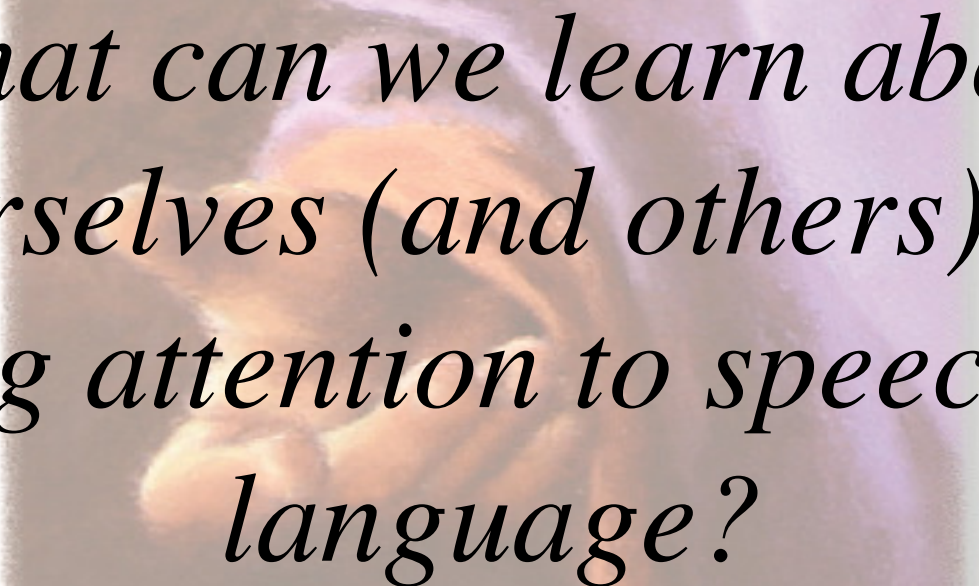


Sovereignty, Suffering,
AND SYMPATHY
A Thematic Study in Job

DIGGING INTO THE DIALOGUE



*What can we learn about
ourselves (and others) by
paying attention to speech and
language?*

IN HIS HAND

SUFFERING **SOVEREIGNTY** **SYMPATHY**

"In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind."
Job 12:10

FIRST ROUND OF DIALOGUE - OUTLINE

Job's initial words (3)

Eliphaz's speech (4-5) & Job's response (6-7)

Bildad's speech (8) & Job's response (9-10)

Zophar's speech (11) & Job's response (12-14)



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JOB'S FRIENDS – ANCIENT DRAWING



Moe-phar
the Naamathite

Curly-dad
the Shuhite

Larry-phaz
the Temanite

SUFFERING *IN HIS HAND* **SOVEREIGNTY** **SYMPATHY**
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CONSIDERATIONS

1. Job's friends had good intentions and truly desired to sympathize and comfort (2:11)
2. Job spoke accurately concerning God, and his friends did not (42:7)

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THESIS

1. Job had a God-centered perspective;
His friends were man-centered
2. Job understood God's sovereignty;
His friends did not

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FIRST ROUND OF DIALOGUE - DISCUSS

1. What was said that demonstrated a proper understanding of God's sovereignty?
2. What was said that demonstrated a misunderstanding of God's sovereignty?
3. What practical impact did his theology have?
4. Knowing the real reasons for Job's suffering, how would you critique the statements made by the speaker?

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