

“Book of Job – Part 3”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a five-part series about the book of Job. The title of that presentation was “Book of Job – Part 3.”

Following are the five anticipated parts of the series.

1. God Started the Trial – (chapters 1-3).
2. Job Responded to His 3 Friends – (chapters 4-11).
3. Elihu Confronted Job – (chapters 32-37).
4. God Confronted Job Twice – (chapters 38-41).
5. Comparison between Job 40:2 and Job 42:1-6.

Elihu confronted Job

It is an interesting story to see how Elihu confronted Job. In the presentation on Wednesday evening, I offered seven foundational points to consider.

After you read the following seven points and few scriptures listed with them, you can read the rest of the verses in chapters 32-27.

1. Was Elihu lumped in with the other three friends?

Job 42:7-8 – After the Lord had spoken to Job, He said to Eliphaz: “My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends [Bildad and Zophar] – for you have no spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.”

2. Why did the three friends quit talking with Job?

Job 32:1—“These three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.”

3. Why was Elihu angry at Job?

Job 32:2—“Then the wrath of Elihu . . . was aroused against Job . . . because he [Job] justified himself rather than God.”

4. Why was Elihu angry at the three friends?

Job 32:3—The wrath of Elihu was also against the three friends, “because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.”

5. Why did Elihu originally keep quiet?

Job 32:4—“Because they [the three friends] were years older than Elihu, he had waited to speak to Job.”

Job 32:6-9—Elihu said: “I am young in years, and you are very old. Therefore, I was afraid and dared not declare my opinion to you. I said, ‘Age should speak and multitude of years should teach wisdom.’ But there is a spirit in man. And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding. Great men are not always wise. Nor do the aged always understand justice.”

6. Why was Elihu’s report able to be accurate?

Job 33:8—Elihu heard what Job had said.

Job 33:9-11—Elihu quoted Job’s words.

7. Elihu confronted Job

Job 35:2—Elihu asked: “Do you think this is right? Do you say ‘My righteousness is more than God’s’?”

Job 35:4—Elihu said: “I will answer you and your companions with you.”