

JOB 32; June 3; Elihu Speaks by Inspiration

ANALYSIS:

1. What emotion in Elihu was kindled against Job and his three friends?
_____ How many times is it mentioned? _____

2. Why did Elihu keep silent up to this point? _____

3. What compelled Elihu to speak now, and where is it stated twice?

4. What does Elihu say he had expected the three friends to do to benefit Job? _____

5. What two things does Elihu say he will not do? _____

Things to Think About

Elihu says he will show his “opinion” (vs 6, 10, 17) to Job and the three elders. He means more than his personal view. He reminds them that “the inspiration of the Almighty giveth” (v 8) men understanding. He confidently declares “the spirit within me constraineth me” (v 18). He is laying claim to being able to speak truth which his elders have missed.

Do we want to speak helpful and instructive words of wisdom and truth? Then we must read God's word, study and meditate in it (comparing spiritual things with spiritual--I Cor 2:13) to be able to answer every challenge and decision we face.

Can you and I better please the LORD by following Elihu's example of not honoring certain people based on their man-made differences of wealth, influence, social status or a flattering title?

HELP:

1. His wrath (vs 2-5), mentioned 4 times.
2. Because he was younger than Job and the three (v 4), and older should be wiser (v 7).
3. The spirit within him constrained him to speak; mentioned in verses 8, 18.
4. To convince Job and answer his words (v 12).
5. Accept any man's person [elevate a man or his ideas above God and His revelation], give flattering titles to man (v 21).