



Sovereignty, Suffering,
AND SYMPATHY

A Thematic Study in Job

DIGGING INTO THE DIALOGUE



*Give some examples of when
too much of a good thing can
become a bad thing?*

*What cautions should we have
concerning extremes?*

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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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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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