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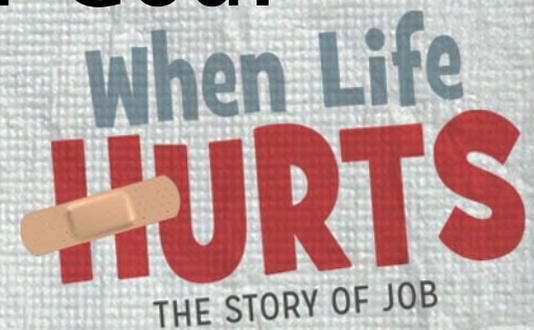
**Eliphaz Speaks:
The Logic of Retribution
Job 4 & 5**



The Doctrine of Retribution

A legalistic and simplified reading of Torah in which linkages between deed and consequence become frozen into absolute principle.

A simplistic cause and effect way of organizing life under God.



Three Sections of Eliphaz's First Speech

4:1-11

“Job, the Moral Order of Retribution in the Universe is Established!”

4:12-5:7

“Job, Mortal Man is Always in the Wrong
(God told me so)!”

5:8-27

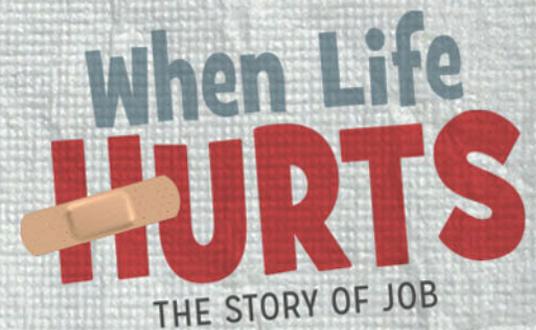
“Job, Humble yourself under God's
Discipline and Life Will Go Well!”

Job 4:3-4

*Behold, you have instructed many,
and you have strengthened
the weak hands.*

*Your words have upheld him
who was stumbling,
and you have made firm
the feeble knees.*

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Job 4:5-6

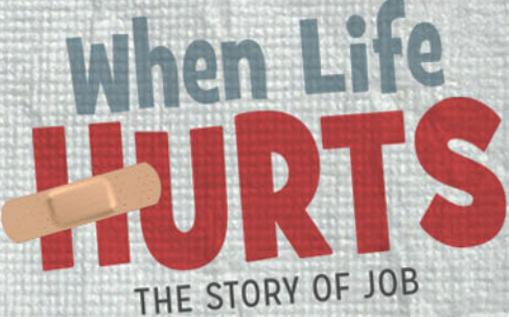
*But now it has come to you,
and you are impatient;
it touches you, and you are dismayed.
Is not your fear of God
your confidence, and the integrity
of your ways your hope?*

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Job 4:7-8

*“Remember: who that was
innocent ever perished?
Or where were the upright cut off?
As I have seen, those who
plow iniquity and sow trouble
reap the same.*

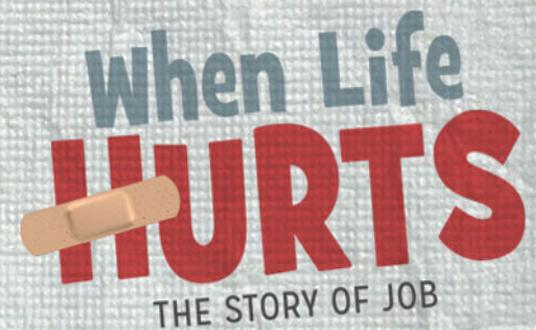
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Job 4:9

By the breath of God they perish,
and by the blast of his anger
they are consumed.

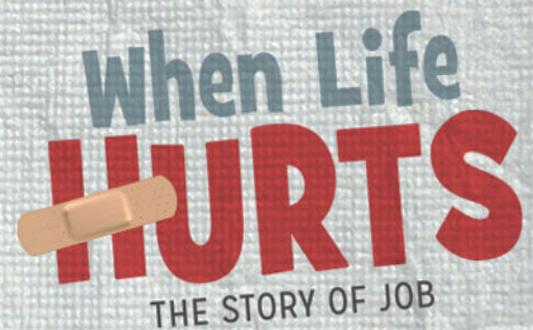
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Job 4:10-11

*The roar of the lion,
the voice of the fierce lion,
the teeth of the young lions are broken.
The strong lion perishes for lack of prey,
and the cubs of the lioness are scattered.*

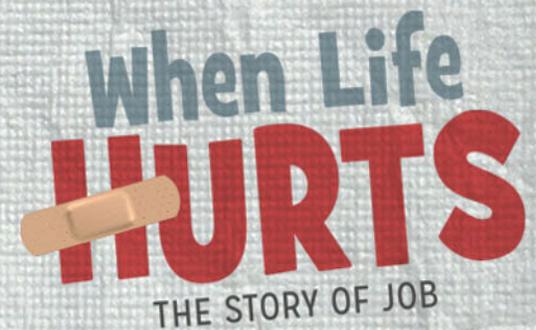
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Bildad – Job 8:5-7

*If you will seek God
and plead with the Almighty for mercy,
if you are pure and upright,
surely then he will rouse himself for you
and restore your rightful habitation.
And though your beginning was small,
your latter days will be very great.*

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Zophar – Job 11:14-17

*If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away,
and let not injustice dwell in your tents.*

*Surely then you will lift up your face
without blemish;*

you will be secure and will not fear.

You will forget your misery;

you will remember it

as waters that have passed away.

And your life will be brighter

than the noonday;

its darkness will be like the morning.

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- 2. The Logic of Retribution confuses the Law of Linearity with the Principle of Influence.**

Job 4:12-16

*“Now a word was brought to me stealthily;
my ear received the whisper of it. Amid
thoughts from visions of the night, when
deep sleep falls on men, dread came upon
me, and trembling, which made all my
bones shake. A spirit glided past my face;
the hair of my flesh stood up. It stood still,
but I could not discern its appearance. A
form was before my eyes;
there was silence, then I heard a voice:
‘Can mortal man be in the right before God?
Can a man be pure before his Maker?’*

Job 4:17

*Can mortal man be in the
right before God?*

*Can a man be
pure before his Maker?*

Job 5:17-23

Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves; therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he binds up; he shatters, but his hands heal. He will deliver you from six troubles; in seven no evil shall touch you.

In famine he will redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword.

You shall be hidden from the lash of the tongue, and shall not fear destruction when it comes. At destruction and famine you shall laugh, and shall not fear the beasts of the earth. For you shall be in league with

Job 5:24-27

*You shall know that your tent is at peace,
and you shall inspect your fold and miss
nothing. You shall know also that your
offspring shall be many, and your
descendants as the grass of the earth.
You shall come to your grave in ripe old
age, like a sheaf gathered up in its season.
Behold, this we have searched out; it is true.
Hear, and know it for your good.”*

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