

Elihu's Speech Appealing to Job to Listen to the Truth Job 33:01–07

Elihu appealed to Job to listen: A fervent plea to hear the truth

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Because he felt compelled to say what was on his mind2. Because he spoke the truth from a sincere heart3. Because his words came from the Spirit of God who made him4. Because Job needed to consider and answer Elihu's point if he could5. Because he and Job were equal before God despite his young age: God made both of clay6. Because he was not going to be callous with Job or try to strike fear in him as did the three friends | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 "But now, Job, listen to my words; pay attention to everything I say.2 I am about to open my mouth; my words are on the tip of my tongue.3 My words come from an upright heart; my lips sincerely speak what I know.4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.5 Answer me then, if you can; stand up and argue your case before me.6 I am the same as you in God's sight; I too am a piece of clay.7 No fear of me should alarm you, nor should my hand be heavy on you. |
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**Elihu's Declaration About God's Nature:
God is Just and Fair
Job 34: 10–30**

1. *God does no evil or wrong — absolutely none*

- a. He executes perfect justice on earth: He repays exactly what is due — nothing more and nothing less
- b. He executes justice according to His character: He will never do wrong or pervert justice
- c. He alone is LORD of the universe: No one can remove him or stop his execution of perfect justice
- d. He alone sustains the human race out of love and care for His creation: If He withdrew His Spirit, all life would perish

2. *God shows no prejudice: A fact that must be heard and understood*

- a. God is the supreme Judge:
 - He does not hate justice
 - He governs in total fairness and righteousness
- b. God shows no partiality...
 - To kings or nobles
 - To princes
 - To the rich or the poor
- c. God shows no partiality in creation: All are equal before Him

10 “So listen to me, you men of understanding. Far be it from God to do evil, from the Almighty to do wrong.

11 He repays everyone for what they have done; he brings on them what their conduct deserves.

12 It is unthinkable that God would do wrong, that the Almighty would pervert justice.

13 Who appointed him over the earth? Who put him in charge of the whole world?

14 If it were his intention and he withdrew his spirit and breath,

15 all humanity would perish together and mankind would return to the dust.

16 “If you have understanding, hear this; listen to what I say.

17 Can someone who hates justice govern? Will you condemn the just and mighty One?

18 Is he not the One who says to kings, ‘You are worthless,’ and to nobles, ‘You are wicked,’

19 who shows no partiality to princes and does not favour the rich over the poor, for they are all the work of his hands?

d. God shows no partiality
in death — all die in due time,
in an instant

**3. *God exposes all evildoers
and punishes them***

a. God sees all a person does

b. God sees every place
the wicked try to hide

c. God has no need to examine
people in order to judge them:
He knows they are guilty

d. God topples rulers and
governments and replaces them

- Because of their evil deeds
- Because they deserve
to be crushed

e. God punishes the wicked

- Because they turn away
from Him
- Because they reject His ways
- Because they oppress the poor

4. *God hears the cry of the needy*

a. God may seem to be silent
for a while

b. God is waiting and watching
over both people and nations

- To keep the godless
from ruling indefinitely
- To deliver the people

20 They die in an instant,
in the middle of the night;
the people are shaken and they pass away;
the mighty are removed without human hand.

21 “His eyes are on the ways of mortals;
he sees their every step.

22 There is no deep shadow, no utter darkness,
where evildoers can hide.

23 God has no need to examine people further,
that they should come before him for judgment.

24 Without inquiry he shatters the mighty
and sets up others in their place.

25 Because he takes note of their deeds,
he overthrows them in the night
and they are crushed.

26 He punishes them for their wickedness
where everyone can see them,

27 because they turned from following him
and had no regard for any of his ways.

28 They caused the cry of the poor
to come before him,
so that he heard the cry of the needy.

29 But if he remains silent,
who can condemn him?
If he hides his face, who can see him?
Yet he is over individual and nation alike,

30 to keep the godless from ruling,
from laying snares for the people.