

## Responding to Unjust Criticism

*Job 6:1-30*

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**Introduction:** As we wade through these debates we will see Job receive a lot of criticism. These 15 chapters of unjust criticism in Job weren't just written for an O.T. saint. They were written as manual for us on how to respond to unjust criticism. For if you live for Christ, the Eliphazs, Bidads and Zophars will surround you. And you can be sure that they will not be quiet for long. Sometimes they may even make false accusations against you. How do we respond when these types of situations come up? Job chapter 6 contains 3 Biblical responses to unjust criticism for us to learn.

### I. Be Honest in the Face of Unjust Criticism (vs. 1-13)

#### A. Be honest about how you feel (vs. 1-7)

1. My words are justified (vs. 1-3)
2. God is the one who allows me to suffer (vs. 4)
3. I have a right to cry out (vs. 5)
4. Your counsel is tasteless (vs. 6-7)

#### B. Be honest about what you desire (vs. 8-13)

1. I wish to die (vs. 8-10)

2. I desire to give up all hope (vs. 11-13)

### II. Be Courageous in the face of unjust criticism (vs. 14-24)

#### A. Be courageous in telling them the truth (vs. 14-23)

1. True friends must show kindness

#### B. Be courageous to ask for an explanation (vs. 24)

2. Be open to constructive criticism

### III. Be Gracious in the Face of Unjust Criticism (vs. 25-30)

#### A. Be gracious in pointing out their pride (vs.25-27)

1. Be willing to be transparent about your pain

#### B. Be gracious in trying to help them understand (vs. 28-30)

1. Ask them to carefully listen

Conclusion:

