

How to Kick a Man When He's Down Job

1. Introduction to Job (1-2).

a. The Description of Job (1:1-4).

blameless

upright

feared the Lord

shunned evil

shepherded the family

b. The Dialog about Job (1:5-12).

Satan's attack on Job

c. The Devastation of Job (1:13-2:13).

The essence of Satan's charge: no one loves God out of pure motives

2. The Initial Lament by Job (3).

The essence of Job's Lament: "I wish I had never been born"

3. The Indictments Against Job and Rebuttals by Job (4-37).

a. Round One (4-14).

Eliphaz (4-5): The innocent don't suffer.

Job (6-7): I would rather that God kill me than let me suffer

Show me where I am wrong.

Bildad (8): Since God wouldn't reject the righteous man, your suffering can be stopped if you'll start seeking after Him again.

Job (9-10): I would never presume to argue with God.

I have tried to maintain my innocence.

Zophar (11): If God spoke you would be amazed at your guilt.

If you get right with God, He will bless you.

Job (12-14): Sarcasm for the “wisdom” of his friends.”

Evil people flourish and righteous people struggle.

God keeps His own council.

b. Round Two (15-21).

Eliphaz (15): What makes you so smart/ your own words convict you.

No one is innocent before God.

Job (16-17): God has assailed me and broken me, but I don't know why.

Bildad (18): Do you think we're stupid?

Only the wicked suffer!

Job (19): My friends have crushed me, but I know that God lives and He will rescue me.

Zophar (20): Evil people only have pleasure for a moment and then God destroys them.

Job (21) Let me speak once more, then you can ridicule.

Life is unfair.

c. Round 3 (22-31).

Eliphaz (22): Your sin is endless/ especially your arrogance.

Job (23-24): If I could stand before God and state my case like a man before a judge, He would declare me not-guilty.

Bildad (25) No one is innocent before the God, we're worms and maggots!

Job (25-31): God has denied me justice.

I will maintain my innocence.

I long for the time when God looked after me and I was respected.

If I have sinned, then I do deserve this.

c. Elihu (32-37).

Since my elders failed to show Job his guilt, I'll try.

Job's argument is with God, let God refute him because you can't do it.

God may speak to man, but He does not owe you an answer.

God can never do wrong and that is why Job is suffering since Job scorns God and associates with evil people.

God would not answer Job because He doesn't answer to rebellious or evil men.

Your suffering is a wake-up call from God to repent.

God is so great no one could stand before Him or argue with Him.

4. The Instruction of Job and Restoration by God (38-42).

a. God Speaks to Job (38-41).

God rebuked Job directly for his speculations

b. Job's Silence Before God (42:1-6).

c. Job's Service for God (42:7-11).

d. God's Blessing on Job (42:12-17).

Job was not restored until he interceded for his friends.

Zophar did not have to sacrifice.