

The Prophetic Voice Comes to Job (Job 32-33)

- I. Elihu Will Speak of God's Behalf (32:1-5)
 - A. The Three Friends Could not Convince Job (1)
 - 1. The Comforters stop trying to answer Job
 - 2. The Comforters could not convince Job of his unrighteousness
 - B. Elihu Burns with Anger for God's Righteousness (2-5)
 - 1. Elihu is angry at Job's rash words against God (2)
 - a. He was angry because Job justified himself
 - b. He was angry because Job accused God
 - 2. Elihu is angry that the comforter's failure (3)
 - 3. Elihu is angry at the whole situation (4-5)
- II. Elihu Will Speak From God's Leading (32:6-22)
 - A. God's Words are More Valuable than Traditions (6-10)
 - 1. Elihu has Deferred to the Elder men's Council (6-7)
 - 2. Elihu knows that only God's Council can change hearts (8-10)
 - a. The breath of the Almighty makes men understand (8)
 - b. The Spirit inside man must be the instrument of understanding
 - B. God's Truth is Needed to Give Answer (11-16)
 - 1. The Friends have failed in their responsibility (11-13)
 - a. None were Able to Answer Job's Words (11-12)
 - b. None can forgo his Responsibility to give answer (13)
 - i. Elihu chastises the friends saying they cannot just sit back and claim to have found wisdom
 - ii. Elihu chastises the friends saying they cannot just say "let God deal with him"
 - 2. Elihu Must Answer with God's Truth (14-16)
 - a. Elihu will not answer Job with traditional wisdom as the friends have done (14)
 - b. Elihu cannot stand by without defending God's justice (15-16)
 - i. The friends have been silenced
 - ii. Elihu cannot join them
 - C. God's Truth is Necessary to Be Heard (17-22)
 - 1. Elihu's Spirit Compels Him to Speak (17-20)
 - a. Elihu is boiling over to speak to Job
 - b. Elihu cannot hold his opinion any longer
 - 2. Elihu Must Speak for God (21-22)
 - a. Elihu will not speak to favor any man (21)
 - b. Elihu is more concerned about pleasing God
- III. Elihu Will Speak in Defense of God (33:1-13)
 - A. Elihu Pledges to Speak as God Requires (1-7)
 - 1. Elihu will speak sincerely (1-3)
 - a. Elihu begs Job to listen carefully
 - b. Elihu will speak from his heart

2. Elihu is a man of God just as Job (4-6)
 - a. God's Spirit is in Elihu as Job
 - b. Elihu is "toward God" just as Job
 - c. Elihu challenges Job to answer Him
3. Elihu will not burden Job with more suffering (7)
- B. Elihu Pledges to Prove God has Answered Job (8-13)
 1. Job has claimed He is innocent (8-9)
 2. Job has said God has risen against him (10-11)
 - a. He says God counts him as an enemy
 - b. He says God has put his feet in stocks
 3. Job is wrong to say God does not answer (12-13)
- IV. Elihu Will Show God is not Silent But Speaks with Purpose (14-30)
 - A. God Continually Speaks to Man (14-22)
 1. God Speaks to Man Through His Conscience (14-18)
 - a. God speaks to men's hearts and warns them in their beds
 - b. God speaks to turn men from their deeds
 - c. God speaks to turn men from their pride
 - d. God speaks to keep men from perishing
 2. God Speaks to Man Through His Sufferings (19-22)
 - B. God Has a Purpose in His Speech (23-30)
 1. God Brings Man Out of Suffering (23-28)
 - a. God provides a salvation from suffering (23-25)
 - i. God gives man a mediator (23-24)
 - ii. God provides a ransom to redeem (25)
 - iii. Elihu's point is that God uses suffering to show man his goodness when he redeems him from it
 - b. Man rejoices when he is delivered (26)
 - i. When suffering comes, men pray to God
 - ii. God accepts them and restores the relationship
 - c. Man Glorifies God's Forgiveness (27-28)
 - i. Man glorifies God because he is forgiven
 - ii. Man rejoices in God's goodness
 2. God Allows Suffering To bring Men to Him (29-30)
 - a. God does these things continually
 - b. God does these things to redeem man and enlighten his life
- V. Elihu Challenges Job to Answer or Be Silent (31-33)
 - A. Elihu tells Job to be silent and listen
 - B. Elihu tells Job not to answer unless he can answer Elihu's words