

THE DIVINE TAPESTRY

Part 55

“Wallowing or Worshipping”

Job

Part 4

Chapters 32-41

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Job is the model of endurance. In the midst of great loss, devastating pain, bumbling counselors, a throbbing loneliness and a seemingly endless wait ... Job remained steadfast. However, the trial took its toll. He arrives at chapter 32 disheveled, drained and discouraged. How will God answer? What would God have him do? Let's look.

HE HAD TO ENDURE WHAT?

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ELIHU

- Elihu is frustrated:
 - Job's friends have not made any **headway**.
 - Job is not **getting better**.
 - Note this: Elihu is an **enigma!**

On one hand ... he makes some right observations about **Job, God** and **life**.

On the other hand ... he assumes **his** words will end the controversy, saying **too much** for **too long!**

Very important: 1) He is not **judged** or **praised**.
2) Job is reduced to **nothing**.

GOD SPEAKS

- When the **thimble** of man's knowledge is **exhausted** God **unleashes** the sea!
- With 70 questions God reveals:

You cannot **comprehend** the universe,
You cannot **duplicate** the universe,
You cannot **run** the universe,
You cannot **protect** yourself;
Where you **end**,
I rule.

- Question: What if God's positive answer to your **plea** messed up the **universe**?

Job's response: _____ (insert **gasp** and **lay hand on mouth**).

REMEMBER

1. Pain drives us to become hyper focused on **self** and **details**.
2. When man is at his **end**, God is on **glorious display**.
3. The hard truth of Job:
A true encounter with God will cause us to stop “**wallowing**”
and start “**worshipping**.”