"Elihu Enters the Fray"
Job 32-33
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I. Evaluating Elihu

A. Elihu's Personhood

1. He was real and truly present for the events of Job.

2. He was a younger man and a descendant of Abraham's brother.

B. Elihu's Perspective

1. Elihu didn't believe Job's friends' accusations concerning Job's *past* sins.

2. Elihu did believe that Job was sinning in the *present* by accusing God of injustice.

C. Elihu's Personality

1. His tone is obviously brash, even bombastic – though that might not have meant much in his day.

2. His words and style are like other Old Testament prophets, a role Elihu was likely playing in Job's life.

II. Evaluating Elihu's First Discourse – Job 32-33

A. "Job's friends should have been addressing Job's present sins, not made-up ones from the past."

B. "Job was sinning by going on about his own innocence while daring to accuse God of wrongdoing."

C. "Job needed to realize that God was truly speaking to him through his present trial."

1. God was showing Job his present, yet hidden, sin of pride.

2. God uses trials to show us similar things (James 1:5-8).