**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 88**

**K.’ The Rebuke of Elihu to Job and Friends (32:1-33:33)**

A. Hear My Wrath (32:1-5)

B. Hear My Words (32:6-22)

B.’Hear My Words (33:1-30) > My Speeches (1-7), My Summary (8-13), My Scrutiny (14-30)

**A.’ Hear My Wisdom (33:31-33)**

**PREMISE: The young and unknown Elihu (“my God is he”) came on the scene and rebuked the three friends and Job in his first of four speeches. He was full of wrath, words, and wisdom, so he thought. He is unanswered by friends, Job, and God! Job and his antagonists had a biblical world view. If dreams don’t get one’s attention then pain. In pain the Angel of Jehovah revealed potential ransom from pit based on repentance. Elihu thinks that with his wisdom he can help Job get right with Jehovah and find relief from suffering for sin!**

**A.’ Hear My Wisdom (33:31-33)**

***1. You Hearken to Me (v. 31)***

a. The **Emphasis** of Elihu (v. 31a, c)

1) His Imperatives

a) *“Mark well” > qashav* (46x)

b) *“Hearken” > shama`* (1159x)

c) *“Hold” > charash* (73x) > literally “don’t plow or cut in” my discussion! (Jdg. 18:19; Job 33:33)

2) His Intention > *“I will speak” > davar* (Job 32:7, 20; 33:31-32; 34:33; 36:2; 37:20[2x])

b. The **Effort**of Job (v. 31b) > Was Job about ready to respond, or did Elihu think he was going to respond, or did Elihu hope Job would respond? Or did Job try to respond to prolixic Elihu and he could not “plow in” the conversation?

***2. I will Hearken to You (v. 32)***

a. His **Permission** (v. 32a) > say something

b. Your Pronouncement (v. 32b) > answer me

b.’ Your Pronouncement (v. 32c) > speak

a.’ His **Purpose** (v. 32d) > to justify Job to himself and friends that he really has a secret sin and he needs to say “I have sinned” (v. 27). Job, you don’t have to go to the pit!! (Job 9:20; 27:5; Gal. 3:8)

***1.’ You Hearken to Me (v. 33)***

a. His **Condition** (v. 33a) > *“If not, hearken…”*

b. His **Command** (v. 33b) > *“hold thy peace”*

c. His **Counsel** (v. 33c) >

1) *“Teach”* > *‘alaph* (4x) > cf. Job 15:5; 35:11; Prov. 22:25

2) *“Wisdom”* > *chacmah* (149x) > Job 28:28

**CONCLUSION: Elihu, along with the three friends, had misapplied truth and were frustrated with Job because he would not acknowledge their presupposed “God in a box” view that judgment on Job was because of unconfessed sin! We always seem to know how the Lord is dealing with everyone else but our own selves!**