS 49:10**

The first three sons are told why they will not be considered as the firstborn. Reuben engaged in sexual sin (v. 3). Simeon and Levi violently overreacted to the crime committed against their sister by killing many (Gen. 34:25–31). But while Judah had his own issues, he had demonstrated repentance and a changed life. Jacob prophesied that Judah will be a leader among the tribes of Israel. He declared, “The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his” (v. 10). Jacob here tells of a Messianic king who will rule over the nations. The New Testament writers affirm that this prophecy finds its fulfillment in Jesus (Rev. 5:5).

Just as God has been faithful to keep His promises to Abraham, we can be confident that He will keep His promises to us regarding the Lord Jesus’ Second Coming when He will rule over the nations! Jesus said, “Yes, I am coming soon” (Rev. 22:20). To which we can respond, “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”

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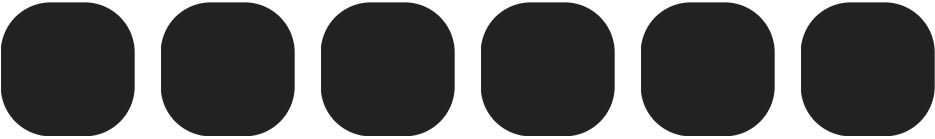
Do you worry about the future? How does knowing we can depend on God’s promise about Jesus’ return change the way we live today?

**Pray with Us:** Jesus, we eagerly await Your return! Teach us how to live in the light of Your Second Coming. May we grow in faith as Christians and citizens of Your eternal kingdom. “Come, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20).



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