

# JOB 33 vs 1

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Little is known about Job, but what we do know is that Job was a real person -- mentioned in Ezekiel 14; and James 5. To help us understand what speculative wisdom was being exchanged among these 4 friends, I went to the end of the book, to hear its conclusion, and we read: the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My anger is ignited against you, and against your two friends: for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. These 4 friends were clueless to what brought them together; so their guesses and rumors run freely through the pages dressed in friendship. .



Elihu Contradicts Job,

**<sup>1</sup> But please, Job, hear my speech, And listen to all my words.**

**<sup>2</sup> Now, I open my mouth; My tongue speaks in my mouth.**

**<sup>3</sup> My words come from my upright heart; my lips utter clean knowledge.**

**<sup>4</sup> The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

**<sup>5</sup> If you can answer me, Set your words in order before me; Take your stand.**

**<sup>6</sup> Truly I am as your spokesman before God; I also have been formed out of clay.**

**<sup>7</sup> Surely no fear of me will terrify you, Nor will my hand be heavy on you.**

**<sup>8</sup> Surely you have spoken in my hearing, And I have heard the sound of your words, saying,**

**<sup>9</sup> 'I am clean, without stepping over the line; I am innocent, and there is no crime in me.**

**<sup>10</sup> Yet He finds occasions against me, He counts me as His enemy;**

**<sup>11</sup> He puts my feet in the stocks, He watches all my paths.**

**<sup>12</sup> Look, in this you are not right. I will answer you, For God is greater than man.**

**<sup>13</sup> Why do you contend with Him? For He does not give an accounting of any of His words.**

**<sup>14</sup> For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet man does not perceive it.**

**<sup>15</sup> In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds,**

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- <sup>16</sup> Then He opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction.
- <sup>17</sup> In order to turn man from his deed, And conceal pride from man,
- <sup>18</sup> He keeps back his soul from the Pit, And his life from perishing by the sword.
- <sup>19</sup> Man is also chastened with pain on his bed, And with strong pain in many of his bones,
- <sup>20</sup> So that his life abhors bread, And his soul succulent food.
- <sup>21</sup> His flesh wastes away from sight, And his bones stick out which once were not seen.
- <sup>22</sup> Yes, his soul draws near the Pit, And his life to the executioners.
- <sup>23</sup> If there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand, To show man He is upright,
- <sup>24</sup> Then He is gracious to him, and says, Deliver him from going down to the Pit; I have found a ransom;
- <sup>25</sup> His flesh will be young like a child's, He will return to the days of his youth.
- <sup>26</sup> He will pray to God, and He will delight in him, He will see His face with joy, For He restores to man His rightness.
- <sup>27</sup> Then he looks at men and says, I have sinned, and perverted what was right, And it did not profit me.
- <sup>28</sup> He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit, And his life will see the light.
- <sup>29</sup> Behold, God works all these things, twice, in fact, three times with a man,
- <sup>30</sup> To bring back his soul from the Pit, that he may be enlightened with the light of life.
- <sup>31</sup> Give ear, Job, listen to me; Hold your peace, and I will speak.
- <sup>32</sup> If you have anything to say, answer me; Speak, for I desire to justify you.
- <sup>33</sup> If not, listen to me; Hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom.

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