

## **Job – Part 12: Elihu’s Rebuke of Job**

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### **Job 32**

Argument: I must speak though I am the youngest because you have failed to answer Job and he must be answered!

- ‘he was righteous in his own eyes’ (32:1)
- ‘he justified himself before God’ (32:2)
- ‘the abundant in years may not be wise’ (32:9)
- ‘there was no one who refuted Job’ (32:12)
- ‘nor will I reply to him with your arguments’ (32:14)

### **Job 33**

Argument: I have heard your boast and your complaint against God but God has good reasons for dealing with you as He has.

- ‘refute me if you can’ (33:5)
- ‘surely you have spoken in my hearing’ (33:8)
- ‘I am innocent and there is no guilt in me’ (33:9)
- ‘He counts me as His enemy’ (33:10)
- ‘let me tell you, you are not right in this, for God is greater than man’ (33:12)
- ‘why do you complain against Him that He does not give an account of all His doings?’ (33:13)
- ‘God speaks ... that He may turn man aside from his conduct’ (33:14, 17)
- ‘Man is also chastened with pain on his bed’ (33:19)
- ‘deliver him from going down to the pit’ (33:24)
- ‘that he may see His face with joy’ (33:26)
- ‘God does all these oftentimes with men to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be enlightened with the light of life’ (33:30)

### **Job 34**

Argument: Regardless of what you think about yourself, God cannot do what is wrong or unjust; you don’t need a day in court with God to plead your case because God already knows everything about you; just because you don’t like what God is doing does not mean that God is wrong.

- ‘For Job has said, ‘I am righteous but God has taken away my right’ (34:5)
- ‘It profits a man nothing when he is pleased with God’ (34:9)
- ‘Far be it from God to do wickedness and from the Almighty to do wrong’ (34:10)
- ‘Shall one who hates justice rule?’ (34:17)
- ‘He does not need to consider a man further that he should go before God in judgment’ (34:23)

- 'Shall He recompense on your terms because you have rejected it?' (34:33)
- 'he answers like wicked men' (34:36)

### **Job 35**

Argument: You don't know what you are talking about when you think God owes you an answer because you think He has not exercised justice properly.

- 'Do you say, 'My righteousness is more than God's' (35:2)
- 'And behold the clouds – they are higher than you' (35:5)
- 'If you have sinned what do you accomplish against Him' (35:6)
- 'He does not answer because of the pride of evil men' (35:12)
- 'Surely God will not listen to an empty cry ... How much less when you say you do not behold Him, the case is before Him and you must wait for Him' (35:13, 14)
- 'because He has not visited in His anger nor has He acknowledged transgression well' (35:15)

### **Job 36**

Argument: God is righteous and pursues righteous ends as He deals with the righteous and the wicked even if we can't understand His judgments.

- 'There is yet more to be said in God's behalf' (36:2)
- 'I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker' (36:3)
- 'commands that they return from evil' (36:10)
- 'the godless ... do not cry for help when He binds them' (36:13)
- 'He delivers the afflicted in their affliction and opens their ear in time of oppression' (36:15)
- 'do not turn to evil for you have preferred this to affliction' (36:21)
- 'God is exalted and we do not know Him' (36:26)
- 'Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds' (36:29)
- 'by these He judges peoples' (36:31)

### **Job 37**

Argument: We cannot understand God but we can trust Him to do what is right and to order the things that happen to accomplish what needs to be accomplished for various good reasons.

- 'Doing great things which we cannot comprehend' (37:5)
- 'whether for correction, or for His world, or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen' (37:13)
- 'Stand and consider the wonders of God' (37:14)
- 'Do you know how God establishes them' (37:15)
- 'Can you, with Him, spread out the skies' (37:18)
- 'We cannot arrange our case because of darkness' (37:19)
- 'He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness' (37:23)