

Little is known about Job, but what we do know it 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 Proclaims God's Justice.

- <sup>1</sup> Elihu further answered and said:
- <sup>2</sup> Hear my words, you wise men; Give ear to me, you who have knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup>For the ear tests words As the palate tastes food.
- <sup>4</sup>Let us choose justice for ourselves; Let us know among ourselves what is good.
- <sup>5</sup> For Job has said, I am right, but God has taken away my justice;
- <sup>6</sup> Should I lie concerning my right? My wound is incurable, though I am without stepping over the line.
- <sup>7</sup> What man is like Job, who drinks scorn like water,
- <sup>8</sup> Who goes in company with the workers of crime, And walks with wicked men?
- <sup>9</sup> For he has said, It profits a man nothing, that he should delight in God.
- <sup>10</sup> So listen to me, you men of understanding: Far be it from God to do wickedness, And from the Almighty to commit crime.
- <sup>11</sup> For He repays man according to his work, And makes man to find a reward according to his way.
- <sup>12</sup> Surely God will never do wickedly, Nor will the Almighty pervert justice.
- <sup>13</sup> Who gave Him charge over the earth? Or who appointed Him over the whole world?
- <sup>14</sup> If He should set His heart on it, If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath,

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- <sup>15</sup> All flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.
- <sup>16</sup> If you have understanding, hear this; Listen to the sound of my words:
- $^{17}$  Should one who hates justice govern? Will you condemn Him who is most just?
- <sup>18</sup> Is it fitting to say to a king, You are worthless, And to nobles, You are wicked?
- <sup>19</sup> Yet He is not partial to princes, Nor does He regard the rich more than the poor; For they are all the work of His hands.
- <sup>20</sup> In a moment they die, in the middle of the night; The people are shaken and pass away; The mighty are taken away without a hand.
- <sup>21</sup> For His eyes are on the ways of man, And He sees all his steps.
- <sup>22</sup>There is no darkness nor shadow of death where the workers of crime may hide themselves.
- <sup>23</sup> For He need not further consider a man, that he should go before God in judgment.
- <sup>24</sup> He breaks in pieces mighty men without inquiry, And sets others in their place.
- <sup>25</sup> So He knows their works; He overthrows them in the night, And they are crushed.
- <sup>26</sup> He strikes them as wicked men In the open sight of others,
- <sup>27</sup> Because they turned back from Him, And would not consider any of His ways,
- $^{28}$  So that they caused the cry of the poor to come to Him; For He hears the cry of the afflicted.
- <sup>29</sup> When He gives quietness, who then can make trouble? And when He hides His face, who en can see Him, whether it is against a nation or a man alone?
- $^{30}$  That the hypocrite should not reign, Lest the people be ensnared.
- <sup>31</sup> For has anyone said to God, I have borne chastening; I will offend no more;
- $^{\rm 32}$  Teach me what I do not see; If I have done crime, I will do no more?
- <sup>33</sup> Should He repay it according to your terms, Just because you disavow it? You must choose, and not I; So speak what you know.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Men of understanding say to me, wise men who listen to me:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Job speaks without knowledge, His words are without wisdom.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>Oh, that Job was tried to the utmost, because his answers are like those of wicked men!

 $<sup>^{37}</sup>$  For he adds rebellion to his sin; He claps his hands among us, And multiplies his words against God.