

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Job 32:8

But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

IN THE BEGINNING 21-1

**"ELIHU"
Job 32:1 – 37:24**

1. What did you apply to your life from last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ Job 32:1-33:7

2. Why did Elihu's anger burn against Job and his three friends?
3. a. Why had he waited until now to speak?
b. Do you think a man's wisdom is related to age and experience? Explain.
c. How do you think Job 32:8 and 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 express the same idea?
4. In Job 32:11-15, what bold appraisal did Elihu make of Job's friends?
5. a. What did Elihu say about his desire to be heard?
b. Have you ever felt so compelled to voice your opinion? Please share the circumstances.
6. How did Elihu speak with both authority and assurance to Job in 33:1-7?

DAY 2 – READ Job 33:8-33

7. What claims had Elihu heard Job make?
8. a. According to Elihu, in what two ways did God communicate with man?
b. For what purpose?
9. If chastening produced repentance, how did Elihu describe restoration?
10. a. What was Elihu's explanation of why God did all these things?
b. Why do you think God does this "twice, even three times" (NIV)?

DAY 3 – READ Job 34:1-37

11. According to Elihu, what had Job said in so many words in . . .
 - a. . . . verse 5?
 - b. . . . verse 6?
 - c. . . . verse 9?
12. In an effort to vindicate God's justice, what did Elihu say in . . .
 - a. . . . verse 11?
 - b. . . . verse 12?
 - c. . . . verse 21?
 - d. . . . verse 33?
13. a. What criticism of Job did Elihu make in verse 37?
 - b. In coming to Christ, a Christian usually considers "rebellion" a problem of the past. Have you found that to be true or false in your Christian growth? Please share.

DAY 4 – READ Job 35:1-36:21

14. What question of Job in 35:3 did Elihu intend to answer?
15. Man's actions will not cause God to act unjustly. How did Elihu make that point in verse 8?
16. a. Under oppression men cry out for _____ but why is God silent?
 - b. In your opinion, what is an empty plea?
17. a. What did Elihu's words in 36:1-4 reveal about himself?
 - b. What is affirmed in Jeremiah 9:23,24?
18. What did Elihu emphasize about God and how He deals with men in 36:5-16?
19. What warning did Elihu give Job in vs. 21?
20. a. Do you think Elihu had answered Job's question? (See #14) Briefly summarize.
 - b. A Christian is righteous in Christ, but what are some of the reasons a Christian should live righteously?

DAY 5 – READ Job 36:22-37:24

21. Elihu said God was exalted in his power and workmanship as evidenced in storms. What Was Elihu's reaction to this in Job 37:1?
22. Read 37:2-5 and Psalm 29. What is said about the "voice" of God?
23. In what ways did Elihu give evidence of God's power in nature in the . . .
 - a. . . . winter (vs. 6-16)?
 - b. . . . summer (vs. 17-21)?
24. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, cite instances where God has utilized the rain as His expression of punishment, favor, or to show His love.
25. a. How did Elihu describe God as He comes from the north?
 - b. Therefore, men must do what?
 - c. Read once again and write Job 28:28.
26. Elihu was the last of Job's human counselors. Do you think he was any better comforter/counselor than the other friends? Why or why not?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: