



# The Endurance of Job

Job 13

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## A. Job's Previous Response (Chapter 12)

**JOB'S POINT:** The One who really knows is God—and not you three guys!

*"I am equal with you."*

*"I have been falsely accused by you."*

*"I have this argument for you:"*

***"Only God is all-knowing and all-powerful!"***

## B. Job Continues His Response (Chapter 13)

### 1. Job's Strong Criticism of His Friends. (vv. 1-12)

**Job 13:1–5, NLT** -<sup>1</sup> *"Look, I have seen all this with my own eyes and heard it with my own ears, and now I understand. I know as much as you do. You are no better than I am. <sup>2</sup> As for me, I would speak directly to the Almighty. I want to argue my case with God himself. <sup>3</sup> As for you, you smear me with lies. As physicians, you are worthless quacks. <sup>4</sup> As for you, you smear me with lies. As physicians, you are worthless quacks. <sup>5</sup> If only you could be silent! That's the wisest thing you could do.*

### 2. Job's Strong Confidence in God. (vv. 13-19)

**Job 13:15, NIV** -<sup>15</sup> *Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him; I will surely defend my ways to His face. Job 13:16, NIV* -<sup>16</sup> *Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance....*

**Job 13:15–16, NCV** -<sup>15</sup> *Even if God kills me, I have hope in him...*  
<sup>16</sup> *This is my salvation....*

### 3. Job's Strong Appeal to God (vv. 20-27)

**Job 13:20–21, TLB** -<sup>20</sup> *"O God, there are two things I beg you not to do to me; only then will I be able to face you. <sup>21</sup> Don't abandon me. And don't terrify me with your awesome presence.*

#### A. Job asks God to not do two things:

i. **Don't abandon me.** (v. 21a)

ii. **Don't terrify me.** (v. 21b)

#### B. Job asks God five questions:

i. **Is all this happening to me because of my sins?** (v. 23)

ii. **Why do You hide Your face against me?** (v. 24a)

iii. **Why do You regard me as Your enemy?** (v. 24b)

iv. **Why do You bring terror to a "leaf?"** (v. 25a)

v. **Why do You chase after a "straw?"** (v. 25b)

### 4. Job's Strong Lament Over His Own Frailty (v. 28)

**Job 13:28, MSG** -<sup>28f</sup> [If you leave me, God, I'll be] *"Like something rotten, human life fast decomposes, like a moth-eaten shirt or a mildewed blouse."*

## C. "If God is Sovereign, Why All of This Suffering?"

**Review from "The Pastor's Study" this past week:** Suffering is part of living in a fallen world; Suffering is unrelated to personal goodness; and suffering amplifies God's message—we need a Savior (and His name is Jesus!)

1. We must never look to our circumstances to understand God.
2. We must look to God's Word to know about God and ourselves.
3. "Why do 'bad things' happen to 'good people?' (Are you really 'good?')
4. Nothing in this fallen world will ever be safe, secure, certain, or fair.
5. God promises that only in Heaven will all things be made right.
6. God is postponing His rescue so that more people can be saved.
7. Faith means more than "Believing in God," it means "Believing God!"

"For the faithful believer, utter hopelessness ends the moment Christ enters you, but that hope may not be realized until the moment you enter Heaven." A.W. Tozer