

TRIED AND TRUE
"INSULTS AND INSIGHTS"
Job 15-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. In his second address to Job, Eliphaz reiterates the same philosophy he expounded before, only this time with more vigor and less compassion.

2. **Job 4:7-8**

3. **Lesson to Learn** - In the midst of Insults God can give an inner strength when He reveals a portion of His identity.

I. INVENTORY OF INSULTS

A. THE DEGRADATION OF JOB

1. **15:1-2**

2. There are people who honestly feel that they are God's special agents to point out the faults of other people.

3. **Vs 4-6**

4. One of the oldest strategies in debate: "*If you can't win an argument, attack your opponent personally.*"

B. THE CONDEMNATION OF JOB

1. **Vs 7, 8, 9,**

2. **Vs 10**

a) *Age brings wisdom Job!!!*

b) *1 Tim 4:12*

3. *Psalm 119:99-100*

4. *Job 1:8*

C. THE CHARACTERIZATION OF JOB

1. Vs 14-16

2. Vs 14a

a) *"Job you're not pure...you think you are...but you're not."*

3. Vs 14b

a) *"Job you're just like the rest of us!! Born of a woman!"*

4. Vs 15-16a

5. **Job is likened to a man** *"who is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks injustice like water."*

6. Vs 16b

a) *"Job you go after wickedness like drinking water."*

D. THE DENUNCIATION OF JOB

1. Vs 17-20

2. Vs 21-22

3. Vs 29

a) *"Hey Job...the wicked (that's you) will never be rich and on top of that you're wealth will not last."*

4. Vs 31

a) *"Job, Job, Job, Job, you are so deceived!!!"*

b) "You are getting what you deserve."

5. Vs 32-33

6. Vs 35 MSG

II. INSIGHTS IN THE MIDST OF THE INSULTS

A. JOB FEELS FRUSTRATION

1. 16:1-5 (2-3)

a) "*miserable comforters*" - the more words they spoke, the more pain they inflicted.

B. JOB FEELS FORSAKEN

1. 16:6-17

2. Vs 11

3. We get angry with God because we don't believe He is taking care of our interests.

C. JOB FEELS FORGOTTEN

1. Vs 18-22 (21)

2. 9:33

3. Job was looking for an Advocate...a lawyer!!!

4. 1 John 2:1-2

D. JOB FEELS FINISHED

1. Chapter 17:1