

Understanding the
WORDS of JESUS

13. Why would they be able to say things like:

three things are:

The words of Elihu

Job 32-37

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John 6:63b

Job 32

1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than Elohim.

3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.

5 When Elihu saw that *there* was no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, *I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.*

**7 I said, Days should speak, and
multitude of years should teach
wisdom.**

**8 But *there is* a spirit in man: and
the inspiration of the Almighty
giveth them understanding.**

**9 Great men are not *always* wise:
neither do the aged understand
judgment.**

10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me;
I also will shew mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; I
gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye
searched out what to say.

12 Yea, I attended unto you, and,
behold, *there was none of you that
convinced Job, or that answered his
words:*

13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: El thrusteth him down, not man.

14 Now he hath not directed *his* words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.

**16 When I had waited, (for they
spake not, but stood still, *and*
answered no more;)**

**17 *I said*, I will answer also my part,
I also will shew mine opinion.**

**18 For I am full of matter, the spirit
within me constraineth me.**

**19 Behold, my belly *is* as wine which
hath no vent; it is ready to burst
like new bottles.**

**20 I will speak, that I may be
refreshed: I will open my lips and
answer.**

**21 Let me not, I pray you, accept
any man's person, neither let me
give flattering titles unto man.**

**22 For I know not to give flattering
titles; *in so doing* my maker would
soon take me away.**

Job 33

1 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.

**3 My words *shall be* of the
uprightness of my heart: and my lips
shall utter knowledge clearly.**

**4 The Spirit of El hath made me, and
the breath of the Almighty hath given
me life.**

**5 If thou canst answer me, set *thy*
words in order before me, stand up.**

**6 Behold, I *am* according to thy wish
in El's stead: I also am formed out of
the clay.**

**7 Behold, my terror shall not make
thee afraid, neither shall my hand
be heavy upon thee.**

**8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine
hearing, and I have heard the voice
of *thy* words, saying,**

**9 I am clean without transgression, I
am innocent; neither *is there*
iniquity in me.**

**10 Behold, he findeth occasions
against me, he counteth me for his
enemy,**

**11 He putteth my feet in the stocks,
he marketh all my paths.**

12 Behold, *in this thou art not just: I*
will answer thee, that *Eloah is*
greater than man.

13 Why dost thou strive against him?
for he giveth not account of any of
his matters.

14 For *El speaketh once, yea twice,*
yet man perceiveth it not.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

17 That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose, and hide pride from man.

**18 He keepeth back his soul from
the pit, and his life from perishing
by the sword.**

**19 He is chastened also with pain
upon his bed, and the multitude of
his bones with strong *pain*:**

**20 So that his life abhorreth bread,
and his soul dainty meat.**

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that* were not seen stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

26 He shall pray unto Eloah, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

27 He looketh upon men, and *if any* say, I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not;

28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

29 Lo, all these *things* worketh El oftentimes with man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.

**32 If thou hast any thing to say,
answer me: speak, for I desire to
justify thee.**

**33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy
peace, and I shall teach thee
wisdom.**

Job 34

1 Furthermore Elihu answered and said,

2 Hear my words, O ye wise *men*; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.

4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what *is* good.

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and El hath taken away my judgment.

6 Should I lie against my right? my wound *is* incurable without transgression.

- 7 What man *is* like Job, who
drinketh up scorning like water?
- 8 Which goeth in company with the
workers of iniquity, and walketh
with wicked men.
- 9 For he hath said, It profiteth a
man nothing that he should delight
himself with Elohim.

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from El, *that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.*

11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to *his* ways.

12 Yea, surely El will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

**13 Who hath given him a charge
over the earth? or who hath
disposed the whole world?**

**14 If he set his heart upon man, *if*
he gather unto himself his spirit and
his breath;**

**15 All flesh shall perish together,
and man shall turn again unto dust.**

**16 If now *thou hast* understanding,
hear this: hearken to the voice of
my words.**

**17 Shall even he that hateth right
govern? and wilt thou condemn him
that is most just?**

**18 *Is it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art*
wicked? and to princes, *Ye are*
*unrighteous?***

19 *How much less to him that*
accepteth not the persons of princes,
nor regardeth the rich more than the
poor? *for they all are the work of his*
hands.

20 In a moment shall they die, and
the people shall be troubled at
midnight, and pass away: and the
mighty shall be taken away without
hand.

21 For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

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

23 For he will not lay upon man more *than right*; that he should enter into judgment with El.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth *them* in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He striketh 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 cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth *his* face, who then can behold him? whether *it be done* against a nation, or against a man only:

30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

31 Surely it is meet to be said unto El, I have borne *chastisement*, I will not offend *any more*:

32 *That which* I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

33 *Should it be* according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.

34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

36 My desire *is that* Job may be tried unto the end because of *his* answers for wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth *his hands* among us, and multiplieth his words against El.

Job 35

1 Elihu spake moreover, and said,

2 Thinkest thou this to be right,
that thou saidst, **My righteousness is
more than El's?**

3 For thou saidst, **What advantage
will it be unto thee? *and*, What
profit shall I have, *if I be cleansed*
from my sin?**

4 I will answer thee, and thy
companions with thee.

5 Look unto the heavens, and see;
and behold the clouds *which* are
higher than thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou
against him? or *if* thy transgressions
be multiplied, what doest thou unto
him?

7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

8 Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou *art*; and thy righteousness *may profit* the son of man.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

**10 But none saith, Where *is* Eloah
my maker, who giveth songs in the
night;**

**11 Who teacheth us more than the
beasts of the earth, and maketh us
wiser than the fowls of heaven?**

**12 There they cry, but none giveth
answer, because of the pride of evil
men.**

13 Surely El will not hear vanity,
neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt
not see him, *yet* judgment *is* before
him; therefore trust thou in him.

15 But now, because *it is* not so, he
hath visited in his anger; yet he
knoweth *it* not in great extremity:

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

Job 36

1 Elihu also proceeded, and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew
thee that *I have* yet to speak on
Eloah's behalf.

3 I will fetch my knowledge from
afar, and will ascribe righteousness
to my Maker.

4 For truly my words *shall* not *be*
false: he that is perfect in
knowledge *is* with thee.

5 Behold, El *is* mighty, and despiseth
not *any*: *he is* mighty in strength
and wisdom.

6 He preserveth not the life of the
wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings *are they* on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

**8 And if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction;
9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.**

10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve *him*, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

**13 But the hypocrites in heart heap
up wrath: they cry not when he
bindeth them.**

**14 They die in youth, and their life
is among the unclean.**

**15 He delivereth the poor in his
affliction, and openeth their ears in
oppression.**

16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a broad place, where *there is* no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table *should be* full of fatness.

17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold *on thee*.

18 Because *there is* wrath, *beware*
lest he take thee away with *his*
stroke: then a great ransom cannot
deliver thee.

19 Will he esteem thy riches? *no*,
not gold, nor all the forces of
strength.

20 Desire not the night, when
people are cut off in their place.

**21 Take heed, regard not iniquity:
for this hast thou chosen rather
than affliction.**

**22 Behold, El exalteth by his power:
who teacheth like him?**

**23 Who hath enjoined him his way?
or who can say, Thou hast wrought
iniquity?**

24 Remember that thou magnify his
work, which men behold.

25 Every man may see it; man may
behold *it* afar off.

26 Behold, El *is* great, and we know
him not, neither can the number of
his years be searched out.

**27 For he maketh small the drops of
water: they pour down rain
according to the vapour thereof:
28 Which the clouds do drop *and*
distil upon man abundantly.
29 Also can *any* understand the
spreadings of the clouds, or the
noise of his tabernacle?**

**30 Behold, he spreadeth his light
upon it, and covereth the bottom of
the sea.**

**31 For by them judgeth he the
people; he giveth meat in
abundance.**

**32 With clouds he covereth the
light; and commandeth it *not to
shine by the cloud* that cometh
betwixt.**

**33 The noise thereof sheweth
concerning it, the cattle also
concerning the vapour.**

Job 37

1 At this also my heart trembleth,
and is moved out of his place.

2 Hear attentively the noise of his
voice, and the sound *that* goeth out
of his mouth.

3 He directeth it under the whole
heaven, and his lightning unto the
ends of the earth.

4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

5 El thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

**6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou
on the earth; likewise to the small
rain, and to the great rain of his
strength.**

**7 He sealeth up the hand of every
man; that all men may know his
work.**

**8 Then the beasts go into dens, and
remain in their places.**

**9 Out of the south cometh the
whirlwind: and cold out of the
north.**

**10 By the breath of El frost is given:
and the breadth of the waters is
straitened.**

**11 Also by watering he wearieth the
thick cloud: he scattereth his bright
cloud:**

**12 And it is turned round about by his
counsels: that they may do
whatsoever he commandeth them
upon the face of the world in the
earth.**

**13 He causeth it to come, whether for
correction, or for his land, or for
mercy.**

**14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand
still, and consider the wondrous
works of El.**

**15 Dost thou know when Eloah
disposed them, and caused the light
of his cloud to shine?**

**16 Dost thou know the balancings of
the clouds, the wondrous works of
him which is perfect in knowledge?**

**17 How thy garments *are* warm,
when he quieteth the earth by the
south *wind*?**

**18 Hast thou with him spread out
the sky, *which is strong, and* as a
molten looking glass?**

**19 Teach us what we shall say unto
him; *for we cannot order our speech*
by reason of darkness.**

**20 Shall it be told him that I speak?
if a man speak, surely he shall be
swallowed up.**

21 And now *men* see not the bright light which *is* in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

22 Fair weather cometh out of the north: with Eloah *is* terrible majesty.

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: *he is* excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any *that are* wise of heart.