

Wisdom in Responding to False Accusations

Job 21:1-34

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Introduction: Have you ever been falsely accused of something? Have your motives ever been questioned when you knew they were pure? How did it make you feel? Typically we feel angry, indignant, bitter, hurt and sad. I imagine that this is how Job felt when his so called friends teamed up on him. Wracked with physical pain, he was forced to respond to their false accusations and he did to the glory of God because of God's wisdom. Job's response reveals a few principles that will help us respond biblically to false accusations.

I. Consider the Importance of Your Initial Response (vs. 1-6)

A. Seek God's face in prayer first

B. Make sure you are a good listener (vs. 1-2)

C. Be patient (vs. 3-4)

D. Make eye contact (vs. 5-6)

II. Respond With True Facts and Observations (vs. 7-18)

III. Trust Your Defense to the Lord (vs. 19-26)

IV. Be Willing to Ask For a Second Opinion (vs. 27-33)

V. Refuse to Let False Accusations Discourage You (vs. 34)

Conclusion: Jesus said, "Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:10-12).