

God Is An Impartial Judge of All Men

Job 34

Group ¹	C	V	Description
Elihu Vindicates God's Justice	34	1-9	Elihu chastises Job for his complaint
		10-15	Elihu declares that God is just and fair
		16-20	Elihu declares God's justice is impartial
		21-30	God knows and sees all of men's actions
		31-37	Job's rebellion is unjustified

Reflections

Elihu continues his rebuke of Job and asks his friends to consider the complaint Job has made against God. He does so by first appealing to God's inability to act unjustly in any matter. His authority is not given by another and so can't be perverted.

Next, Elihu appeals to God's impartiality. He doesn't regard one person greater than another when it comes to meting out justice. Why? "For they are all the work of His hands." (v19c)

The key verses to this chapter are 21 and 27.

- 21 "For His eyes are upon the ways of a man,
And He sees all his steps. [NASB](#)
- 27 Because they turned aside from following Him,
And had no regard for any of His ways; [NASB](#)

Remember the message of Isaiah.

Isaiah 55:6-11 [NASB](#)

- 6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.
- 7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.
- 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.
- 9 "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
- 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

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