

## Job #28 (Chapters 32 and 33) Elihu Enters

### I. Let us Look at Some Things Out of Chapter 32

- A. First time we have a new voice in the debate for a while- voice of Elihu
  - 1. Different from other friends in that Job does not reply to this speech
  - 2. Also different in that when God rebukes friends- Not Elihu- Job 42:7
- B. We know a little bit about Elihu- His name means "Yahweh is my God"
  - 1. He is the son of Barachel (May God Bless) the Buzite- family of Ram
  - 2. He is younger than everyone else-so hesitant to speak – (32:4)
    - a. He says age is no guarantee of wisdom 32:9 (Matthew 11:25)
    - b. He is one example of many in scripture of God gifting the young
      - 1. Jeremiah (Jer. 1:6-8) Timothy (I Tim. 4:12-15) Jesus (Lu. 2:46f)
- C. V. 1- After all the arguments appears no progress has been made
  - 1. Job friends have done some good things in their arguments
    - a. They spoke of God's greatness (5:9) & His punishing wicked (4:9)
    - b. They have been correct that Job isn't completely innocent (4:17)
  - 2. But they haven't been good at applying their knowledge correctly

### II. Let us Look at Chapter 33 – verses 3-6 – Elihu is God's Creation

- A. V.3 – Some think Elihu is contrasting himself with previous speakers
- B. V. 4- Like Job, Elihu is creation of the Spirit of God
  - 1. We know Spirit is agent in the new creation- John 3:6
  - 2. In Genesis 2:7 Father is spoken of as the Creator of Man
    - a. In John 1:1 – 3 we see that Son is also the creator of man
  - 3. But Spirit is also agent of creation (Gen. 1:2- Psalm 33:6, 104:30)
  - 4. Psalm 149:2 – Let Israel rejoice in his "Makers"- plural in Hebrew
    - a. Genesis 1:26 – Let "us" make man in "our" own image - Trinity
  - 5. Sometimes we tend to downplay role of 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Trinity
- C. V. 4- Second part "Breath of Almighty has given me life"- Gen. 2:7
  - 1. God is spoken of as "Father of Spirits" – Hebrews 12:9
- D. V. 6 will refer especially to body out of earth- Genesis 2:7; 2 Cor. 4:7
  - 1. Even in redeemed body is still subject to corruption – I Cor. 15:42-44
  - 2. God made both body and spirit, but spirit is higher- Ecc. 12:7
  - 3. At death body ends but spirit goes on- Luke 16:22, 23
- E. Though Adam created different than us- we are God's creation
  - 1. Psalm 100:3; Psalm 139:13-15; Isaiah 27:11; Isaiah 64:8, 9
- F. Question throughout church history of where the soul comes from
  - 1. Creationism- Every soul is the result of God's immediate creation
  - 2. Traducianism–The soul is propagated through human relations
  - 3. Acts 17:25; Zechariah 12:1; I Peter 4:19; Isaiah 57:16

### III. Let us Look at Chapter 33:12 – 22 and God Speaking to Us

- A. V. 14 – May be saying God speaks more than once – Ps. 62:11
  - 1. Or that God speaks 2 ways- by dreams and by providence
    - a. By dreams God will warn us (Matthew 2:12) (Pharaoh)
    - b. Providentially God leads us – and one way is by affliction

**Conclusion:** If God has given us life- what should be the conclusion?

- A. Then we owe that life back to God – Rom. 14:7, 8; I Cor. 6:19, 20
- B. But we are selfish and don't want to live for God but for ourselves