



We Have An Advocate

Job 16-17

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A. Job 16-17 (Job's Response to Eliphaz)

Job's Three Requests:

1. His Plea for Sympathy (Job 16:1-14)

Job 16:1–5, NKJV -¹ Then Job answered and said: ² "I have heard many such things; Miserable comforters are you all! ³ Shall words of wind have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer? ⁴ I also could speak as you do, If your soul were in my soul's place. I could heap up words against you, And shake my head at you; ⁵ But I would strengthen you with my mouth, And the comfort of my lips would relieve your grief.

2. His Plea for Justice (Job 16:15-22)

Job 16:15–18, NLT -¹⁵ I wear burlap to show my grief. My pride lies in the dust. ¹⁶ My eyes are red with weeping; dark shadows circle my eyes. ¹⁷ Yet I have done no wrong, and my prayer is pure. ¹⁸ "O earth, do not conceal my blood. Let it cry out on my behalf.

3. His Plea for Death (Job 17)

A. His Death is Desired (Job 17:1-2)

Job 17:1, The MSG -¹ "My spirit is broken, my days used up, my grave dug and waiting.

B. His Advocate was Disregarded (Job 17:3-10)

Job 17:3, LB -³ Will no one anywhere confirm my innocence? But you, O God, have kept them back from understanding this.

C. His Hope has Disappeared (Job 17:11-16)

Job 17:11–16, LB -¹¹ My good days are in the past. My hopes have disappeared. My heart's desires are broken... ¹⁵ Where then is my hope? Can anyone find any? ¹⁶ No, my hope will go down with me to the grave. We shall rest together in the dust!"

B. We have an Advocate (just like Job had)

1 John 2:1-3, NASB95 - My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. ³ By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

1. In Us—Failure.

1 John 2:1a, NLT -¹ My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin.

2. In Heaven—an Advocate.

1 John 2:1b, NLT -¹ ...But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

3. On Earth—a Sacrifice.

1 John 2:2a, NLT -² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins...

4. From Us—Obedience.

1 John 2:3, NASB95 -³ By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

We have an Advocate—His name is Jesus!