

Job 35:1-16 Elihu's Speech about Self-Righteousness & God's response

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 El (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 Elowah (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 El (God) will not listen to empty talk, Nor will Shaday (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."

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Facts Revealed:

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

"I will answer you, And your companions with you. [Job 35:1-4]

Elihu's answer to Job and his companions [Job 35:5-16]

✧ Elihu considers the clouds of the sky and notes that they are higher than man.

✧ Man's sins accomplish nothing against Elohey, and man's righteousness gives nothing to Him.

✧ Your wickedness affects a man like you, and your righteousness affects a son of man.

✧ The multitude of oppressions cry out for help.

☛ But no one says, 'Where is Elowah (God) my Maker, Who gives songs in the night, Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth, And makes us wiser than the birds of heaven?' [Job 35:10-11]

✧ Here Elihu clearly claims that no one is considering God who gives songs in the night and gives man wisdom above that beasts and birds.

☛ There they (men) cry out, but He does not answer, Because of the pride of evil men.

Surely El (God) will not listen to empty talk, Nor will Shaday (the Almighty) regard it.

Although you say you do not see Him, Yet justice is before Him, and you must wait for Him.

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- ✧ Here Elihu claims that the reason El does not hear Job is because of pride.
- ✧ El will not listen to empty talk nor will Shaday regard it.
- ✧ Though you cannot see Him, yet justice is before Him and you must wait for Him.
- ✧ El has not punished in His anger nor taken much notice of folly.
- ✧ Job opens his mouth in vain and multiplies words without knowledge.
- ✧ Here Elihu clearly connects Job's suffering with evidence of wickedness and that Job must wait for the time when El will restore righteousness to him.

- ✧ Yet Yahweh said that Job was perfect and blameless. [\[Job 1:1, 8, 2:3\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh said that Satan had moved God's hand against Job without cause. [\[Job 2:3\]](#)
- ✧ Job was named among the three men Yahweh said was righteous enough to save himself by his own righteousness (Noah, Daniel, and Job). [\[Ezekiel 14:14, 20\]](#)