"Our Heavenly Advocate"
Job 15-17
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I. Eliphaz's Second Speech – Job 15

A. Eliphaz begins the 2nd round of speeches in Job's middle section.

B. Eliphaz had reached the conclusion that Job is corrupt, unjust, and abominable – from his perspective, *what else explains Job's trials?*

II. Job's 2nd Response to Eliphaz – Job 16-17

A. "You guys are miserable comforters."

B. "I am innocent of great sin!"

C. "God is treating me with hatred!"

D. "My horrible friends are part of God's intent to torture me."

E. In the central portion of this section (Job 16:18-22), Job entertains a profound hope:

Job 16:19–21 (NIV87) - *19 Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high. 20 My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God; 21 on behalf of a man he pleads with God as a man pleads for his friend.*

1. Job perceives a 2nd Divine Person in heaven who was "for him" (though God the Father was never against Job).

2. Job's hopes became true in fullness when the Incarnate Christ was exalted to Heaven to be Job's <u>*and our*</u> Eternal Advocate:

1 John 2:1 *- My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*