

## ~ELIHU 1 (140)

(E-li'hu) [My God Is He]

- The son of Barachel the Buzite of the family of Ram. As a descendant of Buz, **Elihu** was evidently a distant relative of Abraham.
- So these three men ceased from answering Job, for he was righteous in his own eyes. (**Job 32:1**)
- But the anger of **Elihu** the son of Barachel the Buzite of the family of Ram came to be hot. Against Job his anger blazed over his declaring his own soul righteous rather than God. (**Job 32:2**)
- And **Elihu** the son of Barachel the Buzite proceeded to answer and say; Young I am in days and you men are aged. That is why I drew back and was afraid to declare my knowledge to you men. (**Job 32:6**)
- Now it came about after these things that the report got through to Abraham; Here Milcah herself has also borne sons to Nahor your brother. (**Genesis 22:20**)
- Uz his firstborn and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram. (**Genesis 22:21**)
- Likely **Elihu** listened carefully to the entire debate between Job and his three would-be comforters. But, out of due respect for their age, he remained silent until all had finished speaking.
- Though modern critics have labeled **Elihu** as loquacious, saying that his speeches were long-winded, the statements of **Elihu** were not those of an impertinent young man. He fully appreciated that wisdom was not the exclusive possession of those advanced in years, but that God's spirit made one truly wise.
- **Elihu**, therefore, leaned heavily on God's spirit. He was thus able to discern correctly that Job had failed to appreciate that the vindication of Yehowah God is far more important than the vindication of any man and that Job's three friends had actually pronounced God wicked.
- But the anger of **Elihu** the son of Barachel the Buzite of the family

- of Ram came to be hot. Against Job his anger blazed over his declaring his own soul righteous rather than God. (**Job 32:2**)
- Also, against his three companions his anger blazed over the fact that they had not found an answer but they proceeded to pronounce God wicked. (**Job 32:3**)
  - And **Elihu** himself had waited for Job with words, because they were older than he was in days. (**Job 32:4**)
  - And **Elihu** gradually saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men, and his anger kept getting hotter. (**Job 32:5**)
  - And **Elihu** the son of Barachel the Buzite proceeded to answer and say; Young I am in days and you men are aged. That is why I drew back and was afraid To declare my knowledge to you men. (**Job 32:6**)
  - I said; Days themselves should speak, and a multitude of years are what should make wisdom known. (**Job 32:7**)
  - Surely it is the spirit in mortal men and the breath of the Almighty that gives them understanding. (**Job 32:8**)
  - It is not those merely abundant in days that prove wise, nor those just old that understand judgment. (**Job 32:9**)
  - For I have become full of words, spirit has brought pressure upon me in my belly. (**Job 32:18**)
  - **Elihu** was impartial, not bestowing a flattering title on anyone. He recognized that he, like Job, was made of clay and that the Almighty was his Creator.
  - **Elihu** had no intention of terrifying Job but spoke to him as a true friend, addressing Job by name, something that was not done by Eliphaz, Bildad, or Zophar.
  - Let me not, please, show partiality to a man, and on an earthling man I shall not bestow a title. (**Job 32:21**)
  - For I certainly do not know how I can bestow a title, easily my Maker would carry me away. (**Job 32:22**)

- Look! I am to the true God just what you are, from the clay I was shaped, I too. ([Job 33:6](#))
- In every respect **Elihu** exalted the position of the true God. The Almighty is just, rewarding the individual according to his conduct. He judges without partiality and is fully aware of the course taken by men. God hears the outcry of the afflicted.
- He is a Teacher who makes men wiser than the animal creation. Only untruth does God not hear, and so **Elihu** encouraged Job to wait for Him. Furthermore, **Elihu** assured Job that God was with him and that He would not preserve the wicked alive, but that those serving Him will finish their days in what is good.
- If they obey and serve, they will finish their days in what is good and their years in pleasantness. ([Job 36:11](#))
- Job was then admonished to magnify the activity of God, the great Provider, who gives food in abundance. **Elihu** called Job's attention to the great things done by God and His control of natural forces, encouraging Job to show himself attentive to the wonderful works of God.
- Do give ear to this, O Job, stand still and show yourself attentive to the wonderful works of God. ([Job 37:14](#))
- **Elihu** concluded on a lofty plane, saying concerning the Almighty: He is exalted in power, and justice and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle. Therefore let men fear him. ([Job Chapters 34-37](#))
- As for the Almighty, we have not found him out, he is exalted in power, and justice and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle. ([Job 37:23](#))
- Therefore let men fear him. He does not regard any who are wise in their own heart. ([Job 37:24](#))
- Only by God's spirit was it possible for **Elihu** to evaluate matters correctly and to speak the words having a fulfillment upon Job when he was restored; Let him off from going down into the pit! I have found a ransom! Let his flesh become fresher than in youth, let him return to the days of his youthful vigor.
- Then he favors him and says, let him off from going down into

**the pit! I have found a ransom! (Job 33:24)**

- **Let his flesh become fresher than in youth, let him return to the days of his youthful vigor. (Job 33:25)**