Job 32-34

"Introducing Elihu"

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33:19-28

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

(C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain)

God Ordained Suffering:

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- Instructive

"Despite all the good that might be said of Elihu, the fact remains that he really is an astonishingly pompous little windbag. He takes the entire first chapter, for example, plus portions of the second, simply to clear his throat and announce that he has something to say."

- (Mason – in Guzik)

- 32 Elihu's justification: God is speaking through me.
- 33 Elihu's 1st argument: God is gracious
- 34 Elihu's 2nd argument: God is just

32:1-5 The Wrath of Elihu

32:6-14 Elihu Finds His Voice...

32:15-22 ...and continues to use it

33:1-7 Elihu to Job: I Am Your Spokesman Before God

33:8-11 Elihu Begins to State His Case

33:12-18 God Has Answered You Job

33:19-28 Elihu to Job: God Purifies Through Pain

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Hebrews 12:5-8

And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

33:29-33 ...and he continues

34:1-9 How Can You Say God is Unjust?

34:10-20 If God Is Unjust, Then He is Not God

34:21-30 His Judgments Are Perfect

34:31-33 Repeat These Words With Me

34:34-37 I Have It On Good Authority...

Taking It Home

MEDITATION VERSE

1 John 2:16

For all that [is] in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.