

Session 5: July 4, 2021 Job 36:8-23 Justice Sought

(37) Because he adds rebellion to his sin, he claps *his hands* among us, and multiplies his words against God.

Chapter 35

(1) Furthermore Elihu spoke, and said,

(2) Do you think this to be right, *that* you said, My righteousness is more than God's?

(3) Because you said, What advantage will it be to you? *and*, What profit shall I have, *if I am cleansed* from my sin?

(4) I will answer you, and your companions with you.

(5) Look to the heavens, and see; and look at the clouds *which* are higher than you.

(6) If you sin, what do you do against Him? or *if* your evil works are multiplied, what do you do to Him?

(7) If you are righteous, what do you give Him? or what does He receive of your hand?

(8) Your wickedness *may hurt* a man as you *are*; and your righteousness *may profit* the son of man.

(9) Because of the multitude of oppressions they cause *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out because of the arm of the mighty.

(10) But no one says, Where *is* God my Maker, Who gives songs in the night;

(11) Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of heaven?

(12) There they cry, but no one gives answer, because of the pride of evil men.

(13) Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

(14) Although you say you shall not see Him, *yet* judgment is before Him; therefore trust in Him.

(15) But now, because *it is* not so, He has visited in His anger; yet He does not know *it* in great extremity:

(16) Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain; he multiplies words without knowledge.

Chapter 36

- (1) Elihu also proceeded, and said,
- (2) Allow me a little, and I will show you that *I have* yet to speak on God's behalf.
- (3) I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
- (4) Because truly my words *shall not be* false: He Who is perfect in knowledge *is* with you.
- (5) Indeed, God *is* mighty, and does not despise *any*: *He is* mighty in strength *and* wisdom.
- (6) He does not preserve the life of the wicked: but gives right to the poor.
- (7) He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous: but with kings *they are* on the throne; yes, He establishes them forever, and they are exalted.
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- (8) And if *they are* bound in fetters, *and* are held in cords of affliction;
- (9) Then He shows them their work, and their sin that they have exceeded.
- (10) He opens also their ears to discipline, and commands that they turn away from sin.
- (11) If they obey and serve *Him*, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.
- (12) But if they do not obey, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.
- (13) But the hypocrites in heart heap up anger: they do not cry when He binds them.
- (14) They die in youth, and their life *is* among the unclean.
- (15) He delivers the poor in his affliction, and opens their ears in oppression.
- (16) Even so He would have removed you out of the tight place *into* a broad place, where *there is* no constraint; and that which should be set on your table *should be* full of fatness.

(17) But you have fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold *on you*.

(18) Because *there is* anger, *beware* lest He takes you away with *His* stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver you.

(19) Will He esteem your riches? *no*, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

(20) Do not desire the night, when people are cut off in their place.

(21) Take heed, do not regard sin: because this you have chosen rather than affliction.

(22) Indeed, God exalts by His power: who teaches like Him?

(23) Who has appointed to Him His way? or who can say, You have committed sin?

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(24) Remember that you magnify His work, which men see.

(25) Every man may see it; man may see *it* from far off.

(26) Indeed, God *is* great, and we do not know *Him* neither can the number of His years be searched out.

(27) Because He makes small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to its vapor:

(28) Which the clouds drop *and* distill upon man abundantly.

(29) Also can *any* understand the spreading of the clouds, *or* the noise of His tabernacle?

(30) Indeed, He spreads His light upon it, and covers the bottom of the sea.

(31) Because by them He judges the people; He gives meat in abundance.

(32) With clouds He covers the light; and commands it *not to shine* by *the cloud* that comes between.

(33) The thunder declares it, the cattle also concerning the vapor.