

## Job 6:1-7:21 **Job continues expressing his grief and despair**

### Job: My Complaint Is Just [Job 6:1-30]

1 Then Job answered and said:

2 "Oh, that my grief were fully weighed, And my calamity laid with it on the scales!

3 For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea — Therefore my words have been rash.

4 For the arrows of Shaday (the Almighty) are within me; My spirit drinks in their poison; The terrors of Elowah (God) are arrayed against me.

5 Does the wild donkey bray when it has grass, Or does the ox low over its fodder?

6 Can flavorless food be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

7 My soul refuses to touch them; They are as loathsome food to me.

8 "Oh, that I might have my request, That Elowah (God) would grant me the thing that I long for!

9 That it would please Elowah (God) to crush me, That He would loose His hand and cut me off!

10 Then I would still have comfort; Though in anguish I would exult, He will not spare; For I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

11 "What strength do I have, that I should hope? And what is my end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh bronze?

13 Is my help not within me? And is success driven from me?

14 "To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend, Even though he forsakes the fear of Shaday (the Almighty).

15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully like a brook, Like the streams of the brooks that pass away,

16 Which are dark because of the ice, And into which the snow vanishes.

17 When it is warm, they cease to flow; When it is hot, they vanish from their place.

18 The paths of their way turn aside, They go nowhere and perish.

19 The caravans of Tema look, The travelers of Sheba hope for them.

20 They are disappointed because they were confident; They come there and are confused.

21 For now you are nothing, You see terror and are afraid.

22 Did I ever say, 'Bring something to me'? Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth'?

23 Or, 'Deliver me from the enemy's hand'? Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of oppressors'?

24 "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; Cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forceful are right words! But what does your arguing prove?

26 Do you intend to rebuke my words, And the speeches of a desperate one, which are as wind?

27 Yes, you overwhelm the fatherless, And you undermine your friend.

28 Now therefore, be pleased to look at me; For I would never lie to your face.

29 Yield now, let there be no injustice! Yes, concede, my righteousness still stands!

30 Is there injustice on my tongue? Cannot my taste discern the unsavory?

### Job: My Suffering Is Comfortless [Job 7:1-21]

1 "Is there not a time of hard service for man on earth? Are not his days also like the days of a hired man?

2 Like a servant who earnestly desires the shade, And like a hired man who eagerly looks for his wages,

3 So I have been allotted months of futility, And wearisome nights have been appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise, And the night be ended?' For I have had my fill of tossing till dawn.

5 My flesh is caked with worms and dust, My skin is cracked and breaks out afresh.

6 "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And are spent without hope.

7 Oh, remember that my life is a breath! My eye will never again see good.

8 The eye of him who sees me will see me no more; While your eyes are upon me, I shall no longer be.

9 As the cloud disappears and vanishes away, So he who goes down to the grave does not come up.

10 He shall never return to his house, Nor shall his place know him anymore.

11 "Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a sea serpent, That You set a guard over me?

13 When I say, 'My bed will comfort me, My couch will ease my complaint,'

14 Then You scare me with dreams And terrify me with visions,

15 So that my soul chooses strangling And death rather than my body.

16 I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Let me alone, For my days are but a breath.

17 "What is man, that You should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him,

18 That You should visit him every morning, And test him every moment?

19 How long? Will You not look away from me, And let me alone till I swallow my saliva?

20 Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself?

21 Why then do You not pardon my transgression, And take away my iniquity? For now I will lie down in the dust, And You will seek me diligently, But I will no longer be."

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Facts Revealed:

**Job: My Complaint Is Just** [Job 6:1-30]

✧ Job acknowledged that his words have been rash because of the weight of his grief, and calamity that has come upon him from the hand of Shaday (the Almighty).

✧ Even animals cry out when they face trouble and scarcity.

✧ Even food has become loathsome to Job.

✧ Job longs for death to relieve his agony and provide comfort.

✧ Job said "Though in anguish I would exult (glory), but Elowah will not spare, for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One." [Job 6:8-10]

(this is very similar to the expression of the apostles Paul & Peter writing to the saints regarding suffering for the sake of Christ). [Romans 5:3-4, Colossians 1:24, 1 Peter 1:3-9, 4:12-14]

✧ Job questioned his strength to hope and endure to the end. He doesn't know what will be his end, which might give him a reason to prolong his life.

- ✧ His body does not have the strength of stone or bronze.
- ✧ Job feels that one who is afflicted should expect kindness from his friends even if he may have lost the fear to Shaday.
- ✧ His complaint is that his friends who should have shown kindness have instead dealt deceitfully and instead of kindness they heap accusation upon accusation against him.
- ✧ Instead of helping him to find his error, they continually condemn him without cause.
- ✧ Did I ever say, 'Bring something to me'? Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth'? Or, 'Deliver me from the enemy's hand'? Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of oppressors'?  
[Job 6:22-23]
- ✧ "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; Cause me to understand wherein I have erred. How forceful are right words! But what does your arguing prove? Do you intend to rebuke my words, And the speeches of a desperate one, which are as wind?"  
[Job 6:24-26]
- ✧ The best help they might offer would be to show Job where he went wrong.
- ✧ His complaint is nothing but wind of a desperate one.
- ✧ Your argument overwhelms the fatherless and undermines your friend.
- ✧ It is time for his friends to end injustice and concede Job's righteousness still stands. There is no injustice in his words and he can still discern right from wrong.

**Job: My Suffering Is Comfortless** [Job 7:1-21]

- ✧ Job claimed that there is a time of hard service for man on earth, and his days are limited.
- ✧ Job acknowledged that he has been allotted months of futility and appointed wearisome nights of restlessness filled with agony of the flesh. "My flesh is caked with worms and dust, My skin is cracked and breaks out afresh." [Job 7:3-5]
- ✧ Job described the brevity of his life expectancy without hope. [Job 7:6-10]
- ✧ "Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. [Job 7:11-16]
- ✧ It is not a sin for a perfectly righteous man to complain of agony of the body and anguish of the soul.
- ✧ He cried out to Yahweh about his agony and terrifying dreams and visions which cause him to seek death and loathe his life. He asked how long it must continue, it has already been continuing for months. [Job 7:17-19]
- ✧ Job asked, "Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself? Why then do You not pardon my transgression, And take away my iniquity? For now I will lie down in the dust, And You will seek me diligently, But I will no longer be." [Job 7:20-21]
- ✧ Job asked to be shown what his sin is, and seeks pardon for his transgression before he has departed from this life.