

## Job 4

## Eliphaz: The Innocent Prosper

**1**Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said:

**2**If one venture a word unto thee, wilt thou be weary? But who can withhold himself from speaking?

**3**Behold, thou hast instructed many, And thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

**4**Thy words have upholden him that was falling, And thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

**5**But now it is come upon thee, and thou art weary; It toucheth thee, and thou art affrighted.

**6**Is not thy fear of God thy confidence, And thy hope the integrity of thy ways?

**7**Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? Or where were the upright cut off?

**8**According as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, And sow mischief, reap the same.

**9**By the breath of God they perish, And by the blast of His anger are they consumed.

**10**The lion roareth, and the fierce lion howleth—Yet the teeth of the young lions are broken.

**11**The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

**12**Now a word was secretly brought to me, And mine ear received a whisper thereof.

**13**In thoughts from the visions of the night, When deep sleep falleth on men,

**14**Fear came upon me, and trembling, And all my bones were made to shake.

**15**Then a spirit passed before my face, That made the hair of my flesh to stand up.

**16**It stood still, but I could not discern the appearance thereof; A form was before mine eyes; I heard a still voice:

**17**Shall mortal man be just before God? Shall a man be pure before his Maker?

**18**Behold, He putteth no trust in His servants, And His angels He chargeth with folly;

**19**How much more them that dwell in houses of clay, Whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed before the moth!

**20**Betwixt morning and evening they are shattered; They perish for ever without any regarding it.

**21**Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them? They die, and that without wisdom.'