**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 57**

**J. The Answers of Eliphaz and Job (22:1-24:25)**

**Eliphaz (22:1-30)**

A. Job’s Piety (Job 22:1-5)

B. Job’s Problems (Job 22:6-9)

B.’ Job’s Perspective (Job 22:10-18)

**A.’ Job’s Plight (Job 22:19-30**)

**Job (23:1-24:25)**

A. Job’s Complaint to God (Job 23:1-9)

B. Job’s Confidence in God (Job 23:10-12)

A.’ Job’s Concern about God (Job 23:13-17)

**Job (24:1-25)**

A. Job’s Complaint to God (Job 24:1-17)

B. Job’s Condemnation of Wicked (Job 24:18-24)

A.’ Job’s Challenge to the Friends (Job 24:25)

**PREMISE: Eliphaz began round three with Job with a set of rhetorical questions (with Hebrew *he* interrogative) restating previous charges (cf. 4:1-5:27; 15:1-35). He then charged Job with grievous sins and the resultant consequences. Next Eliphaz gave a theology lesson to expound Job’s Plight.**

***1. The Theology of Retribution (vv. 19-20)***

**a. The Righteous Rejoice (v. 19)**

1) With Gladness (v. 19a) > *samach* (152x)

2) With Laughing (v. 19b) > *la`ag* (18x) > source for *“laugh”* (l-a-g) > the LORD laughs at the wicked’s retributive judgment (Pss. 2:4; 37:13; 52:6; 59:8; Prov. 1:26).

**b. The Remnant Reckoned (v. 20)**

1) The Protection of the Saint > Ps. 1:1-6

2) The Perdition of the Sinner > Num. 16:35; Mt. 5:22; 13:42; Mk. 9:43-48; Jude 1:7

***2. The Theology of Repentance (vv. 21-30)*** > *shuv* (1066x) > English “shove”

**a. Enter into Relationship with God (v. 21)**

1) Acquaint with God (v. 21a) > reconcile and be at *“peace”* (*shalom*) > Rom. 5:1

2) Accept the Good (v. 21b) > *tov* (559x)

**b. The Reception of the Word (v. 22)**

1) Receive from His mouth (v. 22a) > Jn. 17:8 > I Thes. 2:13

2) Retain in thine heart (v. 22b) > Lk. 8:15

**c. The Repentance of Worthlessness (v. 23)**

1) Return to the Saviour (v. 23a) > I Thes. 1:9-10

2) Reject the Sins (v. 23b) > Jn. 5:14; 8:11

**b.’ The Reception of Wealth (vv. 24-25) >** Job 28:1 ff.

1) Prosperity of Gold (v. 24)

2) Prosperity of Silver (v. 25)

**a.’ Enjoy the Relationship with God (vv. 26-30)**

1) The Blessing of Delight (vv. 26-27) > see Isa. 58:14

a) Enjoy His Presence (v. 26) > Ps. 16:11

b) Enjoy your Prayers (v. 27) > Isa. 58:9

2) The Blessing of Decree (v. 28) > Your Plans and His determination

3) The Blessing of Declaration (v. 29) > Your Powerful testimony of humility

4) The Blessing of Deliverance (v. 30) > Your Purity will deliver *“the island of the innocent”* > See Job 42:7-8!

**CONCLUSION: The orthodox theology of retribution and repentance was misapplied on Job!**