

JOB

A SERMON SERIES





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1) HIS COMPULSION



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Job 32:4

Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job
because they were older than he.



1) HIS COMPULSION

Job 32:6–8

“I am young in years, and you are aged;



1) HIS COMPULSION

Job 32:6–8

“I am young in years, and you are aged;
I said, ‘Let days speak, and many years teach wisdom.’



1) HIS COMPULSION

Job 32:6–8

“I am young in years, and you are aged;
I said, ‘Let days speak, and many years teach wisdom.’
But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty,
that makes him understand.



1) HIS COMPULSION

Job 32:19–20

Behold, my belly is like wine that has no vent;
like new wineskins ready to burst.



1) HIS COMPULSION

Job 32:19–20

I must speak, that I may find relief;
I must open my lips and answer.



1) HIS COMPULSION

Job 32:2

Then Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite,
of the family of Ram, **burned with anger.**



1) HIS COMPULSION

Job 32:2

He **burned with anger at Job** because
he justified himself rather than God.



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he **justified himself rather than God.**



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he justified himself rather than God.

So these three men ceased to answer Job,
because he was righteous in his own eyes. (v1)



1) HIS COMPULSION

Job 32:5

And when Elihu saw that there was **no answer in the mouth of these three men**, he burned with anger.



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And when Elihu saw that there was **no answer in the mouth of these three men**, he burned with anger.

Job 32:12

I gave you my attention, and, behold, there was **none among you who refuted Job or who answered his words.**



1) HIS COMPULSION

Correct Job because he



1) HIS COMPULSION

Correct Job because he
“justified himself rather than God.”
& “because he was righteous in his own eyes.”



2) HIS CONTENT



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How should we understand his message?
Is it right or wrong?



1) New phase in Job



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- 5) Elihu's content is God-centered



2) HIS CONTENT



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Is what we must at least take very seriously



2) HIS CONTENT

Elihu will 1) pinpoint Job's problem



2) HIS CONTENT

Elihu will 1) pinpoint Job's problem
And then 2) answer with a perspective of God



CHAPTER 33



CHAPTER 33

Job 33:9

You say, 'I am pure, without transgression;
I am clean, and there is no iniquity in me.'



CHAPTER 33

Job 33:10

Behold, he finds occasions against me,
he counts me as his enemy,



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Behold, he finds occasions against me,
he **counts me as his enemy,**

Job 13:24

Why do you hide your face
and **count me as your enemy?**



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Job 33:10

Behold, he finds occasions against me,
he **counts me as his enemy**,

Job 19:11

He has kindled his wrath against me
and **counts me as his adversary**.



CHAPTER 33

Job 33:10,13

Why do you contend against him,
saying, '**He will answer none of man's words**'?



A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD



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Job 33:14–18

**For God speaks in one way,
and in two, though man does not perceive it.**



A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Job 33:14–18

**In a dream, in a vision of the night,
when deep sleep falls on men,
while they slumber on their beds,
then he opens the ears of men
and terrifies them with warnings,**



A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Job 33:14–18

that he may turn man aside from his deed
and conceal pride from a man;



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Job 33:14–18

that he may turn man aside from his deed
and conceal pride from a man;
he keeps back his soul from the pit,
his life from perishing by the sword.



A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Job 33:19

“Man is also rebuked with pain on his bed
and with continual strife in his bones,



A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Job 33:26

then man prays to God, and he accepts him;
he sees his face with a shout of joy,
and he restores to man his righteousness.



A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Job 33:29–30

“Behold, **God does all these things,**
twice, three times, with a man,
to **bring back his soul from the pit,**
that he may be lighted with the **light of life.**”



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It is for the good of his soul.



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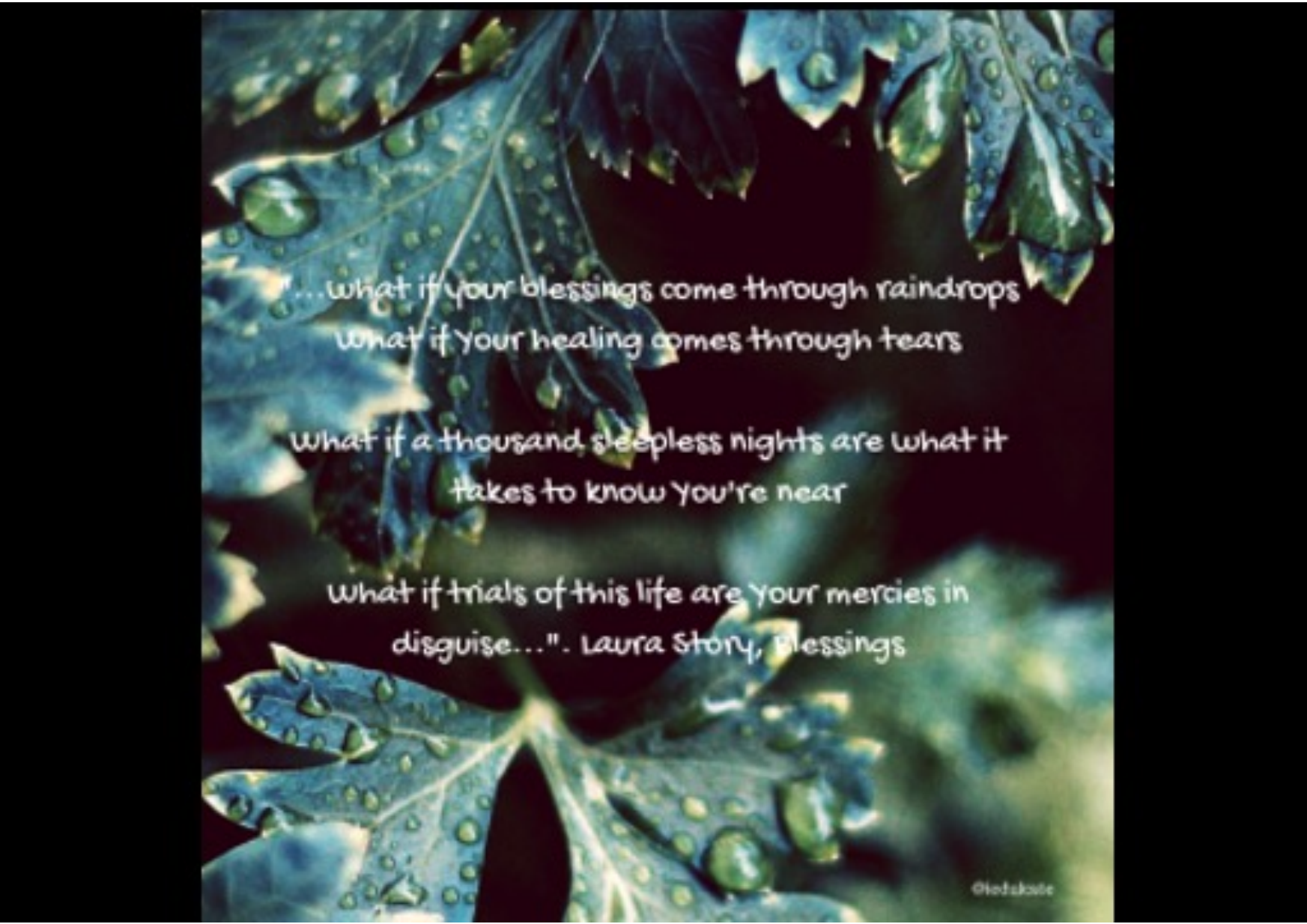




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BLESSINGS



VIDEO



"...what if your blessings come through raindrops
what if your healing comes through tears
what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it
takes to know you're near
what if trials of this life are your mercies in
disguise...". Laura Story, Blessings

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**BLESSINGS CAN COME
THROUGH RAINDROPS**



CHAPTER 34



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Job 34:5–9

For Job has said, 'I am in the right,
and God has taken away my right;



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Job 34:5–9

in spite of my right I am counted a liar...



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD



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Job 34:5–9

What man is like Job,
who drinks up scoffing like water,



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:5–9

For he has said, 'It profits a man nothing
that he should take delight in God.'



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:10–12

“Therefore, hear me, you men of understanding:
far be it from God that he should do wickedness,
and from the Almighty that he should do wrong.



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:10–12

Of a truth, God will not do wickedly,
and the Almighty will not pervert justice.



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:13–17

Who gave him charge over the earth,
and who laid on him the whole world?



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:13–17

If he should set his heart to it
and gather to himself his spirit and his breath,



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:13–17

**If he should set his heart to it
and gather to himself his spirit and his breath,
all flesh would perish together,
and man would return to dust.**



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:13–17

Shall one who hates justice govern?
Will you condemn him who is righteous and mighty



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:22–25

There is no gloom or deep darkness
where evildoers may hide themselves.



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 34:22–25

Thus, knowing their works,
he overturns them in the night,
and they are crushed.



B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job has said, 'I am in the right,
and God has taken away my right;



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He judges evildoers.
He is altogether righteous, just and mighty.





B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD



CHAPTER 35



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Job 35:2–3

“Do you think this to be just?
Do you say, ‘It is my right before God,’
that you ask, ‘What advantage have I?
How am I better off than if I had sinned?’



CHAPTER 35

Job 35:2–3

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Do you say, ‘It is my right before God,’
that you ask, ‘What advantage have I?
How am I better off than if I had sinned?’

→ “If I live righteously but suffer terribly,
then what's the point of being righteous?
What do I gain from it?”



C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD



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Job 35:6–8

If you have sinned,
what do you accomplish against him?



C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD

Job 35:6–8

And if your transgressions are multiplied,
what do you do to him?



C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD

Job 35:6–8

If you are righteous, what do you give to him?
Or what does he receive from your hand?



C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD

Job 35:6–8

If you are righteous, what do you give to him?
Or what does he receive from your hand?
Your wickedness concerns a man like yourself,
and your righteousness a son of man.



C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD

Job 35:13

Surely God does not hear an empty cry,
nor does the Almighty regard it.



C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD

Job 35:13

**Surely God does not hear an empty cry,
nor does the Almighty regard it.**

→ You can't put God in your debt



C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD

Job 35:13

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- You can't put God in your debt
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Job 35:13

Surely God does not hear an empty cry,
nor does the Almighty regard it.

- You can't put God in your debt
- He is not dependent upon your moral performance
- He is sovereign and is not manipulated
- He does not govern the world
based on our calculations



**"If God would concede me His omnipotence
for 24 hours, you would see how many changes
I would make in the world.**



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for 24 hours, you would see how many changes
I would make in the world.**

**But if He gave me His wisdom too,
I would leave things as they are."**





1) HIS COMPULSION



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Correct Job because he
“justified himself rather than God.”
& “because he was righteous in his own eyes.”



2) HIS CONTENT



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Suffering can be restorative and protective



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Suffering can be restorative and protective
It can come from a place of love



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Suffering can be restorative and protective

It can come from a place of love

Blessings can come through raindrops



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD



2) HIS CONTENT

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God is great!



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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He governs the whole earth



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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God is great!

He governs the whole earth

He'll never do wickedly/pervert justice



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

God is great!

He governs the whole earth

He'll never do wickedly/pervert justice

He cannot possibly be unjust



2) HIS CONTENT

- A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD**
- B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD**
- C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD**



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

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God cannot be manipulated into serving
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A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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God cannot be manipulated into serving
our sense of how things should work.

God does not govern the world
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2) HIS CONTENT

- A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD**
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- C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD**



2) HIS CONTENT

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B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

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Elihu did not solve the mystery of Job's suffering.



2) HIS CONTENT

A) THE GOODNESS OF GOD

B) THE GREATNESS OF GOD

C) THE GOVERNANCE OF GOD

Elihu did not solve the mystery of Job's suffering.

But he challenged Job's assumption
that because he cannot see God's justice,
God must therefore be unjust.



3) HIS CONCLUSION



A) CONSEQUENCE



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Job 36:11–12

If they listen and serve him,
they complete their days in prosperity,
and their years in pleasantness.



A) CONSEQUENCE

Job 36:11–12

If they listen and serve him,
they complete their days in prosperity,
and their years in pleasantness.

But if they do not listen, they perish by the sword
and die without knowledge.



A) CONSEQUENCE
B) CAUTION



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Job 36:17–18

**But you are full of the judgment on the wicked;
judgment and justice seize you.**



A) CONSEQUENCE
B) CAUTION

Job 36:17–18

**But you are full of the judgment on the wicked;
judgment and justice seize you.
Beware lest wrath entice you into scoffing...**



A) CONSEQUENCE
B) CAUTION
C) CONSIDERATION



A) CONSEQUENCE
B) CAUTION
C) CONSIDERATION

Job 37:14
Hear this, O Job; stop
and consider the wondrous works of God.



A) CONSEQUENCE
B) CAUTION
C) CONSIDERATION

Job 37:14
Hear this, O Job; stop
and consider the wondrous works of God.

Therefore: trust, wait, consider, fear.



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My suffering may be real.



My suffering may be real.
My questions may be real.



My suffering may be real.
My questions may be real.
But my limited perspective
cannot become the standard
by which I judge the
goodness, greatness and governance of God.

