

Chapters 8 – 10

Bildad then spoke of God's justice and the fate of people who forget God.

Job agreed and said how God was sole creator and judge of the world:

"He and no other stretched out the skies.

The Bear, Orion, the Pleiades and the Mansions of the South - all were made by him.

Challenging God is unthinkable.

Yet I know I am innocent and I'm being punished unjustly.

I also know that God knows I'm innocent.

So why am I being punished? This is my question."

Dear God, please save us in time of trial

Chapters 11 – 14

Zophar then said that Job must still have some secret sins of which he had not repented.

Job sarcastically replied:

"No doubt you are the voice of the people and when you die, wisdom will die with you.

I am only too aware that God knows everything.

How could I hide anything from him?

God, why do you hide your face?

Why do you look on me as an enemy?"

Dear God, please give us trust and courage in time of trial

Chapters 15 – 17

Eliphaz then said that Job's own words condemned him since he was in fact challenging God.

Job replied that he was sick and tired of listening to his friends' speeches.

He also said he felt death was not far away: