

Miserable Comforters

Job 16.1-6

1. Job's growing despair

- a. faced with the insistence that he has done wrong
- b. faced with physical pain and suffering
- c. dealing with the loss of family and possessions

2. Miserable comforters

- a. **Job 6.2-3** - the weight of his grief
- b. **Job 6.4** - sees God as the one who is afflicting him
- c. **Psm 69.20** - reproach hath broken my heart
- d. **Rom 12.15** - rejoice with them that do rejoice

3. A test of friendship

- a. **Job 16.4** - I could speak as ye do
- b. **Job 16.5** - I would strengthen you
- c. **Job 16.2** - miserable comforters are ye all

4. A question of endurance

- a. **Job 16.6** - though I forbear what am I eased
- b. **Psm 11.5** - the Lord trieth the righteous
- c. **Heb 12.11** - no chastening for the present
- d. **Jas 1.2-3** - the trying of your faith worketh patience
- e. **1 Pet 4.12** - think it not strange concerning the fiery trial
- f. **1 Pet 5.10** - after that ye have suffered a while

5. A state of mourning

- a. **Job 16.20** - my friends scorn me
- b. **Job 12.5** - he that is ready to slip with his feet
- c. **Psm 35.13-16** - when they were sick
- d. **Isa 35.3** - strengthen ye the weak hands
- e. **Heb 12.12-13** - wherefore lift up the hands that hang down

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2. Miserable comforters

Job 6.2-3 - Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together! 3: For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up.

Job 6.4 - For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

Psm 69.20 - Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

Rom 12.15 - Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

3. A test of friendship

Job 16.4 - I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

Job 16.5 - But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

Job 16.2 - I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

4. A question of endurance

Job 16.6 - Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased?

Psm 11.5 - The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

Heb 12.11 - Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Jas 1.2-3 - My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3: Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

1 Pet 4.12 - Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1 Pet 5.10 - But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus,

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after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

5. A state of mourning

Job 16.20 - My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.

Job 12.5 - He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

Psm 35.13-16 - But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. 14: I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother. 15: But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not: 16: With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Isa 35.3 - Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Heb 12.12-13 - Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13: And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

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