

**Zophar's 2nd Speech-Job's Response:
The Limits of Human Understanding
Job 20-21**

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A. The Flawed Interpretive Lens of Human Understanding

1. Zophar: Interpreting God's activity by subjective reasoning
Job 20:1-3, Job 42:3
2. Job: Interpreting God's activity by emotional observation
Job 21:1-6

B. The Incompleteness of Flawed Human Understanding

1. Zophar's understanding of the wicked's fate

What Is True

- The pleasures and life of the wicked are fleeting
Job 20:1-11
- The actions of the wicked are deceptively poisonous and selfish
Job 20:12-19, Genesis 3:1-7
- The pursuits of the wicked never lead to contentment
Job 20:20-22, Eccl. 2:1-11
- The end of the wicked is the wrath of God poured on them
Job 20:23-28

What Zophar Is Missing

- The wicked are not always punished in this life by God

2. Job's understanding of the wicked's fate

What Is True

- The wicked are often happy in this life
Job 21:7-16, Psalm 73:1-12
- The wicked are not always punished and impoverished in this life
Job 21:17-26
- The wicked don't always die violent, terrifying death
Job 21:27-33

What Job Is Missing

- Understanding why the righteous suffer