

Sunday, March 13, 2016 – Session 1 Bible Study:

“Job’s Friends’ Lips – Not Tamed” – [Job 27:1-4](#)

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Reading: [Job 27:1-4](#)

There are many words we can speak that are kind, comforting and encouraging words; on the other hand there are too many times that we can use this tongue to speak *sad words*.

Sad Words: *Wicked, corrupt, unchaste, unsavory, profane, evil, unkind, deceitful, perverse, unrighteous, bitter, hurtful, untruthful, mean, vicious, cutting*

These were the kinds of words used by Eliphaz ([Job 4, 5, 15, 22](#)), Bildad ([8, 12, 18](#)), and Zophar ([11, 20:1 and 25](#)).

Reference Material

➤ Job’s Friends:

- [Eliphaz](#)
- [Bildad](#)
- [Zophar](#)

At the end of these three friends’ speeches to Job, God’s anger is kindled against the three, and God vindicates Job by rebuking the three so that they bring sacrifices that God requires of them, and they repent, and are forgiven. Zophar and his friends serve as an example, that often people view suffering from a human perspective that often overlooks God’s divine plan. While it is true that those who do wrong often suffer, God also allows suffering for other reasons, often unknown to us when it is taking place. Instead of assuming that all suffering is due to a person’s wrongdoing, we should examine our own lives before the Lord, and see how we can live for Him during times of pain and pain and struggling (James 5:11). Suffering can serve as a part of God’s divine and sovereign plan.