

Job 32

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Elihu's First Speech: I Will Speak

- 1** So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.
 - 2** Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.
 - 3** Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.
 - 4** Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.
 - 5** When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.
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- 6** And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.
 - 7** I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.
 - 8** But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
 - 9** Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.
 - 10** Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.

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- 11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.
- 12 Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words:
- 13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.
- 14 Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.
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- 15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.
- 16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;)
- 17 I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.
- 18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.
- 19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.
- 20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.
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- 21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.
- 22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Repent — שׁוּב / נָחַם (Shuv / Nacham)

To turn back, relent

The Hebrew **shuv** (שׁוּב) means to turn or return—a physical turning that represents spiritual redirection back to God. **Nacham** (נָחַם) conveys grief or relenting, often used of God 'repenting' of judgment.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 32:1 Parallel theme: Job 10:7; 33:9

Job 32:2 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 22:21. **Righteousness:** Job 27:5; 35:2; 40:8

Job 32:3 **Parallel theme:** Job 8:6

Job 32:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 15:10; 1 Timothy 5:1; 1 Peter 5:5

Job 32:7 **Parallel theme:** Job 12:12; Proverbs 16:31

Job 32:8 **Parallel theme:** Job 35:11; 38:36; 1 Kings 3:12; 3:28; Proverbs 2:6; 2 Timothy 3:16; James 1:5. **Spirit:** Job 33:4; Ecclesiastes 2:26; 1 Corinthians 12:8

Job 32:9 **Parallel theme:** Job 12:20; Ecclesiastes 4:13; Matthew 11:25

Job 32:13 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 9:23

Job 32:18 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 39:3; Acts 4:20

Job 32:19 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 9:17

Job 32:20 **Parallel theme:** Job 21:3

Job 32:21

Parallel theme: Job 13:8; 13:10; 34:19; Leviticus 19:15; Deuteronomy 1:17; 16:19; 2 Samuel 14:17; 14:20; Proverbs 24:23; Matthew 22:16

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