

JOB'S RESPONSE TO MISERY

Dialogue, Part 4, Chapters 24-31

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Job's Response to Eliphaz (24:1-25)

1. The wicked steal from the needy and mistreat the poor, yet God pays no attention (24:1-17, 25)
2. A Secondary Response to Job (24:18-24)

Bildad's Third Discourse (25:1-26:14)

1. How can a mortal be righteous before God? (25:1-6)
2. Job interrupts (26:1-4)
3. Bildad continues; God is indeed mighty (26:5-14)

Job's Response to Bildad (27:1-23)

1. Job swears by the God who has denied him justice (27:1-6)
2. Verses 7-23 seem out of place; the lost third discourse of Zophar? (27:7-23)
 - a. A curse on the enemy (27:7-12)
 - b. The wicked will be swept away (27:13-23)

A Poetic Interlude on Wisdom (28:1-28)

Job's Closing Speech (29:1-31:40)

1. Job longs for the life he once had (29:1-25)
2. Job laments his present condition (30:1-31)
3. Job passionately asserts his innocence (31:1-40)