

. Job 33  
New King James Version (NKJV)

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Elihu Contradicts Job

. 1 “But please, Job, hear my speech, And listen to all my words.

. 2 Now, I open my mouth;  
My tongue speaks in my mouth.

. 3 My words come from my upright heart; My lips utter pure knowledge.

. 4 The Spirit of God has made me,  
And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

. 5 If you can answer me,  
Set your words in order before me; Take your stand.

. 6 Truly I am as your spokesman before God; I also have been formed out of clay.

. 7 Surely no fear of me will terrify you,  
Nor will my hand be heavy on you.

. 8 “Surely you have spoken in my hearing,  
And I have heard the sound of your words,  
saying,

. 9 ‘I am pure, without transgression;  
I am innocent, and there is no iniquity in me.

. 10 Yet He finds occasions against me, He  
counts me as His enemy;

. 11 He puts my feet in the stocks, He  
watches all my paths.’

. 12 “Look, in this you are not righteous. I  
will answer you,  
For God is greater than man.

. 13 Why do you contend with Him?  
For He does not give an accounting of any  
of His

- . words.
- . 14 For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet man does not perceive it.
- . 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,  
When deep sleep falls upon men, While  
slumbering on their beds,
- . 16 Then He opens the ears of men, And  
seals their instruction.
- . 17 In order to turn man from his deed, And  
conceal pride from man,
- . 18 He keeps back his soul from the Pit,  
  
    . And his life from perishing by the  
sword.
- . 19 “Man is also chastened with pain on his  
bed, And with strong pain in many of his

bones,

- . 20 So that his life abhors bread, And his soul succulent food.
  
- . 21 His flesh wastes away from sight, And his bones stick out which once were not seen.
  
- . 22 Yes, his soul draws near the Pit, And his life to the executioners.
  
- . 23 “If there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand, To show man His uprightness,
  
- . 24 Then He is gracious to him, and says, ‘ Deliver him from going down to the Pit; I have found a ransom’;
  
- . 25 His flesh shall be young like a child’s,

He shall return to the days of his youth.

- . 26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see His face with joy,  
For He restores to man His righteousness.

- . 27 Then he looks at men and says,

- . ‘I have sinned, and perverted what was right, And it did not profit me.’

- . 28 He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit, And his life shall see the light.

- . 29 “ Behold, God works all these things,  
Twice, in fact, three times with a man,

- . 30 To bring back his soul from the Pit,  
That he may be enlightened with the light of life.

- . 31 “Give ear, Job, listen to me;  
Hold your peace, and I will speak.
  
- . 32 If you have anything to say, answer me;  
Speak, for I desire to justify you.
  
- . 33 If not, listen to me;  
Hold your peace, and I will teach you  
wisdom.”

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