



Eternal PERSPECTIVE Job

BIBLE TEXT | JOB 35:1-16

1 And Elihu answered and said: **2** "Do you think this to be just? Do you say, 'It is my right before God,' **3** that you ask, 'What advantage have I? How am I better off than if I had sinned?' **4** I will answer you and your friends with you. **5** Look at the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds, which are higher than you. **6** If you have sinned, what do you accomplish against him? And if your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to him? **7** If you are righteous, what do you give to him? Or what does he receive from your hand? **8** Your wickedness concerns a man like yourself, and your righteousness a son of man. **9** "Because of the multitude of oppressions people cry out, they call for help because of the arm of the mighty. **10** But none 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 the heavens? **12** There they cry out, but he does not answer, because of the pride of evil men. **13** Surely God does not hear an empty cry, nor does the Almighty regard it. **14** How much less when you say that you do not see him, that the case is before him, and you are waiting for him! **15** And now, because his anger does not punish, and he does not take much note of transgression, **16** Job opens his mouth in empty talk; he multiplies words without knowledge."

DEVOTIONAL FOR JOB 35:1-16

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First, I want to thank God for all things (1 Thessalonians 5:18). God has my best interest in all things. As I read through the book of Job, I have to admit it has been a struggle to understand. It is like our world; everyone wants to be heard, and everyone has an opinion, and everyone thinks their opinion is right. What I came to realize is His Word is just, true and right (Psalms 33: 4-5). He is a just God and sees and knows all. What right do we have before God (Job 35: 2-3)? None, because so many times we come to Him only when times are tough or when we want something, or we think



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we deserve better because of all the good we have done.

In this passage Job's friend Elihu is accusing Job of being self righteous. He feels Job has lost his fear and godly appreciation of God. Poor Job has been given lots of advice by friends and family who feel he surely has done something wrong before God. No matter if we have sinned or not, we must seek God and trust Him in all situations; the good, the bad, and the ugly situations. He is an omniscient God who sees and knows all. He sees all of our trials, trouble, tribulation and our good times. We are not exempt. He does nothing wrong. He is just. As we go through this life, let His word be your final answer (Psalm 1:1-2). Let His example be your example, knowing and trusting He will carry us through it all. We should not rely on just the opinions and empty talk of man. We must run our race staying in our lane. Listen to the Holy Spirit and respond to what he tells us! Have a relationship with Christ Jesus, so that when the storm comes, we have our kingdom umbrella. Don't wait until the storm comes to pull out your Bible or start to pray. If you abide in Him daily you will be ready with His armor. We serve a mighty good God! Job went through a hard test that God allowed, and we know the outcome of the story. His Word and His will is the best place for us! Yes, we can suffer, just like Job, but we will not lose the fight if we are prepared in Christ.

Questions:

1. Who do you listen to? Those who will give you biblical answers or worldly answers?
2. Who do you seek in good times and bad times?
3. Are you a believer in His Word? If not, or if you are not sure of your salvation, please seek me out, one of the staff members, or your Journey Group.