

. Job 32
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Elihu Contradicts Job's Friends

. 1 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. 2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God. 3 Also against his three friends his wrath was aroused, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now because they were years older than he, Elihu had waited to speak to Job. 5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was aroused.

6 So Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, answered and said:

. "I am young in years, and you are very old; Therefore I was afraid,

And dared not declare my opinion to you.

. 7 I said, ‘Age should speak,
And multitude of years should teach wisdom.’

. 8 But there is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty gives him

. understanding.

. 9 Great men are not always wise,
Nor do the aged always understand justice.

. 10 “ Therefore I say, ‘Listen to me, I also
will declare my opinion.’

. 11 Indeed I waited for your words,
I listened to your reasonings, while you
searched out

. what to say.

. 12 I paid close attention to you;
And surely not one of you convinced Job,
Or answered his words—

- . 13 Lest you say,
‘We have found wisdom’;
God will vanquish him, not man.

- . 14 Now he has not directed his words
against me; So I will not answer him with
your words.

- . 15 “They are dismayed and answer no
more; Words escape them.

- . 16 And I have waited, because they did not
speak, Because they stood still and answered
no more.

- . 17 I also will answer my part,
I too will declare my opinion.

- . 18 For I am full of words;
The spirit within me compels me.

- . 19 Indeed my belly is like wine that has no vent; It is ready to burst like new wineskins.

- . 20 I will speak, that I may find relief; I must open my lips and answer.

- . 21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to anyone; Nor let me flatter any man.

- . 22 For I do not know how to flatter,
Else my Maker would soon take me away.

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