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Elihu Condemns Self-Righteousness

1 Moreover Elihu answered and said:

2 “Do you think this is right?

Do you say,

‘My righteousness is more than God’s’?

3 For you say,

‘What advantage will it be to You?

What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?’

4 “I will answer you,

And your companions with you.

5 Look to the heavens and see;

And behold the clouds—

They are higher than you.

6 If you sin, what do you accomplish against Him?

Or, if your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to Him?

7 If you are righteous, what do you give Him?

Or what does He receive from your hand?

- 8 Your wickedness affects a man such as you,
And your righteousness a son of man.
- 9 “ Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;
They cry out for help because of the arm of the mighty.
- 10 But no one says, ‘Where is God my Maker,
Who gives songs in the night,
- 11 Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth,
And makes us wiser than the birds of heaven?’
- 12 There they cry out, but He does not answer,
Because of the pride of evil men.
- 13 Surely God will not listen to empty talk,
Nor will the Almighty regard it.
- 14 Although you say you do not see Him,
Yet justice is before Him, and you must wait for Him.
- 15 And now, because He has not punished in His anger,
Nor taken much notice of folly,
- 16 Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain;
He multiplies words without knowledge.”