Job #30 (Job Chapter 35)
I. In Vs 1-9 Elihu Deals with the idea that Godly living is not profitable
   A. V. 2- Job never said that his righteousness was more than God's
      1. But some of his words could lead to that conclusion
         a. Job 9:30- 35; Job 16:17; Compare Psalm 73:1
   B. V. 3- Question of whether godliness is profitable- Mal. 3:14; Ps.73:13
      1. Godliness is always profitable - I Tim. 6:6; Ps. 25:10; Rom. 6:21
      2. But not always profit people expect - Mk. 10:28- 31; Lu. 17:7-10
   C. V. 5- Job is encouraged to look at heavens - Romans 1:19, 20
      1. This would help show distance between man and God
      2. We are often told to consider God's works- Ps. 8:3, 4; Ps. 111:2
      3. Whatever made by God says something of Him- Ps. 19:1 - 4
   D. Vs. 6 & 7 give two sides of same truth-We cannot add to or lessen God
      1. V. 6- Our transgressions hurt us-but they do not hurt God -Prv. 8:36
      2. There are senses in which scripture speaks of our sins harming God
         a. Profane His name - Ezekiel 36:20, 21; Mal. 1:6; Rom. 2:24
         b. God enraged or grieved by our sins-Ez. 16:43; Is. 63:10; Gen. 6:6
      3. Sin cannot harm God's essential nature-but His manifestation
         a. And of course our sins caused the death of Christ
      4. V. 7 - Our righteousness cannot add to God - Ps. 16:2
         a. He is El Shaddai and needs nothing from us - Acts 17:25
      5. There are several reasons why we can't actually give to God
         a. Anything we would give would just be paying a debt-Lu. 17:10
         b. Anything we give was first given to us by God- 1 Chr. 29:11-16
         c. God is already totally full- can't add to Him- Ps. 50:9 - 12
      6. So for God to accept from us is a mercy- Mat. 5:16; I Cor. 10:31
   E. V. 8 - Our sins or righteousness can only affect other people, not God
      1. But they do affect others- I Cor. 15:33; Titus 3:8
II. In 10-13 Elihu deals with God's People's Cries Going Unanswered
   A. Job like others in scripture sometimes thinks God doesn't hear cries
      1. This is what we call unanswered prayers - Psalm 13:1
   B. V. 10 - Elihu saying people don't cry to God in right manner
      1. As a Maker - Hebrew- "Makers" - Perhaps Trinity or Majesty
      2. "Songs in the night" - God often blesses His people in night
         a. Is. 30:29; Ps. 17:3; 42:8; 77:6; Psalm 119:62; Acts 16:25
   C. V. 11 - God teaches us "more than" or "By" the beasts of field- Prv. 6:6
      1. Sometimes we act as beast - Ps. 49:20; 73:22; Psalm 32:9
   D. V. 12 - Prayers may not be offered because of pride of man
   E. V. 13- God doesn't hear vain cry-There are prayers God doesn't regard
      1. Those not uttered in faith (Heb. 11:6) or for our own lusts (Ja. 4:3)
      2. Those uttered for our own will and not God's (I John 5:14, 15)
III. In Vs. 14-16 Elihu Speaks of God's Apparent Delay
   A. V. 14- Seems like God delays the answer - Not so - Luke 18:7, 8
   B. V.15-Elihu says perhaps this judgment on Job not as great as could be
   C. V. 16 - Therefore all of Job's words were vain and without knowledge