



## Spiritual Olympics: Don't Jump the Gun!

*Job 22:1-20*

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**Introduction:** As we come to the first debate in round 3 of chapter 22, we are brought face to face with a universal sin that we all struggle with in our hearts. We all have a tendency of jumping to conclusions about people. Typically the reason is because the person does not act or think like us. But the problem isn't that we just look down on them; rather it is that we look inward on them. The longer we dwell on their differences, the more we draw conclusions. And it doesn't take long before we start ascribing motives to their actions. Our text this evening in chapter 22 illustrates this sin for us in classic form. Eliphaz's final speech contains 2 admonitions for all believers to heed.

### **I. Be Careful Not to Make False Accusations** (vs. 1-11)

A. By accusing people of pride (vs. 1-3)

B. By accusing people of covetousness (vs. 4-6)

C. By saying they lack compassion (vs. 7-9)

D. By assuming that trouble equals God's chastening (vs. 10-11)

### **II. Be Careful Not to Twist the Facts** (vs. 12-20)

A. By misquoting others (vs. 12-14)

B. By misrepresenting the righteous (vs. 15-20)



**Conclusion:**

