

# Job 35 - Elihu Speaks Again

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1 Then Elihu continued and said,

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1 In response, Elihu said:

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2 "Do you think this is in accordance with justice? Do you say, 'My righteousness is more than God's'?

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2 "Are you saying that it's just for you to claim, 'I'm more righteous than God?'

2 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's?

3 "For you say, 'What advantage will it be to You? What benefit will I have, more than if I had sinned?'

3 "For you say, 'What advantage will it be to You? What profit will I have, more than if I had sinned?'

3 After all, you've asked what your benefit will be: 'What will I profit from refraining from sin?'

3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin?

(b) Elihu's refutation (35:4-16)

(i) Because His standards are impartial God blesses and judges because man deserves them (35:4-8)

- 4 "I will answer you, And your friends with you.
- 4 "I will answer you, And your friends with you.
- 4 I'm going to respond to that statement, and to your friends with you."
- 4 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.
  
- 5 "Look at the heavens and see; And look at the clouds—they are higher than you.
- 5 "Look at the heavens and see; And behold the clouds—they are higher than you.
- 5 "Observe the heavens! Take a look around! Look! The clouds are higher than you, aren't they?
- 5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou.
  
- 6 "If you have sinned, what do you accomplish against Him? And if your wrongdoings are many, what do you do to Him?
- 6 "If you have sinned, what do you accomplish against Him? And if your transgressions are many, what do you do to Him?
- 6 If you sin, what will that do to harm him? If you add transgression to transgression what will it do to him?
- 6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?
  
- 7 "If you are righteous, what do you give to Him, Or what does He receive from your hand?
- 7 "If you are righteous, what do you give to Him, Or what does He receive from your hand?
- 7 If you are righteous, what will you add to him? What can God receive from your efforts?
- 7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?
  
- 8 "Your wickedness is for a man like yourself, And your righteousness is for a son of man.
- 8 "Your wickedness is for a man like yourself, And your righteousness is for a son of man.
- 8 Your wickedness affects only yourself; and your righteousness, only human beings.
- 8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.

(ii) Job's sin prevents him from being heard by God (35:9-16)

- 9 "Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out; They cry for help because of the arm of the mighty.
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9 "They cry out because they have many oppressors; they cry for help because the powerful are abusing them.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

10 "But no one says, 'Where is God my Maker, Who gives songs in the night,

10 "But no one says, 'Where is God my Maker, Who gives songs in the night,

10 He never asks, 'Where is God, my Creator, who gives me songs in the night,

10 But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;

11 Who teaches us more than the animals of the earth And makes us wiser than the birds of the sky?'

11 Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth And makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?'

11 who teaches us more than the earth's wild animals, and makes us wiser than the birds of the sky?'

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

12 "There they cry out, but He does not answer Because of the pride of evil people.

12 "There they cry out, but He does not answer Because of the pride of evil men.

12 "They cry out there, but he doesn't answer because of the arrogance of those who practice evil.

12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

13 "God certainly will not listen to an empty cry, Nor will the Almighty regard it.

13 "Surely God will not listen to an empty cry, Nor will the Almighty regard it.

13 Theirs is a useless plea— God won't listen; the Almighty won't pay any attention.

13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 "How much less when you say you do not look at Him, The case is before Him, and you must wait for Him!

14 "How much less when you say you do not behold Him, The case is before Him, and you must wait for Him!

14 Even though you complain that you can't perceive him, your case is already pending for judgment in his presence so keep on placing your hope in him.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust thou in him.

15 "And now, because He has not avenged His anger, Nor has He acknowledged wrongdoing well,

15 "And now, because He has not visited *in* His anger, Nor has He acknowledged transgression well,

15 "So now, if he doesn't inflict punishment in his anger, then he doesn't keep track of your many transgressions.

15 But now, because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth it not in great extremity:

16 So Job opens his mouth *with* empty words; He multiplies words without knowledge."

16 So Job opens his mouth emptily; He multiplies words without knowledge."

16 When he began speaking, he communicated only worthlessness; he added words upon words without knowing anything."

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.