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***Job's Prayer of
Recognition***

Job 42:1-6

Why is Job suffering?

Eliphaz, Bildad, & Zophar's answer ...

It's the result of God's justice ... God must be punishing Job for some hidden sin.

Job's answer ...

It's contrary to God's justice ... I've done nothing wrong, and what God is doing doesn't make sense.

Elihu's answer ...

***Job isn't suffering because of his sin;
he's sinning because of his suffering, in
that he's complaining about God and
God's handling of his circumstances.***

Elihu draws attention to these realities ...

- 1. God is sovereign.**
- 2. God is always just.**
- 3. God is infinitely righteous.**
- 4. God is great and God is good.**

God displays His character and His heart to Job in a personal and caring way ...

- 1. He talks with Job about creation, cosmology, and the physical sciences.**
- 2. He talks with him about zoology.**
- 3. God shows Job that, as the mighty Creator, he cares for every creature.**
- 4. He confronts Job about his understanding of God's justice.**

Job comes to realize that he has been far too concerned about his own *suffering*, about his own *righteousness*, and about *vindicating himself* before his friends—even to the point of challenging God.

He recognizes that “Life’s not all about me; it’s about God & my relationship with Him.”

**It's not enough to know about God;
we need to see Him for who He is
and embrace Him with a heart of love,
trust, and submission.**