



Title: [The Dialogue *cont'd.*] Job's Final Rejoinder (part 3) & Introducing Elihu.

Text: Job 31 & 32

Introduction:

1. Job 31 is Job's declaration of his innocence.
2. Job 32 Introduces Elihu.

- I. **Job Presents His Purity** (Ch. 31:1-4)
- II. **Job Presents His Just Dealings** (Ch. 31:5-8) [against dishonesty]
- III. **Job Presents His Fidelity** (Ch. 31:9-12) [against adultery]
- IV. **Job Presents His Equity** (or fairness or impartiality) (Ch. 31:13-15) [against oppression]
- V. **Job Presents His Benevolence to the Poor** (Ch. 31:16-23) [against neglect of the poor]
- VI. **Job Presents His Pure Worship** (or his stand against covetousness & idolatry) (Ch. 31:24-28)
- VII. **Job's Presents His Love for People** (not revengeful and hospitality) (Ch. 31:29-32)
- VIII. **Job Presents His Repentance** (Ch. 31:33) – He was not like Adam who hid himself.
- IX. **Job Presents His Appeal to God** (Ch. 31:34-40) [against hypocrisy & exploitation]
- X. **Introducing Elihu** (Ch. 32:1-5) – A minor prose section to introduce Elihu.

Conclusion:

1. Job's final testimony was his strongest denial of hidden or public sins.
2. Job feels that his misery was undeserved.
3. Job was pure in his love life, in how he acquired wealth, and his treatment of people.
4. Sins must be dealt with.
5. Job defeats infidelity by starting with the "look" (Pro. 6:25; Matt. 5:28).
6. The heart must be guarded with God's word and the application of it. Steps must be implemented.
7. Job maintained purity of worship (Many in his day were involved in nature worship).
8. God presence must be realized.
9. Elihu's contribution differed from Job's three friends: The three friends accused Job of sins, but Elihu confronts Job of his pride which was developed in his self-justification brought out by the sufferings which he endured, to exalt God and consider His works, and to fear God.
10. God does not include Elihu in His divine rebuke of Job's friends (42:7).
11. Elihu is aligned to the truth but seems to be ignored by God (God also does not respond to Satan, and to Job's wife).
12. The thesis of the three friends: Job you are suffering because of sinning. (Past)
13. The thesis of Elihu: Job in your suffering you are sinning. (Present) – There is latent sin in every human heart. Suffering brings it out.