

# JOB

## ‘Miserable comforters’ Job 4-5

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- what not to say <sup>1</sup>
  - o I know how you feel
  - o Remember God is good
  - o At least you...
  - o Have you tried...?

### WRONG ASSUMPTION 1#

**If you go God’s way, all will be well**  
(4:1-11)

- true comfort (v1-5) <sup>2</sup>
- false assumptions (v6-11) <sup>3</sup>
  - o the innocent don’t suffer
  - o the wicked do suffer

### WRONG ASSUMPTION 2#

**No-one can be in the right before**  
**God** (4:12-5:1)

- spooky encounter (v12-16)

- sinister message (v17-1)
  - o the question (v17)
  - o mere mortals (v18-21)
  - o no mediator (v1) <sup>4</sup>

### WRONG ASSUMPTION 3#

**All suffering of believers is God’s**  
**discipline for sin** (5:17-27)

- the discipline of the Almighty (v17) <sup>5</sup>
- the deliverance of the Almighty (v18-27)
- ➔ how to cope with miserable comforters
- ➔ how to avoid being a miserable comforter

- o no Satan
- o no future
- o no cross
- o no love

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<sup>1</sup> Job 16:2; 19:2; 42:7

<sup>2</sup> Hebrews 12:12

<sup>3</sup> Galatians 6:7-8; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7; Psalm 73; Teman – Job 2:11; Jeremiah 49:7

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<sup>4</sup> Job 9:33; 1 Timothy 2:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Proverbs 3:11; Hebrews 12:5-6; Psalm 32:1-5