

Job's friends think they have an explanation for Job's suffering, but they are wrong about who God is.

most of Job is \_\_\_\_\_

— dialogue back and forth between Job and others

most of Job is \_\_\_\_\_

— placed with Proverbs and Ecclesiastes

Job lived during the time of the \_\_\_\_\_

— same time as Abraham

the mistake of Job's friends: they see God's actions not

as \_\_\_\_\_, but as \_\_\_\_\_

the point which the author wants us to think about: \_\_\_\_\_

author sets up this question:

how can Job \_\_\_\_\_ in a God who is beyond Job's \_\_\_\_\_?

## The God Who Is Beyond Us

Job 4:7–11 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup>“Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished?

Where were the upright ever destroyed?

<sup>8</sup>As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.

<sup>9</sup>At the breath of God they perish; at the blast of his anger they are no more.

<sup>10</sup>The lions may roar and growl, yet the teeth of the great lions are broken.

<sup>11</sup>The lion perishes for lack of prey, and the cubs of the lioness are scattered.

Job 5:8–9 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup>“But if I were you, I would appeal to God; I would lay my cause before him.

<sup>9</sup>He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

Job 5:17–18 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup>“Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

<sup>18</sup>For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal.

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Job 6:24–30 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup>“Teach me, and I will be quiet; show me where I have been wrong.

<sup>25</sup>How painful are honest words! But what do your arguments prove?

<sup>26</sup>Do you mean to correct what I say, and treat my desperate words as wind?

<sup>27</sup>You would even cast lots for the fatherless and barter away your friend.

<sup>28</sup>“But now be so kind as to look at me. Would I lie to your face?

<sup>29</sup>Relent, do not be unjust; reconsider, for my integrity is at stake.

<sup>30</sup>Is there any wickedness on my lips? Can my mouth not discern malice?



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Job 4:7-11; 5:8-9, 17-18; 6:24-30



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What does Job's friend say is the reason for Job's suffering?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

### Today's Bible Passage: Job 4:7-11

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

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“**Consider** now: Who, **being innocent**, has **ever** perished? Where were the **upright ever destroyed**? As I have **observed**, those who **plow evil** and those who sow **trouble reap** it. At the **breath** of God they **perish**; at the **blast** of his **anger** they are no **more**. The **lions** may **roar** and **growl**, yet the **teeth** of the **great** lions are **broken**. The **lion** perishes for **lack** of **prey**, and the **cubs** of the **lioness** are **scattered**.”