

January 9 Answers

- 1) In Bildad's second speech, he criticized Job harshly and used Job's own **words** and **suffering** against him (Job 18:5, 11, 13, 19). His speech served only to **torment** Job, for Job had already pointed out the flaw in his friends' thinking: if God does bring this kind of calamity **only** on the wicked, then God had indeed **perverted** justice in Job's case. Job went on to say that he cried out for **help** but no one answered. His own family and servants held him in **contempt**. But no sooner had Job voiced his feelings of isolation and disgrace, when suddenly his **faith** in God burst forth: "I know that my **Redeemer** lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see **God**" (Job 19:25–26). Job was convinced that not even death could separate him from God's love and final vindication. Bildad is a sobering example of the unjust **persecution** of a godly man by those who profess to be godly themselves (i.e., the church). We need to be very careful what we **say** to those who are suffering. Otherwise, we could be guilty of not speaking of God what is right (cf. Job 42:8).