

Job 34:1-37 **Elihu speaks for Elohiym – Against the wisdom of men**

Elihu Proclaims God's Justice

1 Elihu further answered and said:

2 "Hear my words, you wise men; Give ear to me, you who have knowledge.

3 For the ear tests words As the palate tastes food.

4 Let us choose justice for ourselves; Let us know among ourselves what is good.

5 "For Job has said, 'I am righteous, But El (God) has taken away my justice;

6 Should I lie concerning my right? My wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.'

7 What man is like Job, Who drinks scorn like water,

8 Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, And walks with wicked men?

9 For he has said, 'It profits a man nothing That he should delight in Elohiym (God).'

10 "Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: Far be it from El (God) to do wickedness, And from Shaday (the Almighty) to commit iniquity.

11 For He repays man according to his work, And makes man to find a reward according to his way.

12 Surely El (God) will never do wickedly, Nor will Shaday (the Almighty) pervert justice.

13 Who gave Him charge over the earth? Or who appointed Him over the whole world?

14 If He should set His heart on it, If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath,

15 All flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.

16 "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?

18 Is it fitting to say to a king, 'You are worthless,' And to nobles, 'You are wicked'?

19 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.

20 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.

21 "For His eyes are on the ways of man, And He sees all his steps.

22 There is no darkness nor shadow of death Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For He need not further consider a man, That he should go before El (God) in judgment.

24 He breaks in pieces mighty men without inquiry, And sets others in their place.

25 Therefore He knows their works; He overthrows them in the night, And they are crushed.

26 He strikes them as wicked men In the open sight of others,

27 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.

29 When He gives quietness, who then can make trouble? And when He hides His face, who then 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.

31 "For has anyone said to El (God), 'I have borne chastening; I will offend no more;

32 Teach me what I do not see; If I have done iniquity, I will do no more'?

33 Should He repay it according to your terms, Just because you disavow it? You must choose, and not I; Therefore speak what you know.

34 "Men of understanding say to me, Wise men who listen to me:
 35 'Job speaks without knowledge, His words are without wisdom.'
 36 Oh, that Job were tried to the utmost, Because his answers are like those of wicked men!
 37 For he adds rebellion to his sin; He claps his hands among us, And multiplies his words against El (God)."
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Facts Revealed:

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"Hear my words, you wise men; Give ear to me, you who have knowledge.

For the ear tests words As the palate tastes food.

Let us choose justice for ourselves; Let us know among ourselves what is good. [Job 34:1-4]

✧ Elihu waited until his elder companions had finished their remarks, now he desires to teach them wisdom as he perceives it to be from human observations.

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 [Job 34:5-9]

✧ Like Job's other friends, Elihu also believed that the evidence of Job's suffering and Job's words claiming righteousness and his desire to take it up with God Himself is proof of Job's unrighteousness because he believed that God would not allow a righteous person to suffer such affliction.

✧ 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]

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✧ Elihu expressed his view of God and His judgment of mankind. [Job 34:10-33]

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 [Job 34:34-37]

✧ Elihu said that Job speaks without knowledge, which is true because Job does not know about the contest between Yahweh and Satan, that Satan is doing his best to cause Job to curse God to His face, and God's confidence in Job.

✧ Elihu still finds Job to be speaking like wicked men adding rebellion against El to his sin.