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JOB – LESSON 10
ELIHU SPEAKS

In Job chapters 32-37 we see the retort of Elihu the Buzite. He is thought to have descended from Abraham's brother Nahor of Chaldea via Buz who came from Nahor. His late arrival was likely due to the lengthy travel from Chaldea. He was much younger than the others and had held his tongue out of respect to their age.

Elihu was angered by the three friends who talked a lot but had no answers that should have come from the wisdom of their age. He accused Job of self-righteousness.

In Job 32:8 and 33:3-6 Elihu declares that by the Spirit of God he is speaking to Job directly in God's stead (place). In 33:9 he quotes Job's words saying that he was innocent and had no iniquity (sin in him). He tells him that God speaks to man in dreams and visions of the night..

He affirms that God is just. He speaks a lot of truth of how things work in God's domain. He concludes in 37:23-24 that God in His excellency cannot be truly and completely known or understood. Consequently, men revere (fear) Him and God has no need of any of man's own wisdom.

Although Elihu was much younger, he seemed to be wiser and more in touch with God than his older counterparts. Yet, he did not see Job's righteousness the same way God saw it.

Next, we shall see in Chapters 38-41 that God breaks his silence and speaks directly to Job.