

# Sunday Morning Worship Feb 8

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## Summary

### When to Speak: Elihu's Righteous Rebuke from Job 32

#### Scripture References

- Job 32:1-22
- Proverbs 9:10; Proverbs 16:31; Proverbs 29:18
- Matthew 10:28
- Ephesians 4:26
- 2 Timothy 2:14-26
- Romans 1; Romans 8:37
- Jude 23

#### Introduction

The pastor reopened our Job series by introducing Elihu—the previously silent, youngest listener who now steps forward. Unlike Job's three friends, Elihu is neither rebuked by God nor swayed by tradition. His speech illustrates righteous anger, Spirit-governed wisdom, and the believer's responsibility to correct falsehoods about God.

#### Key Points / Exposition

##### 1. Prophecy Is Possible

- “Prophecy” defined: Spirit-governed, God-centered rebuke (v. 8).
- Age and experience are helpful but not ultimate; the breath of the Almighty grants understanding (vv. 6-9).
- Fear of the Lord (Prov 9:10) precedes true wisdom; Elihu embodies this reverence by waiting, listening, and then speaking.
- Application sub-points:
  - Young believers should not despise their calling.
  - Authority for correction comes from Scripture, not human seniority.

##### 2. Prophecy Is Necessary

- Job's friends weaponized tradition; Job justified himself; neither justified God (vv. 1-5, 11-13).

- Without prophetic vision the people “cast off restraint” (Prov 29:18). False counsel leaves sufferers unrestrained and God misrepresented.
- God is sovereign yet chooses human means; silence in the face of error can be sinful inaction (Eph 4:26; 2 Tim 2:14-18).
- Application sub-points:
  - Correct weak or false teaching with Scripture.
  - Hold fellow believers to gospel-centered counsel, especially in suffering.

### 3. Prophecy Is Urgent

- Elihu's inner pressure: like new wine-skins ready to burst (vv. 18-20).
- Righteous anger spurs timely, measured speech—neither explosive nor apathetic.
- Partiality and flattery have no place; God's glory is the goal (vv. 21-22).
- Application sub-points:
  - Cultivate holy restraint; let the Spirit govern tone and timing.
  - Boldness ≠ volume; silence ≠ cowardice—wisdom discerns the moment.

### Major Lessons & Revelations

- The fear of the Lord births wisdom; knowledge of the Holy One yields understanding.
- God's sovereignty never cancels human responsibility; He commands us to speak truth.
- Righteous anger is legitimate when God's character is maligned, but it must operate under Spirit control.
- A remnant always exists—God preserves voices that proclaim His glory.

### Practical Application

- Deepen biblical literacy: “rightly handle the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15).
- Examine motives before speaking—seek God's glory, not self-vindication.
- Confront doctrinal error graciously yet firmly; refuse flattery or partiality.
- Cultivate courage: pray for boldness, confess fear, remember God holds you fast (Rom 8:37).
- Balance zeal with restraint: take time to listen, pray, and let the Spirit open the vent.

### Conclusion & Call to Response

Believers are called to be bold and courageous, stepping into conversations where God's name is defamed or minimized. Like Elihu, allow righteous concern for God's glory—and love for neighbor—to propel thoughtful, Scripture-saturated speech. Refuse passive coexistence; wield gospel truth as both balm and sword.

## Prayer

“Gracious Lord, thank You for Your living and active Word. Grant us holy fear, deeper knowledge, and Spirit-guided courage. Restrain our tongues until Your truth is ready; then open our lips to honor You and rescue the wandering. Use us as vessels for honorable purposes, all for Jesus' sake. Amen.”

## References & Resources

- Hymns sung: “Holy, Holy, Holy” ; “He Will Hold Me Fast” ; “Lord, I Deserve Thy Deepest Wrath” ; “Run, Run, the Law Demands.”
- Quoted author: Charles Spurgeon illustration of parallel tracks (sovereignty & responsibility).
- Recommended reading: John Owen, “The Mortification of Sin.”