

SUFFERING...SOVEREIGNTY...FAITH

“Myths and Truths”

Job 2:11-28:28

5:27, “We have studied life and found all this to be true. Listen to my counsel, and apply it to yourself.”

I. Myths on Suffering from Friends

A. Myth #1: All suffering is because of sin

Job 4:7-9

⁷“Stop and think! Do the innocent die?

When have the upright been destroyed?

⁸My experience shows that those who plant trouble and cultivate evil will harvest the same.

⁹A breath from God destroys them.

They vanish in a blast of his anger.

Job 8:2-4

²“How long will you go on like this?

You sound like a blustering wind.

³Does God twist justice?

Does the Almighty twist what is right?

⁴Your children must have sinned against Him, so their punishment was well deserved.

Job 22:4-5

4 Is it because you're so pious that God accuses you and brings judgment against you?

***5 No, it's because of your wickedness!
There's no limit to your sins.***

Job 22:12-13

***12 "God is so great—higher than the heavens,
higher than the farthest stars.***

***13 But you reply, "That's why God can't see what I am doing!
How can he judge through the thick darkness?"***

B. Myth #2: The wicked cannot go unpunished in this life

Job 18:5-6

***5 "Surely the light of the wicked will be snuffed out.
The sparks of their fire will not glow.***

***6 The light in their tent will grow dark.
The lamp hanging above them will be quenched.***

C. Myth #3: Suffering's ONLY purpose is repentance of sin

II. Truths on Suffering from Job

A. Confront and refute false teaching and theology

Job 6:29-30, "Stop assuming my guilt, for I have done no wrong. Do you think I am lying? Don't I know the difference between right and wrong?"

Job 13:4-5

***4 As for you, you smear me with lies.
As physicians, you are worthless quacks.***

***5 If only you could be silent!
That's the wisest thing you could do.***

***Job 21:34, “How can your empty clichés comfort me?
All your explanations are lies!”***

B. Ask “why” without abandoning “Who” you are asking

***Job 10:2, “I will say to God, Do not condemn me;
let me know why you contend against me.”***

C. Prepare to endure silence

***Job 19:7, “Behold, I cry out, ‘Violence!’ but I am not answered; I
call for help, but there is no justice.”***

D. Lean on God’s faithfulness

***Job 23:8-10, “I look for Him but cannot find Him, see Him or
perceive Him; but He knows the way that I take; when He has
tried me, I shall come out like gold.”***

E. Feed on God’s Word

Job 23:11-12

***¹¹ My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and
have not turned aside.***

***¹² I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I
have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of
food.***

F. Embrace your mediator...Jesus Christ

***Job 9:33, “If only there were a mediator between us, someone
who could bring us together.”***

***1 Timothy 2:5, “For there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus.”***

