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The three friends had a very shallow view of God and of faith and life, while Job penetrated the deep things of God. People who trust a false theology are living a life of illusion that one day will vanish.

Warren Wiersbe, With the Word Bible Commentary

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If present affliction is not the punishment of sin, we turn to Scripture and discover what that punishment will be, and we are soon informed that it is something far heavier than any calamities that occur in this life.

Charles Spurgeon, The Spurgeon Study Bible Notes

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The friends were like desert brooks that dry up when they are most needed. The thirsty travelers hope for refreshment, but they are disappointed. Do you disappoint hurting people by being critical and failing to care?

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Silent sympathy always creates an opportunity for grief to express itself. Job's outcry was undoubtedly an answer to their sympathy. So far, it was good, and they had helped him.

G. Campbell Morgan, Exposition On The Bible

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The burden of Job's complaint is the ill-treatment meted out by his friends. They had accused him of speaking rashly, but they had not measured the greatness of his pain, or they would have seen it to be as natural as the braying and lowing of hungry and suffering beasts

F. B. Meyer, Through the Bible Day by Day

It is too bad that Job's three friends listened to Job's words instead of to his feelings. They decided to tell Job why he was suffering, but they only made his situation worse. Suffering people need love, acceptance, and patient encouragement, not arguments and accusations.

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Instead of helping, the words of his wife and of his friends cause him more pain and put him under more pressure than all the other things that have happened to him so far.

Francis I. Andersen, Job: An Introduction and Commentary

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5. Show Restraint In Your Words
(Job 19:1-6)

Compassion should restrain, or, govern my lips; namely, that they should avoid all speeches which might vex you, and speak only what might be to your comfort and benefit.

Joseph Benson, Joseph Benson's Commentary

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