### Job

## Chapter 34

1Then EliHu continued:  
  
 2‘And hear me now, O you wise men…  
 Give ear, O you who have knowledge!  
 3For the ear judges words in the way the mouth tastes it’s food…  
 4And that’s how we should be judging ourselves,  
 Since we already know if we’ve been good!  
  
 5‘Now, Job has said:  
  
 ‘Although I’m righteous,  
 Jehovah has ended my case,  
 6And when He judged me, He lied.  
 So, at His injustice, I now shake my spear!’  
  
 7‘Although Job is a man who drinks [wine],  
 And sneers as if it was water,  
 8He says he’s not sinful or godless,  
 And had nothing to do with the lawless,  
 Or gone along with those who show no respect.  
  
 9‘Now, perhaps you think it’s wrong  
 For someone to watch over men.  
 10Yet, we’re all watched by Jehovah,  
 And He searches through all our hearts!  
  
 ‘Listen, yes – hear me, my God;  
 For, in no way do I wish to show disrespect…  
 May the Almighty not think me unjust!  
  
 11‘He pays men back for all they deserve,  
 And in his own paths, each man finds Him.  
  
 12‘Can you imagine Jehovah being guilty of wrong?  
 Or the Almighty One of being unjust?  
 Isn’t the earth His creation?  
 13Didn’t He make everything under the skies?  
  
 14‘So, if He’d hold back His power,  
 Or if He’d remove all His Breath;  
 15Life on earth would come to an end,  
 And mortals would return to where they were formed.  
  
 16‘But, what if He didn’t correct us?  
 Shouldn’t we hear the sounds of His words?  
 17{Look!} He’s the One who hates all lawbreaking,  
 And throughout the ages, He’s proven to be righteous;  
 So, He will destroy all the wicked!  
  
 18‘It’s impertinent to say to a king:  
  
 ‘You’ve broken the law!’  
  
 Or to say to a prince:  
  
 ‘You’ve acted ungodly!’  
  
 19‘So, who may show disrespect  
 To such a person of honor?  
 For, He’s never appointed the mighty  
 Because He thought well of their faces.  
  
 20‘Nothing good can come when we cry out to men;  
 For they’re all unrighteous and they won’t help the poor.  
 21But, He observes all the things that they do,  
 And their deeds don’t escape His attention.  
  
 22‘There’s no place where the lawless can hide;  
 23For, He tolerates men no more than He must.  
 24So all men are inspected by God,  
 And He notices all the wrong that they do.  
  
 ‘He observes the things that are hidden,  
 As well as things to be honored…  
 Extraordinary things unnumbered.  
 25He knows all the [bad] things we do,  
 And He humbles us during the night.  
  
 26‘He wipes away the ungodly  
 Because He can see the things that they’ve done…  
 27When they’ve turned from God’s Laws,  
 And given no thought to His rules.  
  
 28‘The cries of the needy reach up to Him,  
 And He hears the calls of the poor.  
 29So, since He’s the One who’s bringing them rest,  
 Who would dare to condemn Him?  
  
 ‘If He hides His face, who’ll see Him,  
 Whether a nation or just a man?  
 30But, He can appoint a hypocrite king  
 If He finds the people unruly.  
  
 31‘Has anyone heard a mighty one say:  
  
 ‘I’m so blest, so I really don’t need Him?’  
  
 32Or:  
  
 ‘Unless He can prove that He knows of my sins,  
 There’s nothing that He can require?’  
  
 33‘Will He pay for the things that you’ve thrown away?  
 Give me an answer… Yes, tell me!  
  
 34‘Understanding hearts will reply to such things,  
 And a wise man will hear what I’ve said.  
 35But, Job hasn’t thought about this,  
 Since his words don’t reflect higher knowledge.  
  
 36‘So learn, O Job… Don’t be a fool…  
 37Don’t add any more to your sins!  
 For we’re all considered law breakers  
 When we stand and speak [before God].’