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Job

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Bildad

Summary: Job, repent, ask God to forgive you, and He will. Your sons didn't repent, and look how they got what they deserved. We are merely affirming what men of old have said to be true, and that is that only wicked sinners are punished like you. Face it, sin calls for punishment, but God will bless the man of integrity.

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Job

Summary: I understand that God is great and that He punishes sin, but you need to realize that He afflicts innocent people along with guilty men. I can't argue with God about my condition, but I am all alone. No one is on my side.
 God, You know that I am innocent, but I cannot prove it to men who are biased against me. You made me what I have become, so why are You making my life so miserable? Why did You even bring me into the world only to suffer so severely? My mother should have miscarried.

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Zophar

Summary: Job, you say you are innocent, but God has given you exactly the right punishment for your sin. It is true that God has not answered you, but He is great and can do whatever He wishes. Unfortunately, you're too dumb to understand such things. Repent of your sins, or worse things will happen to you.

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11:13-20 Job, life would be good if you would repent, but an even worse disaster awaits you if you don't. pg. 11

Job

Summary: Zophar, you just described yourself and your two friends. You guys think you already know all there is to know about God and wisdom, but you need to wake up and realize what is really going on around you. Let me tell you the truth about who God is, what He is, and how He works in the affairs of men. Sometimes He robs smart people like you of their intelligence, so stop accusing me of wrongdoing as though God had said it. If you don't desist, God will punish you for it. I still trust God, and in time He will prove me innocent. Lord, why is all of this happening to me since I am innocent? In the past I have prospered, and now I have lost everything. Please turn Your angry face away from me. Lord, You could send me to the grave. Please do it so that I will have some relief, and then I will be gone forever.

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13:1-12 Your arguments are empty and useless. pg. 12

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14:1-6	My days are numbered. It won't be long before I die.	pg. 13
14:7-12	Once I'm dead I will never return.	pg. 13
14:13-22	God, I wish I could die.	pg. 13

Eliphaz

Summary: You think you are wise and we are stupid. Well, you are rebelling against God with your high and mighty words. God can't place any trust in you because everyone knows that only wicked people suffer like you. Just remember, you can't heal yourself. God has to do it. I have described your real condition, and if you don't repent you will have a dismal future.

15:1-16	You can't heal yourself or make yourself righteous.	pg. 14
15:17-35	Your confident attack against God is futile. He can't trust you, so you are still getting what your sin deserves.	pg. 14

Job

Summary: You guys, "my friends," have joined hands with God in tormenting me when you should be comforting me. God is attacking me in one wave after another. Nonetheless, my record of innocence is in heaven. I am about to die, and all of my hopes and dreams will go to the grave with me.

16:1-22	My "friends" are partners with God against me. What a sorry lot!	pg. 14
17:1-16	My "friends" need to be punished for afflicting me.	pg. 15

Bildad

Summary: Job, you are angry with us, and you think we are stupid. As a wicked man you can expect disaster and destruction to overtake you.

18:1-21	Certain disaster awaits the wicked man—Job, you are that man!	pg. 15
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Job

Summary: Bildad, you keep tormenting me with one accusation after another. God has wronged me, not you. God is continually beating me down, and I have lost all of my friends and acquaintances. I am all alone. Even my family has abandoned me. Be assured that after death, I will stand before God and see Him for myself.

19:1-29

Everyone is against me, and I am all alone. Even so, God will accept me in the next life.

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Zophar

Summary: The wicked man will die and lose everything. The sins of the wicked man have disastrous consequences. Job, you are enduring those consequences.

20:1-29

This is the wicked man's fate. He will lose everything.

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Job

Summary: You have been wrong about me. I am innocent. Can't you see that some wicked men live a long life and prosper? Therefore, your belief that only wicked men are punished in this life is not the truth.

21:1-34

Not all wicked men are punished in this life. Can't you see that?

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Eliphaz

Summary: Job, you are not profitable to God. In fact, your claim of innocence is the very reason God is inflicting you so severely. You say God that doesn't see what you do anyway, so you're getting exactly what you deserve. If you will repent of your sin, all will be well with you.

22:1-14	He describes a wicked man and his actions.	pg. 18
22:15-20	If you don't change, you don't have a chance.	pg. 19
22:21-30	If you repent, God will bless you immensely.	pg. 19

Job

Summary: I would like to find God. If I could, I would be pronounced innocent of your charges. Stop and seriously consider the magnitude of the wicked things you accuse me of doing. You know me. Do you really believe I would do such things?

23:1-17	I would like to stand before God, but I would be afraid to do so.	pg. 19
24:1-25	Eliphaz, this is a list of the wicked things you are accusing me of doing.	pg. 20

Bildad

Summary: Job, you aren't worth anything.

25:1-5	Job, you claim to be a good man, but God won't save a worm of a man like you.	pg. 21
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Job

Summary: God is great, but He speaks to us in a still, small voice. I am innocent, but God should punish you guys for your deceit. God will completely destroy the wicked man. I will tell you where wisdom cannot be found, and then I'll tell you where wisdom can be found.

I long for the good old days before all of these trials came upon me. Back then I was highly respected and led the people wisely. Ah, but that was back then. Now the same ones who respected me treat me like dirt. My good and godly living has not kept this trial from overtaking me.

Let me tell you about the good man I was before these trials.

26:1-14	God is so great and powerful, who can hear Him when He speaks?	pg. 21
27:1-23	Read my lips—I am innocent, but wicked men will get what is coming to them.	pg. 21
28:1-19	Where wisdom cannot be found.	pg. 22
28:20-28	Where wisdom can be found.	pg. 22
29:1-25	I long for the good old days when I had it so good.	pg. 23
30:1-19	I am trapped in the troubles of today, and I am thoroughly disrespected.	pg. 23
30-20-31	My good and godly living has not profited me at all.	pg. 24
31:1-40	Let me tell how good and godly I was before these troubles came upon me.	pg. 24

Elihu

Summary: He addressed his three friends: I waited to speak, but you guys weren't worth the wait. You have utterly failed. Job blames God for not telling him why He hurt Job, but God uses dreams or pain to get men's attention. His pain proves that he is a wicked sinner, and it is his just reward for his wickedness.

He then turns to Job: You should be punished to the limit. (What did Elihu think Job was already experiencing?) Job, you don't deserve forgiveness or for God to hear your prayer. God can do anything He desires without your permission.

32:1-3	Elihu enters the argument.	pg. 25
32:4-22	The arguments of you three guys are an utter failure. I'll tell you what I think.	pg. 25
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Elihu speaks to Job's three friends allowing Job to overhear the conversation.

34:1-9	Job claims to be innocent, but his difficulties prove that he is indeed a wicked sinner.	pg. 27
34:10-11	God rewards good with good and punishes evil.	pg. 28
34:12-15	God has the power to do anything He wants.	pg. 28
34:16-19	A wicked man like Job has no right to be a political leader.	pg. 28

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Elihu turns his attention to Job again

34:31-37 Job ought to be tried and punished to the limit. pg. 28

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35:4-8 God is great, but you don't deserve His forgiveness. pg. 29

35:9-16 You have to be patient and wait for God's answer. Besides, you don't deserve an answer from Him. pg. 29

36:1-14 God does not punish men at random. He is giving you what you deserve. pg. 29

36:15-23 God will rescue you from affliction if you repent of your sin, but no one can tell God that He is wrong. pg. 30

36:24-33 thru 37:1-24 God speaks through thunder, and He can do what He wants without man's permission. pg. 30

The Lord addresses Job

Summary: Job, will you blame God for your troubles even though you know virtually nothing compared to Me?

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Job responds

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40:3-5 I have spoken in error.

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The Lord speaks again

Summary: You don't have the power to save yourself, but I have the power to do anything I want to do. These creatures are powerful, but they are nothing compared to Me.

40:6-14 You cannot save yourself.

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40:15-24 thru 41:1-34 The hippo, the crocodile, and the sea monster are too strong for you yet they are nothing compared to Me.

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Job responds again

Summary: I know You can do all things. Teach me what I need to know. I am amazed that I have actually seen you with my own eyes.

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The Lord speaks to Job's three friends

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