

Eliphaz:
Good Intentions, Misguided Counsel
Job 4:1-21

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Introduction: Communication is what is at the heart of the book of Job. There is nothing more important than the subject of communication in life. Without it sinful man never put their faith in God! Without it the world would be like the tower of Babel. The ability to communicate is what sets man apart from the animal world. Our words have the ability to do good or evil. God has preserved Job to help us with our words. To him that thinks he stands [in regards to his speech], take heed lest he fall! The book of Job is a handbook for all of us on how to help or not help the hurting. As ambassadors of God's love, I hope we will take to heart these principles and put them into practice.

I. A True Friend Will Confront His Friends (4:1-4)

A. When other friends will turn their backs (2:11-14)

B. Because it's in the best interest of a friend (4:1-2)

C. Because you know the friend's character (4:3-4)

II. A True Friend May Offer Misguided Counsel (4:5-21)

A. You must faith in yourself (vs. 5-6)

B. Only the wicked suffer (vs. 7-11)

C. Personal experience is the test of truth (vs. 12-16)

D. You must have an inferiority complex (vs. 17-21)

Conclusion: