

## Job 22

1. In verses 1-4, Eliphaz chides Job with a series of questions for maintaining his integrity before God.
  - a. What do these questions suggest about Eliphaz's concept of God?
  - b. Is it really true that God takes no pleasure in the righteousness of humans? (*consider Ezekiel 33:11 & 1 Thessalonians 4:1*)
2. How does Eliphaz describe Job's alleged sin in verse 5?
3. In verses 6, 7 and 9, what sins did Eliphaz charge Job with committing?
  - a. In contrast, according to Job 29:12-17 what did Job say that he had done for people?
  - b. How do we harmonize Eliphaz's charges in Job 22:6-9 with Job's account in Job 29:12-17?
4. Eliphaz charges Job with saying, "*What does God know?*" Had Job actually said this?

- a. What had Job said about the wicked (chap. 21) that led Eliphaz to assume that this (question 4) was Job's view?
  - b. What caution does this provide with respect to mere *inference* versus *necessary* inference?
5. To what old event does Eliphaz likely refer in verse 16?
- a. How does Eliphaz use this event in support of his position?
  - b. In 22:17 Eliphaz quoted Job from 21:14: In what context (to what event) did Eliphaz now apply Job's quote?
6. Some believe that the "fire" of verse 20 refers to what old event?
7. What did Eliphaz call upon Job to do in verses 21-23?
8. In verses 23-30, Eliphaz cites the various ways in which Job would be benefited if he were to repent of his (alleged) sin. List as many of the benefits as you can: