**THE BOOK OF JOB**

**LESSON 18 - ELIHU PROCLAIMS GOD’S JUSTICE; ELIHU CONDEMNS SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**(JOB 34-35)**

**DAYS ONE THRU THREE** - Read Job 34:1-37 (Elihu Proclaims God’s Justice)

1. a. What does Elihu go on to say in verses 1-3, that makes him sound a little “puffed up” in front of his elders, as he keeps reminding them to listen to him?

*Answer here*

b. How does he describe *justice* in verse 4?

*Answer here*

2. What stands out to you, as Elihu supposedly quotes Job, while at times he is misinterpreting much of what he had said, in verses 5-9?

*Answer here*

3. As Elihu begins his speech to these *men of understanding,* what does he say God never does, in verses 10 and 12?

*Answer here*

4. Compare Elihu’s words in verse 11 with 2 Corinthians 5:10.

*Answer here*

5. Back in Job 34:13, what does Elihu ask about God, and what is his conclusion in verses 14-15?

*Answer here*

6. As Elihu once again tells his listeners, if they *have understanding,* they should *listen to the sound of his words,* what questions does he raise in verses 17-18?

*Answer here*

7. Even though our Creator God is not partial with regard to the rich or the poor, what is still the end of all men, according to verse 20?

*Answer here*

8. As God’s *eyes are on the ways of man and He sees all his steps,* what awaits *the workers of iniquity* in verses 22-24?

*Answer here*

9. *Therefore,* as God knows their works, what will He do to them and why will He do it, according to verses 25-27?

*Answer here*

10. What happens because of these evil people, that involves God, back in Job:34:28?

*Answer here*

11. What does Elihu then say about God being silent about accusing a nation or a man, back in verse 29?

*Answer here*

12. If a hypocrite is in charge of others, what happens to the people according to verse 30?

*Answer here*

13. a. How do verses 31-32, tell us that God is the One who decides when any chastening is enough?

*Answer here*

b. How does is seem like Elihu is speaking directly to Job in verse 33, expecting an answer that does not come?

*Answer here*

14. *Therefore,* what does Elihu say about Job’s words, to *these wise men of understanding,* in verse 35?

*Answer here*

15. As Elihu seems to think Job needs be *tried to the utmost*, what reasons does he give in verses 36-37?

*Answer here*

**DAYS FOUR & FIVE** - Read Job 35:1-16 (Elihu Condemns Self-Righteousness)

1. How does Elihu again put words in Job’s mouth, in verses 2-3?

*Answer here*

2. What answer does Elihu have for Job and his companions in verse 5?

*Answer here*

3. How does Elihu go on to say that nothing men do affects God in verses 6-7?

*Answer here*

4. What does Psalm 8:3-4 say about God’s heavens compared to man?

*Answer here*

5. Who, then, is affected by man’s wickedness or *righteousness* back in Job:35:8?

*Answer here*

6. What do the oppressed then do according to verse 9?

*Answer here*

7. What do verses 10-11 say about what our *maker gives and teaches us*?

*Answer here*

8. Why does God not answer, listen to, nor regard, evil men, according to verses 12-13?

*Answer here*

9. Why should we still trust God, even when we can’t see Him, according to verse 14?

*Answer here*

10. How is Elihu suggesting that more words from Job could lead to even more suffering, as the folly of his speeches have just been *words without knowledge.*

*Answer here*

**DISCUSSION:** While Job never claimed to be sinless, he did say he was *blameless*. How was he able to know right from wrong like anyone who does not have the law, according to Romans 2:15?

*Answer here*