

Job 34

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Elihu's Second Speech: God Is Just

- 1** Furthermore Elihu answered and said,
 - 2** Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
 - 3** For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.
 - 4** Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.
 - 5** For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.
 - 6** Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.
 - 7** What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?
 - 8** Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.
 - 9** For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.
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- 10** Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.
 - 11** For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.
 - 12** Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.
 - 13** Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?

14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?

19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;

27 Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:

28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

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- 29** When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:
- 30** That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.
- 31** Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:
- 32** That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.
- 33** Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.
- 34** Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.
- 35** Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.
- 36** My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men.
- 37** For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.
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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.

Sin — חטאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חטאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

Transgression — פְּשָׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פְּשָׁע) means transgression or rebellion—willful violation of God's law. It implies deliberate revolt against divine authority: 'he was wounded for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5).

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).

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 34:2 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:5; 1 Corinthians 14:20

Job 34:3 **Word:** Job 12:11. **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 2:15; Hebrews 5:14

Job 34:4 **Good:** 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Job 34:5 **Parallel theme:** Job 33:9. **Judgment:** Job 27:2

Job 34:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 6:4

Job 34:7 **Parallel theme:** Job 15:16; Deuteronomy 29:19; Proverbs 1:22

Job 34:8 **Sin:** Psalms 1:1. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 26:4; 50:18; Proverbs 1:15; 13:20. **Evil:** Proverbs 2:12; 1 Corinthians 15:33

Job 34:9 **Parallel theme:** Job 35:3. **References God:** Malachi 3:14. **Light:** Job 27:10; Psalms 37:4

Job 34:10 **References God:** Job 8:3; Romans 9:14. **Sin:** Job 36:23; Deuteronomy 32:4; 2 Chronicles 19:7. **Evil:** Genesis 18:25; James 1:13. **Parallel theme:** Job 37:23; Psalms 92:15; Proverbs 6:32

Job 34:11 **Parallel theme:** Job 33:26; Psalms 62:12; Proverbs 1:31; 24:12; Jeremiah 32:19; Matthew 16:27; Romans 2:6; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 1:17; Revelation 22:12

Job 34:12 **Judgment:** Job 8:3. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 11:7; 145:17

Job 34:13 **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 29:11

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Job 34:15 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Isaiah 57:16

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Parallel theme: Jeremiah 23:24; Hebrews 4:13. **Sin:** Proverbs 10:29. **Darkness:** Job 3:5

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Parallel theme: Job 12:19; 19:2; 1 Kings 14:14; Psalms 2:9; 72:4; 94:5; Daniel 2:21

Job 34:25 **Parallel theme:** Job 34:20

Job 34:27 **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 15:11; Psalms 28:5; Isaiah 5:12; Hebrews 10:39

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Parallel theme: Job 24:12; 35:9; Exodus 3:7; 3:9; Psalms 12:5; Isaiah 5:7; James 5:4

Job 34:29 **Parallel theme:** Job 23:13; Psalms 27:9; Isaiah 26:3

Job 34:31 **Parallel theme:** Job 33:27; Micah 7:9

Job 34:32 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 19:12; 32:8. **Sin:** Proverbs 28:13

Job 34:33 **Parallel theme:** Job 33:32; Psalms 135:6

Job 34:35 **Word:** Job 35:16; 38:2

Job 34:37 **Parallel theme:** Job 27:23. **Word:** 1 Samuel 15:23

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