

3 Alarms to the Unconverted!

Job 20:1-29

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Introduction: In this chapter Zophar takes the stand for the last time in the book. Although his words are very caustic, there is a great deal of truth to them. Layton Talbert said in his book on Job, “When we rail on the three friends overmuch, we threaten to undermine the legitimate orthodoxy that underlines their arguments” (Beyond Suffering, pg. 125). The problem with Zophar’s words was that he had the wrong person and not everyone is punished in this lifetime. However, in regard to Zophar’s sermon, I’d like to focus on the elements of truth therein. His speech contains a series of powerful metaphors designed to warn sinners. Whether you are a believer or unbeliever, Zophar’s sermon will move you! Tonight, I’d like to look at Zophar’s three alarms to the unconverted.

I. Alarm #1 - Life is Brief (vs. 1-11)

- A. Devastation will be surprising (vs. 1-5)

- B. Devastation will be shameful (vs. 6-7)

- C. Devastation will be swift (vs. 8-9)

- D. Devastation will be sure (vs. 10-11)

II. Alarm #2 - Pleasure is Temporary (vs. 12-19)

- A. Sin will eventually make one sick (vs. 12-15)

- B. Sin will make one miss the blessings of life (vs. 16-19)

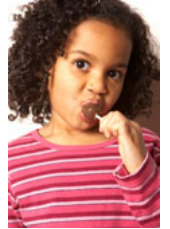
III. Alarm #3 - Judgment is Painful (vs. 20-29)

- A. Because of the conscience (vs. 20-22)

- B. Because of God’s wrath (vs. 23-26a)

- C. Because it affects others (vs. 26b)

- D. Because it is just and righteous (vs. 27-29)



Conclusion: