

# JOB The Wisdom of Suffering



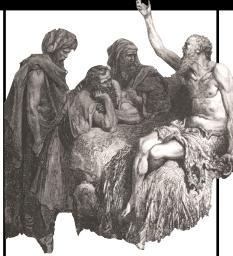
## **Job's Character:**

Walking in Covenant Fear and Faithfulness (1:1-5)  
**Job's Calamity:**  
 Testing thru Accusation (1:6-12), Assault (1:13-19)  
 Affirmation of Faith (1:20-22)

Testing thru Accusation (2:1-6), Assault (2:7-9)  
 Affirmation of Faith (2:10)

## **Job's Confidants:**

Three Friends who Sit with a Friend (2:11-13)



## **Job's Honest Lament:**

Job Breaks His Silence: (3:1-2)

Job Curses the Day of His Birth (3:3-10)

Job Laments the Day of His Birth (3:11-26)

Job's Confidants: Three Friends who Sit with a Friend (2:11-13)

## **A Theology of Retribution:**

Is the Creation Theater  
 Guided Solely by Cause/Effect?

## **First Cycle (4:1-14:22)**

Eliphaz's First Speech (4:1-5:27)  
 Job's First Response (6:1-7:21)  
 Bildad's First Speech (8:1-22)  
 Job's Second Response (9:1-10:22)  
 Zophar's First Speech (11:1-20)  
 Job's Third Response (12:1-14:22)

## **Second Cycle (15:1-21:34)**

Eliphaz's Second Speech (15:1-35)  
 Job's Fourth Response (16:1-17:16)  
 Bildad's Second Speech (18:1-21)  
 Job's Fifth Response (19:1-29)  
 Zophar's Second Speech (20:1-20)  
 Job's Sixth Response (21:1-34)

## **Third Cycle (22:1-27:23)**

Eliphaz's Third Speech (22:1-30)  
 Job's Seventh Response (23:1-24:25)  
 Bildad's Third Speech (25:1-6)  
 Job's Eighth Response (26:1-27:23)



## **DEBATES**

## **Prologue**

## **Lament**

1:1 2:13 3:1 3:26 4:1 27:23 28:1 31:40 32:1 37:24 38:1 42:6 42:7 42:17

## **Story**

## **Poetry**

## **Job**

## **Elihu**

## **YHWH**

## **Story**

**Job's Monologue: "I am Innocent."**  
 First Speech: **Where Is Wisdom Found?** (28:1-28)  
 Second Speech: The Months of Old (29:1-25)  
 Third Speech: Treated with Disdain (30:1-31)  
 Fourth Speech: Protest of Innocence (31:1-40)

**Elihu's Monologue: "You are Self-righteous."**  
 First Speech: A Defense of Interrupting (32:1-22)  
 Second Speech: A Defense of God's Goodness (33:1-33)  
 Third Speech: A Defense of God's Justice (34:1-37)  
 Fourth Speech: A Critique of Job's Monologue (35:1-15)  
 Fifth Speech: A Defense of God's Justice and Power (36:1-37:24)

**YHWH's Monologue: "I am God."**  
 The Challenge: YHWH Addresses Job (38:1-3)  
 First Speech: **YHWH is the Sovereign Creator** (38:4-41)  
 Second Speech: **YHWH is the Giver of Life** (39:1-30)  
 Job's First Response: *Humbled Silence* (40:1-5)  
 The Challenge: YHWH Addresses Job (40:6-7)  
 Third Speech: **YHWH is Inscrutable** (40:8-41:34)  
 Job's Second Response: *Humbled Submission* (42:1-6)



The author recorded Job's experiences as he learned how to properly respond to Yahweh in submissive trust  
 in order to show individual Israelites that they must trust Yahweh regardless of circumstances  
 since a sovereign and life giving God is in control of everything yet still inscrutable.