

Job 32

Chapter 32

¹ **S**O these three men ceased to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes.

² Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

³ Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job.

⁴ Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they *were* elder than he.

⁵ When Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled.

⁶ And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I *am* young, and ye *are* very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.

⁷ I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

⁸ But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

⁹ Great men are not *always* wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

¹⁰ Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine

opinion.

¹¹ Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.

¹² Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, *there was* none of you that convinced Job, *or* that answered his words:

¹³ Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.

¹⁴ Now he hath not directed *his* words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

¹⁵ They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.

¹⁶ When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, *and* answered no more;)

¹⁷ *I said*, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.

¹⁸ For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.

¹⁹ Behold, my belly *is* as wine *which* hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

²⁰ I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

²¹ Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

²² For I know not to give flattering titles; *in so doing* my maker would soon take me away.