

## January 8 Answers

- 1) In his first speech, Eliphaz had been **cautious** and courteous in his rebuke (Job 4:2). This time he attacked Job sharply and accused him of foolishness and **sin**. What Job needed, Eliphaz thought, was a fresh reminder of the **sinfulness** of man and the terrible **fate** that awaits the wicked. Job responded by telling him that if the situation was reversed, Job would have **comforted** Eliphaz and tried to take away his **grief** (Job 16:5). Job continued by pointing out that his reaction to the calamity God had brought upon him was **humility** (Job 16:15–17). This is a response we would do well to **imitate**. Job again longed for an **intercessor** between him and God (Job 16:18–21). Then his thoughts returned to **death**. Job’s emotional ups and downs **mirror** our own in times of suffering—despair one moment and hope the next. However, Job consistently tried to put what he knew to be true about God **above** the emotional torment that he was experiencing. What an inspiring example for us to follow!