



# The Wrath of Elihu

Memory Text: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9

## Miserable Comforters

SUNDAY: November 27

Key Passage(s): Job 13:28; Job 15:14-16; Job 19:25-27; Job 28:28

1. Who is Job describing as “a rotten thing” or a moth eaten garment? Job 13:28

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2. Picking up from Eliphaz, ch.4:17-19, what point is Job making when contrasting the “saints” or angel’s of heaven with man? Job 15:14-16

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3. With whom does Job place his confidence and why? Job 19:25-27

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4. How does one depart from evil? Job 28:28

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5. (Discussion) Where is Job, despite his miserable comforters, finding comfort?

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# The Entrance of Elihu

MONDAY: November 28

Key Passage(s): Job 32:1-5

1. Why was Elihu upset with Job? (Job 32:2) Was Job justifying God by “justifying” himself? If so, how is God justified in him and in us? Job 1:8, 2:3; Job 28:28

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2. Why was Elihu upset with the other three friends there? Job 32:3-5

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3. Is there wisdom in Elihu’s waiting for the elders to speak? James 1:19

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4. (Discussion) Why is self justification a serious issue?

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# Elihu's Defense of God

TUESDAY: November 29

Key Passage(s): Job 34:10-15

1. What truth about the Almighty is Elihu stating? Job 34:10

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2. God does render unto man according to His way (Job 34:11), but what were Job's friends not taking into account? What was the only thing they were focusing on?

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3. What point is Elihu making with his question about God? Job 34:13

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4. Which prerogative of God's sovereignty as Creator is Elihu speaking to in Job 34:14,15?

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5. (Discussion) Does God need to be defended? If so, why?

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# The Irrationality of Evil

WEDNESDAY: November 30

Key Passage(s): Ezekiel 28:12-17

1. How does God describe Lucifer, the power behind the King of Tyre? Ezekiel 28:12

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2. Verse 13 describes Lucifer's beauty and ends with what important reality about him and what was his position in heaven? Ezekiel 28:13, 14. Did Lucifer have anything to complain about?

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3. How does this verse justify God in explaining the origins of evil? Ezekiel 28:15

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4. What solution does God suggest will be the end of this irrational evil in the universe? Ezekiel 28:16,18

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5. (Discussion) Is it possible to give a reason for sins existence? What should be understood concerning the origin and final disposition of sin?

"It is impossible to explain the origin of sin so as to give a reason for its existence. Yet enough may be understood concerning both the origin and the final disposition of sin to make fully manifest the justice and benevolence of God in all His dealings with evil. Nothing is more plainly taught in Scripture than that God was in no wise responsible for the entrance of sin; that there was no arbitrary withdrawal of divine grace, no deficiency in the divine government, that gave occasion for the uprising of rebellion." The Great Controversy, p. 492.2

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# The Challenge of Faith

THURSDAY: November 24

Key Passage(s): Hebrews 11:1; Romans 10:17; Proverbs 3:5

1. What is faith and why is it a challenge? Hebrews 11:1

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2. What gives us confidence in His existence and plan for our lives? Roman 10:17

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3. Why does faith please God (Hebrews 11:6)? Proverbs 3:5

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4. (Discussion) Why do we lack faith today based on our texts above?

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