

Elihu - Job 32:1-37:24

Topics: Advice, Answers, Assumptions, Character, Circumstances, Correction, Faith, God, God's Will, Life, Life-style, Mediator, Obedience, Opinions, Perspective, Problems, Punishment, Relationships, Repentance, Rewards, Sin, Suffering, Wisdom

Open It

1. When you were growing up, what sort of discipline did your parents use?
2. When you were a child, what motivated you to be obedient or disobedient to your parents and other authority figures?
- * 3. What do you think is an awesome display of power?

Explore It

4. Why did Elihu become angry with Job? (32:1-5)
5. Why did Elihu wait to speak, and what finally prompted him to answer Job? (32:6-22)
6. By what authority did Elihu claim to speak? (33:1-7)
7. In what different ways does God speak to people (according to Elihu)? (33:12-22)
8. According to Elihu, how does God turn people from the pit? (33:23-30)
9. How did Elihu summarize Job's speeches? (34:5-9)
10. What did Elihu say about God? (34:10-30)
11. How did Elihu describe Job's reply to God? (34:31-37)
12. According to Elihu, how does a person's sin or righteousness affect God? (35:1-8)
13. Why did Elihu say God does not always answer people who cry out to him? (35:9-15)
14. According to Elihu, how does God treat the wicked and the righteous? (36:1-15)
- * 15. How did Elihu describe the greatness of God? (36:22-33)
- * 16. How did Elihu describe the power of God? (37:1-13)
- * 17. What series of questions did Elihu ask Job? (37:14-20)
18. With what advice did Elihu conclude his speech? (37:21-24)

Get It

19. How would you describe Elihu and his speech?
20. What is one theme that runs through Elihu's speech?
21. What assumptions about God or about life in general influenced Elihu's evaluation of Job's situation?
22. In what way do you agree or disagree with Elihu's evaluation of Job's response to his suffering?
23. What false assumption did Elihu make about the connection between suffering and sin?
24. What valuable point did Elihu make that Job's other "friends" had not made?
25. What general assumptions about life or God influence the way you think, live, or relate to other people?
26. What methods does God use to bring people back to Him?
27. How does our wickedness or righteousness impact God and others?
28. How does obedience to God result in a better life?
29. In what way does disobedience to God diminish a person's quality of life?
- * 30. Why did Elihu get so excited when speaking about the power and greatness of God?
- * 31. What effect did Elihu's view of God have on his view of life?
32. What do your relationships with other people say about your relationship with God?

Apply It

- * 33. What is one step you can take today to affirm God's greatness, wisdom, and high purposes for your life?

34. What can you do this week to improve your relationship with one other person?
35. How can you respond with faith and trust in God the next time you face a big disappointment or hurt?