

# Job 32

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## Elihu Rebukes Job's Friends

<sup>1</sup>So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. <sup>2</sup>Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram; against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. <sup>3</sup>Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. <sup>4</sup>Now Elihu had waited to speak unto Job, because they were older than he. <sup>5</sup>And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled.

<sup>6</sup>And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said: I am young, and ye are very old; Wherefore I held back, and durst not declare you mine opinion.

<sup>7</sup>I said: 'Days should speak, And multitude of years should teach wisdom.'

<sup>8</sup>But it is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty, that giveth them understanding.

<sup>9</sup>It is not the great that are wise, Nor the aged that discern judgment.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore I say: 'Hearken to me; I also will declare mine opinion.'

<sup>11</sup>Behold, I waited for your words, I listened for your reasons, Whilst ye searched out what to say.

<sup>12</sup>Yea, I attended unto you, And, behold, there was none that convinced Job, Or that answered his words, among you.

<sup>13</sup>Beware lest ye say: 'We have found wisdom; God may vanquish him, not man!'

<sup>14</sup>For he hath not directed his words against me; Neither will I answer him with your speeches.

<sup>15</sup>They are amazed, they answer no more; Words are departed from them.

<sup>16</sup>And shall I wait, because they speak not, Because they stand still, and answer no more?

<sup>17</sup>I also will answer my part, I also will declare mine opinion.

<sup>18</sup>For I am full of words; The spirit within me constraineth me.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, mine inwards are as wine which hath no vent; Like new wine-skins which are ready to burst.

<sup>20</sup>I will speak, that I may find relief; I will open my lips and answer.

<sup>21</sup>Let me not, I pray you, respect any man's person; Neither will I give flattering titles unto any man.

<sup>22</sup>For I know not to give flattering titles; Else would my Maker soon take me away