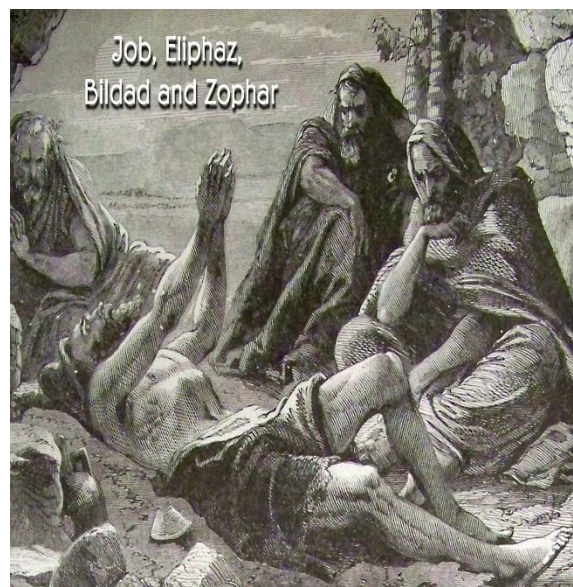


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Job's Friend Zophar

Scripture Reading: Job 11, 13:1-5

Job's friend Zophar gave his upfront criticism against Job and spoke hard words against him. He said Job that he cannot be counted righteous because of the multitude of his words. He accused Job of speaking much in order to cover his sins. He said that Job claims to be pure and clean in the sight of God, but God sees the wickedness in man and punishes him accordingly. Job responds to him and says, "What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you. But I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. But you forgers of lies, you are all worthless physicians. Oh, that you would be silent, and it would be your wisdom".



All the three friends could've somehow comforted Job and made him glad in his saddest moment. But they were more focused in accusing Job and convincing him that it was his sin that pushed him to that place. He we see Job losing his temper. But even at that moment he never speaks anything against God. Dear children, all of you will have good friends. What will you do when then go through loses and pain? What would you say if they've not accepted Jesus as their Lord? We should never say upfront that their sins and the idol they worship is the reason for all their struggles. That could be the truth, but we have to pray for them and teach them to pray. It could be even a very short prayer.

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him". 2 Corinthians 5:21

Prayer

Our loving heavenly Father, just like Job help us to be cautious to never murmur against you even in times of loses and pain. Amen

