

Job Part 5 Handout

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God's wisdom, found in and affirmed by his Word, must guide our lives above all other sources. Elihu, a new voice who points to God himself as the source of true wisdom.

JOB 32:1 So these three men stopped answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

- Job's 3 friends give up because they feel like Job can't be wrong in his own eyes.

Read JOB 32:2-5 - Then Elihu speaks - he let the older people speak first.

Read JOB 32:6-7 - Elihu is saying that they are older - they have more days/wisdom. Let me listen to them first

Read JOB 32:8-10 - God gives wisdom to people of all ages. Old age does not guarantee wisdom and youth does not exclude a person from having insight.

- In verse 8, Elihu gave God credit for the wisdom he was about to share.
- At the end of the day, it all boils down to this - "Is the Spirit of God speaking through you?"

Read JOB 32:11-12 - Elihu said the older men should have approached Job with some humility rather than venting their views on how and why God dispenses judgment.

- They would have admitted that they did not have all the answers.

Read JOB 34:5-10 - Job had consistently defended himself against Bildad, Eliphaz, and Zophar, refusing to concede that God was punishing him for the sins he may have committed.

- Elihu summarized Job's argument: Job said he was innocent and God was unjust to punish him for sins he didn't commit.

JOB 32:17-18 - I too will have my say; I too will tell what I know.

18 For I am full of words, and the spirit within me compels me;

- The Spirit of God is going to keep me from saying too much / or the wrong thing. It will be focused or restricted to the scope of what needs to be said.

Read JOB 32:21-22 - Elihu is living out what we've been talking about in Job

- I want to say what God wants me to say.

Read JOB 36:2-4 - Elihu is making a claim to be perfect in accuracy, he is not claiming to be omniscient. The wisdom is from the Lord.

- Elihu speaks in Job 37 - then God speaks in Job 38. The message sounds very much alike.
- We have to be very careful, but we are on this earth to speak the words of God - through His power.

Read JOB 37:15-21 - Elihu describes God and His majesty

- It sounds like what God says in 38

Our lives are filled with influencers and loud voices demanding our attention.

KEY: We long for insight, but often find people's perspectives rather than God's wisdom.

KEY: A humble approach to sharing wisdom glorifies God rather than ourselves.

QUOTE: "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." Are we listening to what he has to say?

~C.S. Lewis

Life POINT: Our job is to take people to the Great Physician, so that they can be with their Maker and hear truth.