

Elihu's words: Job 32 to 37

CHARACTERS: Zophar, Elihu, All, Group A & B, Voice of God

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Job 32 -37

ZOPHAR: Eliphaz, Bildad and I quit answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

ELIHU: I, Elihu, became because Job had justified himself rather than God.

ZOPHAR: He was also angry at us, Job's three friends, because we failed to refute him and yet had condemned him.

ELIHU: It is a spirit in man and the breath of the Almighty that give him understanding.

ALL: It is not only the old who are wise or the elderly who understand how to judge.

ELIHU: The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

ALL: I am just like you before God; I was also pinched off from a piece of clay.

ELIHU: Pray to God, and God will delight in you

GA: That man will see God's face with a shout of joy, and God will restore his righteousness to

GB: He will look at men and say,

ELIHU: I have sinned and perverted what was right; yet I did not get what I deserved.

ALL: He redeemed my soul from going down to the Pit, and I will continue to see the light.

ELIHU: God certainly does all these things two or three times to a man 30 in order to turn him back from the Pit,

ALL: so he may shine with the light of life.

ELIHU: It is impossible for God to do wrong, and for the Almighty to act unjustly.

ALL: For He repays a person according to his deeds, and He brings his ways on him.

GA: Indeed, it is true that God does not act wickedly

GB: and the Almighty does not pervert justice.

ELIHU: If He put His mind to it and withdrew the spirit and breath He gave, every living thing would perish together

ALL: and mankind would return to the dust.

GA: God is not partial to princes and does not favor the rich over the poor,

ALL: for they are all the work of His hands.

GB: They die suddenly in the middle of the night; people shudder, then pass away.

ALL: Even the mighty are removed without effort.

ELIHU: For His eyes watch over a man's ways, and He observes all his steps.

GA: God does not need to examine a person further, that one should approach Him in court.

GB: Look at the heavens and see; gaze at the clouds high above you.

GA: If you sin, how does it affect God?

GB: If you multiply your transgressions, what does it do to Him?

ELIHU: If you are righteous, what do you give Him, or what does He receive from your hand?

ALL: Your wickedness affects a person like yourself, and your righteousness another human being.

ELIHU: God is mighty, but He despises no one;

ALL: He understands all things.

ELIHU: He does not keep the wicked alive, but He gives justice to the afflicted.

ALL: He does not remove His gaze from the righteous,

ELIHU: but He seats them forever with enthroned kings, and they are exalted.

ALL: Be careful that no one lures you with riches; do not let a large ransom lead you astray.

ELIHU: Can your wealth or all your physical exertion keep you from distress?

ALL: Look, God shows Himself exalted by His power. Who is a teacher like Him?

ELIHU: Remember that you should praise His work, which people have sung about.

ALL: Yes, God is exalted beyond our knowledge; the number of His years cannot be counted.

ELIHU: For He makes water drops evaporate; they distill the rain into its mist,

ALL: which the clouds pour out and shower abundantly on mankind.

ELIHU: Can anyone understand how the clouds spread out or how the thunder roars from God's pavilion?

ALL: See how He spreads His lightning around Him and covers the depths of the sea.

ELIHU: For He judges the nations with these;

ALL: He gives food in abundance.

ELIHU: He covers His hands with lightning and commands it to hit its mark.

ALL: The thunder declares His presence; the cattle also, the approaching storm.

ELIHU: Just listen to His thunderous voice and the rumbling that comes from His mouth.

ALL: He lets it loose beneath the entire sky; His lightning to the ends of the earth.

ELIHU: Then there comes a roaring sound;

ALL: God thunders with His majestic voice.

ELIHU: He does not restrain the lightning when His rumbling voice is heard.

ALL: God thunders marvelously with His voice;

ELIHU: He does great things that we cannot comprehend. 6 For He says to the snow,

VOICE of GOD: Fall to the earth

GA: and the torrential rains, His mighty torrential rains,

GB: serve as His sign to all mankind, so that all men may know His work.

GA: The wild animals enter their lairs and stay in their dens.

GB: The windstorm comes from its chamber, and the cold from the driving north winds.

ELIHU: Ice is formed by the breath of God, and watery expanses are frozen.

ALL: He saturates clouds with moisture;

ELIHU: He scatters His lightning through them.

GA: They swirl about, turning round and round at His direction,

GB: accomplishing everything He commands them over the surface of the inhabited world.

ELIHU: He causes this to happen for punishment, for His land,

ALL: or for His faithful love.

ELIHU: Stop and consider God's wonders.

GA: Do you know how God directs His clouds or makes their lightning flash?

GB: Do you understand how the clouds float,

GA: those wonderful works of Him who has perfect knowledge?

GB: Can you help God spread out the skies as hard as a cast metal mirror?

ELIHU: Teach us what we should say to Him;

ALL: we cannot prepare our case because of our darkness.

GA: Men cannot even look at the sun when it is in the skies,

GB: after a wind has swept through and cleared them away.

ELIHU: Yet out of the north He comes, shrouded in a golden glow;

ALL: awesome majesty surrounds Him.

ELIHU: The Almighty—we cannot reach Him—

ALL: He is exalted in power!

ELIHU: He will not oppress justice and abundant righteousness,

ALL: Therefore, men fear Him.