

**THE BOOK OF JOB**  
**JOB 32**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Job 32 introduces us to a new character named Elihu.
2. In the contextual flow, Job and his three friends had finished what they had to say (Job 31.40; 32.1)
3. Three facts concerning Elihu. (Job 32.2,6,11,12)
4. Job 32 is a chapter about a man who had something to say.

**I. WHY DID ELIHU REMAIN SILENT?**

- A. He was afraid.
1. **Job 32.6:** *“Therefore I was afraid, and dared not declare my opinion to you.”* Literally, timid, shy.
  2. Why was he afraid? (v. 6; Job 12.12; 32.7-9)
  3. How did he overcome his fear? (Job 32.7-9)
- B. Three reasons why you might be afraid to speak up.
1. Fear of persecution. (Matt. 10.27,32.33)
  2. Fear of social rejection. (John 12.42)
  3. Fear of ignorance. (1 Pet. 3.15)

**II. WHY DID ELIHU SPEAK OUT?**

- A. He spoke out of anger.
1. His anger was directed toward Job *“because he justified himself rather than God”* (Job 32.2; 10.3; 27.2)
  2. His was angry at his friends *“because they had found no answer and yet had condemned Job”* (Job 32.3,5)
  3. Be careful not to speak in anger. (Eph. 4.15)
- B. He spoke out of passion.
1. **Job 32.17-20:** *“I will speak, that I may find relief; I must open my lips and answer.”* He could not contain himself.
  2. Jeremiah was a man who spoke with passion. (Jer. 20.9)
  3. We talk about those things that excite us. (1 Cor. 9.16)

**CONCLUSION:** We are to speak up, but *“if anyone speaks, let him speak as of the oracles of God”* (1 Pet. 4.11).

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*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”*  
-Mark 16.15

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**MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM**

## God Is Always Faithful

God cannot deny Himself. He cannot act in any way that is contrary to His nature and character. In order to satisfy both His requirement for justice as well as His merciful and gracious nature, God sent forth Jesus. By His death on the cross, sin was punished and justice prevailed. By His resurrection, grace and mercy was extended allowing us to be saved. Therefore through Christ, God is able to be *“both just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3.26).

To Timothy, Paul wrote, *“If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself”* (2 Tim. 2.13). We have a promise from God that we will be saved when we are obedient to the gospel (2 Tim. 2.11). However, that promise is conditional as it will be based on whether or not we will remain faithful. For *“if we deny Him, He will also deny us.”* (2 Tim. 2.12). To emphasize the above point, Paul then concluded, *“if we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself”* (2 Tim. 2.13). What does that mean? Namely, if we fall away from God, He will be true to His nature of justice, and we will be lost.

Because God is unchanging and will never go against His nature, we have confidence that when God makes a promise, He will keep it (Heb. 6.17-19).  
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## RUNNING THE RACE WITH ENDURANCE

### HEBREWS 12:2

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. The race that is set before us is a race that we must run consistently. How do we run without growing weary?
2. The race that is set before us is a race that begins with the grace of God. (Heb. 12.28)
3. Hebrews 12, contains six commandments which help us to run the race with endurance.

#### I. PUT JESUS IN FRONT OF YOU

- A. **HEBREWS 12.3:** *“For consider Him who endured.”*
  1. Consider (analogizomai): An imperative that literally means to look up and think logically.
  2. Set your mind on the One who is above. (Col. 3.2)
- B. **HEBREWS 12.2:** *“looking unto Jesus.”* Do not let the world hold your attention. Give your attention solely to Jesus.

#### II. THINK OF YOUR PROBLEMS DIFFERENTLY

- A. **HEBREWS 12.5:** *“do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him.”*
  1. Do not despise your problems. The idea is not to think of your problems lightly. Think of them in a certain way.
  2. Do not be discouraged by your problems.
- B. **HEBREWS 12.12,13:** *“Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees...”* (cf. Rom. 5.3,4)

#### III. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE

- A. **HEBREWS 12.14:** *“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”*
- B. **HEBREWS 12.15:** *“lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”*

#### IV. LISTEN TO GOD

- A. **HEBREWS 12.25:** *“See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.”* Do not refuse is an imperative.
- B. Other passages to consider. (Heb. 2.1; Luke 9.44; Col. 3.16)

**CONCLUSION:** Who has hindered you from running the race (Gal. 5.7)? Run as if there can only be one winner. (1 Cor. 9.24-27)

## THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

Earlier, I was watching a video on Youtube of someone who was debating a muslim. The muslim insisted that the Koran was inspired by God. His opponent insisted that the Bible was inspired by God. After a lengthy discussion, the Christian concluded that it was impossible to know which book was inspired and it came down to a matter of personal belief. Can we know that the Bible is the word of God written by individuals who were inspired by God?

When I turn to the Bible, I learn that those who wrote the Bible claim to have been inspired by God. The apostle Paul wrote that *“by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)”* (Eph. 3.3,4). To Timothy, Paul wrote that *“all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God”* (2 Tim. 3.16). Peter referred to the writings of Paul as scripture (2 Pet. 3.15,16). In reference to the message he preached, Paul wrote, *“for I neither received it from man, nor was taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ”* (Gal. 1.12).

Does the testimony of the writers themselves prove that their writings are inspired? Are we to merely take their word for it? Even Jesus Himself said, *“If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true”* (John 5.31). Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, but He did not expect people to just take His word for it. In the verses that follow, Jesus provides a series of evidence that verified His testimony (John 5.32-47). Just because someone makes the claim does not mean that the claim is true.

So how can we know that those who penned the words of the Bible did so by the guidance of the Holy Spirit? What is the evidence that verifies the claim? Actually, there are a number of different ways to prove it. The Bible contains predictions of future events that have come to pass (2 Pet. 1.19-21). The Bible contains pre-scientific knowledge. The Bible is not a book of science, but it does contain scientific facts that had not yet been discovered. These include the circle of the earth (Isa. 40.22), the currents in the ocean (Ps. 8.8), and the commonality of human blood (Acts 17.26).

The evidence that proves that the Bible is inspired by God is overwhelming. Though it was written by forty men over the course of thousands of years, the Bible has but one author – God. When you read the Bible, you are in fact reading the very word of God (1 Thess. 2.13).