

JOB CHAPTER 32

¹ And his three friends also ceased any longer to answer Job, for Job was righteous before them. ² Then Elihu the son of Barachiel, the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram, of the land of Uz, was angered: and he was very angry with Job, because he justified himself before the Lord. ³ And he was also very angry with his three friends, because they were not able to return answers to Job, yet set him down for an ungodly man.

⁴ But Elihu had waited to give an answer to Job, because they were older than he was. ⁵ And Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men, and he was angered in his wrath. ⁶ And Elihu the Buzite the son of Barachiel answered and said, "I am younger in age, and you are older, therefore I kept silent, fearing to declare to you my own knowledge. ⁷ And I said, 'It is not time that speaks, though in many years men know wisdom': ⁸ but there is a spirit in mortals, and the inspiration of the Almighty is that which teaches. ⁹ The long-lived are not wise as such, neither do the aged know judgment. ¹⁰ Therefore I said, 'Hear me, and I will tell you what I know.' ¹¹ Give ear to my words; for I will speak in your hearing, until you have tried the matter with words: ¹² I have paid close attention to you; and behold, not one of you convinced Job, or answered his words— ¹³ lest you should say, 'We have found that we have added wisdom to the Lord.' ¹⁴ And you have commissioned a man to speak such words.

¹⁵ "They were afraid, they answered no longer; they gave up their speaking. ¹⁶ I waited, (for I had not spoken) because they stood still, and they did not speak." ¹⁷ And Elihu continued, and said, "I will again speak, ¹⁸ for I am full of words, for the spirit within me destroys me. ¹⁹ And my belly is as a skin of sweet wine, bound up and ready to burst; or as a blacksmith's laboring bellows. ²⁰ I will speak, that I may open my lips and relieve myself. ²¹ For truly I will not be awed because of man, nor indeed will I be confounded before a mortal. ²² For I know not how to respect persons: and if otherwise, even the moths would eat me.