“Eliphaz’ First Speech - ‘Now, Job…’”
Job 4-5
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I. Job’s Friends’ Mistaken Beliefs

A. They *correctly* believed that God blesses the righteous and punishes the wicked (see Psalm 1).

B. They *mistakenly* viewed this dynamic as practically one-to-one.

C. They also *mistakenly* believed that blessings and punishments come quickly in this life.

D. They did not seem to understand that sometimes even the faithful suffer for God’s glory:

John 9:1–3 *- [1] As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” [3] Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.*

II. Eliphaz’s First Speech to Job

A. Eliphaz does say true things that are affirmed elsewhere in scripture (Ps. 37:25; 1 Cor. 3:19; Pr. 3:11; Heb. 12:5, etc.).

B. Yet Eliphaz mistakenly applies those truths to Job’s situation.

1. Eliphaz clearly believed that Job’s trials were evidence of large, unconfessed sin(s) in his life.

2. He was calling Job to confess and repent so that he might be restored.

3. Yet there were no examples of large, unconfessed sin(s) in Job’s life.

4. How could Job repent of sins that were not there?

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