

**Part 42 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job**

**Elihu and HIS Fundamentals .....continued Part 3**

**Job 34:1-37**

**Job 32:4** Now Elihu had **waited to speak to Job** because **they** were years older than he.

**Job 33:1** **“However now, Job,** please hear my speech,

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**1 Peter 4:12-19** <sup>12</sup> Beloved, **do not be surprised** at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; <sup>13</sup> **but to the degree that you share the sufferings** of Christ, **keep on rejoicing, so that** also at the revelation of His glory you may **rejoice with exultation.** <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; <sup>16</sup> but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those **who do not obey the gospel of God?** <sup>18</sup> And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner? <sup>19</sup> Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

### **1. Man must assess his direct actions towards God. Verses 1-9**

**Job 34:** <sup>1</sup> Then Elihu continued and said,

<sup>2</sup> **“Hear** my words, **you wise men,**

*specifically addressing the 3 friends*

And **listen** to me, **you who know.**

**Job 12:1-2** Then Job responded, 2 "Truly then you are the people,  
And with you wisdom will die!

**Job 34:** <sup>3</sup> "For the ear tests words  
As the palate tastes food.

**John 10:1-5** <sup>1</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs **up some other way**, he is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and **the sheep hear his voice**, and **he calls his own sheep** by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him **because they know his voice.** <sup>5</sup> **A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him**, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

**Matthew 23:13** But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because **you shut off the kingdom of heaven** from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, **nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.**

**Matthew 23:27-28** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which **on the outside appear beautiful**, but **inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.** <sup>28</sup> So you, too, **outwardly appear righteous** to men, but **inwardly** you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

**Job 34** <sup>4</sup> "Let us **choose** for ourselves what is right;  
Let us know among ourselves what is good.

***Choose** - choose after careful examination.*

<sup>5</sup> "**For Job has said, 'I am righteous,**  
But God has taken away my right;

***I am righteous** – in this context to be right or innocent.*

Remember when Job said this, way back?

**Job 13:18** Behold now, I have prepared my case;  
I know that I will be vindicated.

*Found NOT guilty.*

**Job 23:10-11** But He knows the way I take;  
When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

<sup>11</sup> “My foot has held fast to His path;  
I have kept His way and not turned aside.

**Job 34: 6** Should I lie concerning my right?

My **wound** is incurable, though **I am without transgression.**’

***Wound** – my arrows which cause the wounds.*

***I am without transgression** – Job was not saying here he was perfect, but that the current trials were not directly related to specific sins he was guilty of.*

<sup>7</sup> “What man is like Job,  
Who drinks up derision like water,

**Job 15:16** How much less one who is detestable and corrupt,  
Man, who drinks iniquity like water!

**Job 34** <sup>8</sup> Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity,  
And walks with wicked men?

<sup>9</sup> “For he has said, ‘It profits a man nothing  
When he is pleased with God.’

**Job 9:22** "It is all one; therefore I say,  
'He destroys the guiltless and the wicked.'

**Job 21:1-16** <sup>1</sup> Then Job answered,  
<sup>2</sup> "Listen carefully to my speech,  
And let this be your way of consolation.  
<sup>3</sup> "Bear with me that I may speak;  
Then after I have spoken, you may mock.  
<sup>4</sup> "As for me, is my complaint to man?  
And why should I not be impatient?  
<sup>5</sup> "Look at me, and be astonished,  
And put your hand over your mouth.  
<sup>6</sup> "Even when I remember, I am disturbed,  
And horror takes hold of my flesh.

<sup>7</sup> **"Why do the wicked still live,  
Continue on, also become very powerful?**

<sup>8</sup> "Their descendants are established with them in their sight,  
And their offspring before their eyes,  
<sup>9</sup> **Their houses are safe from fear,  
And the rod of God is not on them.**

<sup>10</sup> "His ox mates without fail;  
His cow calves and does not abort.

<sup>11</sup> "They send forth their little ones like the flock,  
And their children skip about.

<sup>12</sup> "They sing to the timbrel and harp  
And rejoice at the sound of the flute.

<sup>13</sup> **"They spend their days in prosperity,  
And suddenly they go down to Sheol.**

<sup>14</sup> "They say to God, 'Depart from us!  
We do not even desire the knowledge of Your ways.

<sup>15</sup> 'Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him,  
And what would we gain if we entreat Him?'

<sup>16</sup> **"Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand;  
The counsel of the wicked is far from me.**

## **2. Man must assess that his direct actions towards God are right.**

### **Verses 10-29**

**Job 34** <sup>10</sup> "Therefore, listen to me, you men of understanding. *Using sarcasm*

*here again*

***Far be it from God*** to do wickedness,

*And from the Almighty to do wrong.*

***Far be it from God*** - We read over this in English, but in Hebrew it is **a serious statement of abhorrence.**

**Genesis 18:25** **Far be it from You to do such a thing**, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. **Far be it from You!** Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"

**Job 34:** <sup>11</sup> "For He pays a man according to his work,  
And makes him find it according to his way.

**Job 34:** <sup>12</sup> "Surely, God **will not** act wickedly,  
And the Almighty **will not** pervert justice.

<sup>13</sup> "Who gave Him authority over the earth?  
And who has laid on Him the whole world?

<sup>14</sup> "If He should determine to do so,  
If He should **gather to Himself His spirit and His breath**, *only occurrence*

<sup>15</sup> All flesh would perish together,  
And man would return to dust.

**Ecclesiastes 12:7** then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.



**Job 34:** <sup>16</sup> "But if you have understanding, hear this;  
Listen to the sound of my words.

<sup>17</sup> "**Shall one who hates justice rule?**

**And will you condemn the righteous mighty One,**

<sup>18</sup> Who says to a king, 'Worthless one,'

To nobles, 'Wicked ones';

<sup>19</sup> Who shows no partiality to princes

Nor regards the rich above the poor,

**For they **all** are the work of His hands?**

<sup>20</sup> "In a moment they die, and at midnight

**People** are shaken and **pass away,**

And **the mighty** are taken away **without a hand.**

*People-upper class*

*No force involved*

<sup>21</sup> "For His eyes are upon the **ways of a man,**

**And He sees all his steps.**

<sup>22</sup> "There is no darkness or deep shadow

Where the workers of iniquity **may hide themselves.**

<sup>23</sup> "For He does not need to consider a man further,

That he should go before God in judgment.

<sup>24</sup> "He breaks in pieces mighty men **without inquiry,**

And sets others in their place.

*no investigation*

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore **He knows their works,**

And He overthrows them in the night,

And they are crushed.

<sup>26</sup> "He strikes them like the wicked **In a public place,** *RSV "in return for their wickedness"*

*In a public place – highly visible*

<sup>27</sup> Because **they turned aside from following Him,**  
**And had no regard for any of His ways;**

<sup>28</sup> So that **they caused** the cry of the poor to come to Him,  
And that He might hear the cry of the afflicted—

***They caused***-shows the results of the wicked actions.

<sup>29</sup> When He keeps quiet, who then can condemn?  
And when He hides His face, who then can behold Him,  
That is, in regard to both nation and man?—

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<sup>30</sup> **So that** godless men would not rule *purpose related to verse 29:*  
Nor be snares of the people.

<sup>31</sup> "For has anyone said to God,  
'I have borne chastisement;  
I will not offend anymore;

<sup>32</sup> **Teach me what I do not see; If I have done iniquity,  
I will not do it again'?**

<sup>33</sup> "Shall He recompense on your terms, because you have rejected it?

**For you must choose, and not I;**

Therefore declare what you know.

<sup>34</sup> "Men of understanding will say to me,

And a wise man who hears me,

<sup>35</sup> 'Job speaks without knowledge,

And his words are without wisdom.

**righteousness.**

<sup>36</sup> 'Job ought to be tried to the limit,

Because he answers like wicked men.

<sup>37</sup> 'For he adds rebellion to his sin;

**He claps his hands among us,**

And multiplies his words against God.'"

**Job 27:23** "Men will clap their hands at him

And will hiss him from his place.

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