



The Gospel According to Job

August 30: Elihu Critiques Job Again: Job 35

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Elihu's First Speech (Job 32:6-33:33)

Elihu's Second Speech (Job 34:1-37)

Elihu's Third Speech (Job 35:1-16)

Elihu's Fourth Speech (Job 36:1—37:24)

Aseity: God is independent of His creation, self-sufficient, and self-existent.

Is *aseity* a communicable or incommunicable attribute?

What does it mean to be turned in ourselves? Has this happened to Job?

Job 35:1-4

Who is Elihu quoting?

What contradiction does Elihu find in Job?

Psalms 73:12-13 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

Job 35:5-8

Where does Elihu point Job and his friends?

What kind of parallelism do we find in verse six?

Does your sin take anything away from God?

Does your good behavior offer anything to God?

Luke 17:10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'

Job 35:9-11

What do people typically ask of God?

What perspective is lacking in the typical request?

Isaiah 8:21 They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward.

Job 35:12-14

What keeps prayer from being heard?

What keeps Job's prayers from being heard?

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

Micah 3:4 Then they will cry to the LORD, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Job 35:15-16

How does Elihu evaluate Job's speeches?

What does it mean when our words are merely empty talk?

Job 8:2 How long will you say these things, and the words of your mouth be a great wind?

Job 11:3 Should your babble silence men, and when you mock, shall no one shame you?

Job 38:2 Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?