

Sunday Morning Worship Feb 15

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Summary

God Still Speaks – Learning to Hear in Suffering and Silence

Scripture References

Romans 9:6–26; Job 33; Jeremiah 1:9–10; Exodus 4:12; Isaiah 59:21; Ezekiel 36:26–27; Romans 9:21; Genesis 3; Exodus 20; Revelation 22:18; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 2:1, 4–6

Introduction

- After many chapters of debate, a younger observer—Elihu—finally addresses Job.
- Unlike Job's three original friends, Elihu is not later rebuked by God; his words anticipate God's own forthcoming speech.
- Central issue: Job insists God is silent and unjust; Elihu insists God is always speaking and always right.
- Purpose of the sermon: show how God speaks (through people and through circumstances) and call us to humbly listen.

Key Points / Exposition

1. God Speaks Through His People

- Elihu's opening (Job 33:1–7) stresses shared humanity: “I too was pinched off from a piece of clay.”
 - Humility: recognizes he is a fellow creature, not superior.
 - Authority: “The Spirit of God has made me” – his words come from divine inspiration, not personal opinion.
- Biblical pattern: God puts His words in human mouths (Jer 1:9–10; Ex 4:12; Isa 59:21).
- Proper motive: correct ignorance, not “defend” God—God needs no defense, but His people need correction.
- Tone: gentle yet firm—unlike the harsh accusations of the three friends (“My pressure will not be heavy upon you”).

2. God Speaks Through Means – Rest, Silence, and Suffering

- Verses 14–18: God talks “in one way, and in two” (many ways).
 - Dreams/visions during deep sleep—times of human passivity when distraction is removed.
 - Application: cultivate stillness and meditation to perceive His voice.
- Verses 19–22: physical pain and affliction can also be divine speech.
 - Suffering reminds us of the Genesis 3 curse and our dependence on God.
 - Not always punishment; often refinement, discipline, or training.
- Danger exposed: Job's inward focus kept him from hearing; he expected God to speak only in the way Job preferred.

3. The One-in-a-Thousand Mediator

- Verses 23–28 unfold gospel imagery:
 - “Angel/Messenger, a mediator … to declare what is right … ‘Deliver him … I have found a ransom.’”
 - Foreshadows Christ—the unique mediator who ransoms from the pit, restores righteousness, turns mourning to joy.
- Salvation response (v. 27): confession— “I sinned and perverted what was right.”
- God's purpose (vv. 29–30): repeat interventions “to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be lighted with the light of life.”

4. The Sovereign Potter and Human Clay

- Elihu's refrain (v. 12): “God is greater than man.”
- Connected texts: Romans 9:6–26; 9:21 – the potter's right over the clay.
- Proper perspective: finite creatures cannot demand explanations from the Infinite; instead, we trust His righteous character.

Major Lessons & Revelations

- God is never silent; He speaks through Scripture, Spirit-empowered people, creation, rest, and even pain.
- Self-justification deafens us; humble repentance opens our ears.
- Christ is the ultimate word and mediator who rescues from judgment.
- God's sovereignty overrules human will; yet His mercy freely offers redemption.

Practical Application

1. Schedule deliberate times of quiet meditation on Scripture; expect God to instruct you there.
2. In trials, ask, “Lord, what are You teaching me?” rather than “Why are You doing this to me?”

3. Welcome biblical counsel from fellow believers; recognize God may speak correction through them.
4. Guard against adding “new revelation” ; test every claim by the closed canon of Scripture (Rev 22:18).
5. Confess pride quickly—echo Job's needed response: “I have sinned and perverted what was right.”
6. Engage the church as a means of grace: prayer, study, mutual accountability.

Conclusion & Call to Response

Elihu's speech prepares Job—and us—for God's direct voice. The question isn't whether God is speaking, but whether we will humble ourselves to listen. Today, repent of any self-justifying attitude, receive the Mediator's ransom, and commit to hear and obey God's living Word.

Prayer

“Lord, thank You that You still speak—through Your written Word, by Your Spirit, through Your people, and even in hardship. Grant us humble hearts to listen, repent, believe, and glorify You alone. In Jesus' name, Amen.”