

January 6 Answers

- 8) Bildad agreed with Eliphaz. He also believed that Job's suffering was because of some **sin** he had committed. Bildad then took the attack on Job to a new and vicious level, going so far as to say that Job's **children** got what they deserved (Job 8:4). Bildad was right in saying that God punishes sin, but he was wrong to **assume** that Job must have sinned to be suffering so intensely. Job affirmed God's sovereignty, but rather than being comforted by this, Job was **frightened** of God. He could not make sense of how God's goodness and justice were being worked out in his life. Today, Job introduced a key concept in the book: that of a man desiring to "go to **court**" with God. He wanted to defend himself and be vindicated, and he also wanted **answers**. But who, he pondered in despair, can defend themselves against God (Job 9:2–3)?
- 9) Job longed for someone who would go **between** him and God (Job 9:33), and that person is **Jesus**. He is the one and only **mediator** between God and man (1 Tim 2:5). How wonderful to know that Jesus came to earth and fully experienced the human condition. He **sympathizes** with our weaknesses, and he **encourages** us to run our race with endurance (Heb 4:15; 12:1).