

# Session 4: Suffering Enlarges our View of God

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## I. Introduction

A. *Review*

B. *Righteous Suffering*

## II. Survey of Job

A. *Introduction and Calamity (1-2)*

B. *Job and His Three Miserable Comforters (3-31)*

1. **Job's speeches:**

a) Lamentation (3:1ff)

b) Self-vindication (7:20; 23:11-12)

c) Cry for an Explanation (10:2ff)

2. **Job's Friends:**

a) Overly simplistic, harsh theology (4:7-8)

b) Call Job to confess his sins and be restored (8:5-6)

c) Very little compassion

### **C. *Job and Elihu (32-37)***

### **D. *Job and God (38-42:6)***

1. **God's 1<sup>st</sup> Speech (38-40:2)**
2. **Job's 1<sup>st</sup> Response (40:3-5)**
3. **God's 2<sup>nd</sup> Speech (40:6-41:34)**
4. **Job's 2<sup>nd</sup> Response (42:1-6)**

### **E. *Conclusion and Restoration (42:7-17)***

## **III. Application- Lessons from Job**

### **A. *Warning***

1. **Elisabeth Elliot:** "I dethrone him in my heart if I demand that he act in ways that satisfy my idea of justice. It is the same spirit that taunted, 'If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.' There is unbelief, there is even rebellion, in the attitude that says, 'God has no right to do this to five men unless...'" (Through Gates of Splendor, 268)

### **B. *Encouragement***