



The Gospel According to Job

February 8: Job Replies to Eliphaz: Job 6
A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Why do we have frequent footnotes in Job saying, “The meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain”?

Although compassion for Job comes easily to us, why is application of this book so difficult?

When we hear words from a commercial, a Facebook post, or a popular politician, how can we distinguish truth from error?

Job 6:1-4

What is the weight of Job’s situation?

What does Job see as the source of his difficulty? Is he right?

Deuteronomy 32:39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Job 6:5-7

What does Job mean by his rhetorical questions?

^{KJG} **Job 6:7** The things *that* my soul refused to touch *are* as my sorrowful meat.

^{NIV} **Job 6:7** I refuse to touch it; such food makes me ill.

Job 6:8-10

What request does Job ask of God?

Isaiah 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

“I have not denied the words of the Holy One.”

Job 6:11-13

What does Job mean by these rhetorical questions?

Why is Job able to be so candid about his situation?

Job 6:14-20

Who is Job confronting with these comments?

To what does he compare them?

Eliphaz spoke confidently of Job's situation. Did his confidence make him right?

Job 6:21-23

Is *you* singular or plural?

Has Job asked anything of his counselors?

What hints for a solution can we find in his words?

Job 6:24-27

What does Job welcome from his counselors? What does he expose in them?

Job desires his counselors distinguish between his words and his condition. How can we do that for a suffering person?

Job 6:28-30

What would Job welcome from his friends? What does Job know about his situation?

Job 34:2-3 Hear my words, you wise men, and give ear to me, you who know; for the ear tests words as the palate tastes food.