

"Now Mine Eyes Seeth Thee"

Lesson 9

Eliphaz's Third Speech & Job's Reply Job 22-24

Introduction

In the final round of speeches (**chs. 22-31**), the "friends" begin to lay specific charges at Job's feet, charges they could not prove. It appears that Job pays little attention to what they say to him, and continues to express his desire to present his case before God, still confident he will be vindicated.

Eliphaz specifically charges Job with great crimes, and repeats his appeal for Job to repent and return to God (**ch. 22**). Job reiterates his earlier agonizing pleas at not being able to gain an audience with God so that He can hear his case (**ch. 23**). After making this complaint, Job presents his understanding regarding the wicked, God's apparent failure in punishing them, and the end that awaits them (**ch. 24**).

Eliphaz's Third Speech (Job 22:1-30)

1. What is Eliphaz saying in **22:2-3**? Compare what he says with **Ps. 35:27; 147:11; 149:4**. What is Eliphaz's conclusion, and insinuation, about Job in **22:4-5**?
2. What does Eliphaz begin to do in **22:6-9**? What kind of things does he mention specifically? How is this different than his earlier charges against Job? What does Eliphaz say are the consequences of Job's sinful activities? (**22:10-11**)
3. What else does Eliphaz insinuate about Job in **22:12-14**? Compare what Eliphaz implies about Job with Job's own words from **7:19** and **9:11**. Do you see any difference?
4. What "evidence" does Eliphaz use to convince Job of his wickedness? (**22:15-17**) What does Eliphaz say about the righteous and the wicked's destruction? (**22:18-20**)

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5. What is Eliphaz's final appeal to Job? (22:21-30) What did Eliphaz counsel Job to do? (22:21-24) According to Eliphaz, what rewards or blessings awaited Job if he repented? (22:25-30) Do you agree with anything in this part of Eliphaz's final speech?

Job's Reply To Eliphaz (Job 23:1 - 24:25)

6. How does Job begin in responding to Eliphaz's words? (23:1-2) To what theme does Job return in 23:3-7? Of what was Job so confident in 23:6? Despite this confidence, what does Job lament as his problem? (23:8-9)
7. In what way do we see Job's faith begin to strengthen? (23:10-12) Yet, what still perplexes him? (23:13-17)
8. What is the topic of Job's complaint in 24:1-17? What are some specific things he mentions as his "proof?" What especially seems to trouble Job? (24:12)
9. From what Job says in 24:18-25, what is his understanding of the end of the wicked? What is the difference between his understanding and that of his "friends?" What challenge to his "friends" does Job issue? (24:25)