

## NAVIGATING THE WAVES OF ACCUSATIONS

Text: Job 15:1-35

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**Key Thought:** False Accusations Require the Skills of a Captain as the Waves Pursue

“[Job’s friends] were right in thinking that a world ruled and governed by a just and holy God must have within it a place for rewards and punishments; but they were wrong to assume that God’s way of doing things is the same as ours that God’s mind is like our mind . . .

Like Eliphaz, we like things to be uncomplicated and easy to understand, but religious faith is not always like that. There is a dimension of God’s being that is **inscrutable [unable to understand]** to us, and it is not surprising therefore that we should find it **perplexing and frustrating** at times when we try to understand his ways with us.”

Peter Williams

*“From Despair to Hope”*

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p. 83

History books are filled with stories of men like Christopher Columbus, Ferdinand Magellan, Francis Drake, John Cabot, James Cook & George Vancouver. To say that they were adventurers is an understatement. Even calling them captains of ships seems to be lacking in substance. They, in my mind, were **Navigators of the seas and oceans** and survived the **tumultuous winds and waves** that they constantly had to overcome.

Biblical history is no different. It took men and women of **great courage and tenacity** to make their stories worth repeating. Job definitely stood in the top ten along with Abraham, Joseph, Deborah, King David, Jeremiah, Daniel. Mary and the Apostle Paul. **Even these great ones could never exceed the course that our Lord and Saviour took to ensure that our salvation was built upon a solid Rock that the winds and waves of time could not overcome.** He endured the constant false accusations that were levelled against Him **beginning** with the devil in the wilderness and **ending** while He hung upon the torturous Roman cross.

### Where Did Eliphaz Direct His Accusations in this Rebuttal?

- I. ACCUSATIONS HURLED AGAINST JOB’S WORDS (Job 15:1-6)**
- II. ACCUSATIONS HURLED AGAINST JOB’S WISDOM (Job 15:7-26)**
- III. ACCUSATIONS HURLED AGAINST JOB’S WEALTH (Job 15:27-35)**

## I. ACCUSATIONS HURLED AGAINST JOB'S WORDS (Job 15:1-6)

*“Would a wise person answer with empty notions or fill their belly with the hot east wind?*

*3. Would they argue with useless words, with speeches that have no value?*

*4. But you even undermine piety and hinder devotion to God.*

*5. **Your sin prompts your mouth; you adopt the tongue of the crafty.***

*6. Your own mouth condemns you, not mine; your own lips testify against you.”*

*Job 15:2-6*

Eliphaz not only took over where he ended off in chapters 4 and 5 but he also became **more aggressive and condemning** with his words. He must have believed that he could speak however he wished and Job had to keep silent or at least not try to defend himself. This same notion is becoming quite noticeable across the world in our day and age.

It didn't work in Job's day and age and it won't work today. Citizens that are bullied by their tyrannical leaders are speaking out and saying “**Enough is Enough.**” May I remind you of what is happening in China, Russia, Ukraine, Iran, North Korea, Argentina, Canada and the USA - and the list goes on.

It's a well-known fact that a dry East wind in the middle East carries with it many disappointments. Jude chose his words carefully as he described the ungodly of his day.

*“These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. **They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead.**”*

*Jude 12*

I find it interesting that Eliphaz didn't portray his words as **useless or having no value.** He couldn't even admit that it **HIS OWN** words were **crafty** and **condemning.** There are many times when I wish a judge would make the following warning to prosecutors.

“You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.”

**Choose your words wisely, because once spoken they cannot be undone!**

## I. ACCUSATIONS HURLED AGAINST JOB'S WORDS (Job 15:1-6)(Contd.)

*“No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment **you** shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, says the LORD”*

*Isaiah 54:17*

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## II. ACCUSATIONS HURLED AGAINST JOB'S WISDOM (Job 15:10-26)

“All trouble doth not arise from sin. Much trouble is the consequence of sin; and all sin will, sooner or later, be the source of trouble.”

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*“The gray-haired and the aged are on our side, men even older than your father.”*

*Job 15:10*

The first 3 comforters/friends are believed to be older than Job. They thought their grey hair added to their wisdom. I definitely don't believe that was true in their case. I've met old people that aren't very wise and I've met young people who are quite wise for their age. I've often said that I've earned every one of these grey/white hairs I have. I may want to reflect upon that a little more. I'm recognising that there are many fields of study (i.e. - Medical/pharmaceutical) that I know very little about. Yet why should I worry? Most of us may be replaced by robots if Artificial Intelligence advances at its current speed.

The differences between intelligence and wisdom are becoming more noticeable as I compare what I see. We have an increasing amount of Ivy league students that don't believe that God exists and has no involvement in our life. That kind of wisdom is what is leading to their aggressive attitude against those of us who place our faith in God and His Word. Is that now considered being wise in the halls of the educated elite? You would think so if you only followed mainstream news organizations! I'm thankful that those views are being challenged on a more regular basis and are proven to be false.

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*“Listen to me and I will explain to you; let me tell you what I have seen,*

*18. what the wise have declared, hiding nothing received from their ancestors*

*19. (to whom alone the land was given when no foreigners moved among them):*

***20. All his days the wicked man suffers torment, the ruthless man through all the years stored up for him.***

*21. Terrifying sounds fill his ears; when all seems well, marauders attack him.*

*22. He despairs of escaping the realm of darkness; he is marked for the sword.*

*23. He wanders about for food like a vulture; he knows the day of darkness is at hand.*

*24. Distress and anguish fill him with terror; troubles overwhelm him, like a king poised to attack,*

***25. because he shakes his fist at God and vaunts himself against the Almighty,***

*Job 15:17-25*

It's a notable fact that the scrolls containing history of empirical leaders are mired with false statements. The pharaohs of Egypt made sure they were recorded as victors. Archeologists have compared the Biblical account of the children of Israel escaping their bondage with those found in the libraries of Egypt and found them to be quite different.

Eliphaz was wrong in making the statements about a wicked man suffering torment all of his years on earth. Job thought just the opposite (Job 12:6). I tend to believe there in pleasure in sin for a season (a period of life) but no one escapes the final judgement of God. He “**rewards**” everyone according to their words and actions based upon His knowledge and wisdom NOT ours.

“A fool says what he knows, and a wise man knows what he says.”

[Yiddish Proverb](#)

*“Although they claimed to wise, they became fools.”*

*Romans 1:22*

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### III. ACCUSATIONS HURLED AGAINST JOB'S WEALTH (Job 15:27-35)

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Warren W. Wiersbe  
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There were many God-loving people recorded in the Bible who were wealthy. I don't believe riches should be used to either exalt a person or degrade a person. It is easy to find good and evil people who are either abundant in wealth or living in poverty. This chapter is another case of **“Backward Thinking.”** We must be careful making judgement about the condition a person's heart by comparing their level of recognition in society.

***“Though his face is covered with fat and his waist bulges with flesh,***

*28. he will inhabit ruined towns and houses where no one lives, houses crumbling to rubble.*

*29. He will no longer be rich and his wealth will not endure, nor will his possessions spread over the land.*

*30. He will not escape the darkness; a flame will wither his shoots, and the breath of God's mouth will carry him away.*

*31. Let him not deceive himself by trusting what is worthless, for he will get nothing in return.*

*32. Before his time he will wither, and his branches will not flourish.*

*33. He will be like a vine stripped of its unripe grapes, like an olive tree shedding its blossoms.*

*34. For the company of the godless will be barren, and fire will consume the tents of those who love bribes.*

*35. They conceive trouble and give birth to evil; their womb fashions deceit.”*

*Job 15:27-35*

We are quickly approaching a time in history when the antichrist will rule the world and control its riches. Larry Norman wrote a song in 1969 **“I Wish We'd All Been Ready.”** It's where many people incorrectly believed that **“it will take a bag of gold to buy a loaf of bread.”**

### III. ACCUSATIONS HURLED AGAINST JOB'S WEALTH (Job 15:27-35)(Contd.)

*“Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds [a kilogram] of wheat for a day’s wages, [a denarius] and six pounds[3 kilograms] of barley for a day’s wages, [a denarius] and do not damage the oil and the wine!”*

*Revelation 6:6*

After the destruction of Babylon the Great (known also as the mighty city), there will be a great multitude in heaven who will shout out **“Hallelujah.”** So who are these servants of God? They are the bride of Christ. They are clearly told not only what to do but also clearly described.

*“Then a voice came from the throne, saying:  
“Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!”*

*Revelation 19:5*

**\*\*\*** William Tyndale was a 16<sup>th</sup> century Bible scholar with a passion for making the Bible available to the English-speaking masses. He translated the Bible for the original Hebrew and Greek into the language of the common people. Because the church of England did not approve Tyndale’s translation, King Henry VIII banned it. In 1524, Tyndale fled to Belgium to avoid being arrested.

Eleven years later, he met a student from England named Henry Philips. Philips told Tyndale he wanted to know everything he could about Bible translation, so over the course of time they became friends. One evening, Tyndale and Philips were headed out for dinner at an inn down the street. Philips stepped back to let Tyndale enter. As he entered two agents of the King of England arrested him. Only then did Tyndale realized that his friend had betrayed him.

For sixteen months Tyndale was imprisoned but while there he led the guard, the guard’s daughter and several others to a living faith in Jesus Christ. He was tried, condemned and executed as a heretic because of his translation work. His last words before dying was a prayer: **“Lord, open the eyes of the king of England.”**

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\*\*\* Three years after his death, God answered William Tyndale's prayer. Henry the VIII dropped his opposition to a Bible translation for the masses, and the English Great Bible was published in 1539, based almost entirely on Tyndale's translation.

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Ray Stedman  
"Let God Be God"  
(Grand Rapids, Mi: Discovery House Publishers, 2007)  
pp. 99-100.

**There are many more accusations that Job had to Navigate through before he was told by God to pray for his accusers and THEN his health, wealth and offspring were doubled.**

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