

**Part 39 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
Elihu Enters the Scene Angry.**

Job 32:1-22

Job 31:33 “Have I covered my transgressions **like Adam,**
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

NET Bible 31: 33 if I
have covered my transgressions as **men** do,
by hiding iniquity in my heart,

[New International Version](#)

if I have concealed my sin as **people** do, by hiding my
guilt in my heart

[New Living Translation](#)

“Have I tried to hide my sins like other **people** do, concealing my guilt in my
heart?

[English Standard Version](#)

if I have concealed my transgressions as **others** do by hiding my iniquity in my
heart,



[New American Standard Bible](#)

“Have I covered my wrongdoings like a **man**, By hiding my guilt in my shirt pocket,

[Christian Standard Bible](#)

Have I covered my transgressions as **others** do by hiding my iniquity in my heart

[Holman Christian Standard Bible](#)

Have I covered my transgressions as **others** do by hiding my guilt in my heart,

[Aramaic Bible in Plain English](#)

If I have hidden my sins as a **man** and if I have hid my debts in a secret place

The answer lies in the Hebrew word KA-ADAM

כָּאָדָם

kə-’ā-dām

Obadiah 1:8 Will I not on that day,” declares the Lord,

“Destroy wise men from Edom

And understanding from the mountain of Esau?

Job 32 ¹ Then these three men ceased answering Job, because he was **righteous in his own eyes.**

² **But the anger of Elihu** the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram **burned; against Job his anger burned** because he justified himself before God.

³ And his **anger burned** against his three friends because they had found **no answer, and yet had condemned Job.**

The reasons for Elihu's **burning anger** are:

1. Job's justification of himself before God.
2. And the 3 friends "had found no answer", while they "condemned Job" regardless of the lack of evidence.

⁴ Now Elihu **had waited to speak to Job** because they were years older than he.

⁵ And when Elihu saw that there was **no answer** in the mouth of the three men **his anger burned.**

⁶ So Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite spoke out and said,

"I am young in years and you are old;

Therefore I was **shy** and afraid to tell you **what I think.**

Shy-timid only usage

in OT

⁷ "I thought age **should speak,**

And increased years **should teach** wisdom.

⁸ "But it is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

Job 28:28 "And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that **is** wisdom;
And to depart from evil **is** understanding.'"

Job 32: ⁹ "The abundant in years may **not be wise,**
Nor may elders understand justice.

¹⁰ "So I say, '**Listen to me,** *in the imperative (some Hebrew MSS have the plural here-probably addressing all who were present).*

I too will tell **what I think.**'

¹¹ "Behold, **I waited** for your words,

I listened to your reasonings,

While you **pondered** what to say.

¹² "**I** even **paid close attention** to you;

Indeed, **there was no one who refuted Job,** *so just maybe there were others*

Not one of you who **answered** his words.

¹³ "Do not say,

'**We have** found wisdom;

smacks of pride

God will rout him, not man.'

Refute or rebut

¹⁴ **“For he has not arranged his words against me,**
Nor will I reply to him with your arguments.

refers to Job

arranged his words *means “to arrange in order; to set forth; to direct; to marshal.” It is used in military contexts for setting the battle array; it is used in legal settings for preparing the legal briefs.*

¹⁵ “They are **dismayed**, they no longer **answer**;

dismayed means “they are shattered, beaten in an argument.”

¹⁶ “Shall I wait, because they do not speak,
Because they stop and no longer **answer**?

a legal term used.

¹⁷ “I too will **answer** my share,
I also **will tell my opinion**.

Again, Elihu’s opinion

¹⁸ “For I am full of words;
The spirit within me constrains me.

Job 32:8 “But it is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

¹⁹ "Behold, my belly is like unvented wine,
Like new wineskins it is about to burst.

²⁰ "Let **me** speak that I may get relief;
Let **me** open my lips and **answer**.

Legal term

²¹ "Let **me** now be partial to no one,
Nor flatter any man.

²² "For I do not know how to flatter,
Else my Maker would soon take me away.