



**Title:** [The Dialogue *cont'd.*] Elihu's Second and Third Speeches

**Text:** Job 34 & 35

**Introduction:**

1. Elihu starts his second speech and operates very similar to his first speech though this time he is void of compassion.
2. The phrase “answered and said” (32:6; 34:1; 35:1; 36:1) separates his speeches – Thus we have Elihu's four speeches.
3. He starts with a request for a hearing, he quotes Job, and then refutes Job.

**I. Elihu Rebukes Job & The Three Friends of Charging God with Injustice (34:1-9)**

- A. (34:5) cf. 27:6. I am righteous.
- B. (34:5b) cf. 27:2. God has taken away my judgment.
- C. (34:6) cf. 23:11. Without transgression.
- D. (34:9) cf. 9:22. BUT Job actually said nothing of that kind at all.

**II. Elihu Defends the Justice of God (34:10-17)**

- A. Injustice is contrary to God's nature (vv.10-12)
- B. God rewards man what he deserves (v.11)
- C. God is answerable to no man (v.13)
- D. God has power to sustain or take life (v.14-15)
- E. God occupies the highest office as is to be respected (vv.16-18)

**III. Elihu Asserts the Power of God (34:18-30)**

- A. The power of God in Creation (vv.16-20)
- B. The power of God to see all things and to know what to do with man (vv.21-25)
- C. The power of God in judging man (vv.26-30)

**IV. Elihu's Anthropology Under Divine Afflictions (34:31-32)**

- A. Man's problem with sin,
- B. Man's promise never to sin again.

**V. Elihu Reproves Job's Words Against God (34:33-37)**

- A. Elihu accuses Job of rebellion against God. This is not true.
- B. Elihu here falls into the same trap of the three friends in thinking evil of Job.

**VI. Elihu's Third Speech (Ch. 35)**

- A. Elihu argues that God is supreme and is unaffected by man. (vv.1-3) – not true.
- B. God is silent due to Job's pride. (vv.4-16) – not true.

**Conclusion:**

1. No one knew about the Heavenly conversation between God and Satan.
2. No one knew that a man can suffer “without a cause.” (such as Job and David, and the Lord Jesus).
3. Elihu may be oblivious to the fact that Job may be innocent.
4. Elihu represents the best that an uninformed man can say and do in a matter like this.
5. Elihu fails to truly minister to Job.
6. Job endures Elihu because Elihu is unlike the three friends in his attitude of Job.
7. Sometimes good people are in the wrong and can give wrong advice.
8. The best way to know truth and godly advice is to see it in the Scriptures.
9. Elihu's opinion of Job was wrong because God's record is clear in Ch. 1 & 2.