**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 93**

**I.’ The Rebuke of Elihu to Zophar (Job 35:1-16)**

A. The Rebuke of Job (vv. 1-3)

B. The Response of Elihu (vv. 4-8)

B.’ The Reason of Elihu (vv. 9-13)

A.’ The Rebuke of Job (vv. 14-16)

**PREMISE: Elihu assumed as did the three friends that Job was suffering because of unconfessed sins which Job and the reader knew was not the case. Further, he thought that God was distant to man and Job, which to the contrary, He is sovereign but intimately concerned about everyone for whom Christ died.**

**A. The Rebuke of Job (vv. 1-3)**

***1. His Position (vv. 1-2)***

a. His Interlocution > *“spake”* > *`anah* and *“said” >* *‘amar*

b. His Interpretation > *“right” > mishpat* (is this a just judgment of the situation?)

1) What Job said: Job 9:1-15

2) What Elihu thought Job said: *“my righteousness is* ***more*** *than God’s”* (*NET*: “my right before God”)?! > missed the Hebrew *min* comparative

***2. His Proclamation (v. 3)***

a. The Claim (v. 3a) > Job 34:9; 21:15

b. The Context (v. 3b) > Job 21:7, 14, 15-16

**B. The Response of Elihu (vv. 4-8)**

***1. The Companions (v. 4)*** > Job 34:2 > Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar

***2. The Challenge (v. 5)*** > God is distant and does not care about puny man (Jn. 3:16: man is the center of God’s redemption and the home of man is the center of God’s creation [Mt. 5:45])!

a. The Height of the Heavens > Gen. 15:5; I Ki. 8:27; Dt. 30:12

b. The Height of the Clouds > Nah. 1:3

***3. The Consideration (vv. 6-8)***

a. The Perspective Elihu (vv. 6-7) > Job 7:20

1) Does the sin of Job affect God? Yes, the Cross!

2) Does the righteousness affect God? Yes, the Redeemer!

b. The Perversion of Elihu (Job 1-2)

1) Job’s Sin > Job 34:30-37 (Job is a hypocrite who has received chastisement in the form of loss of children and health).

2) Job’s Silence > the assumption is that Job is guilt since he not answer Elihu. Nevertheless, Job said *“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him”* (Job 13:15) and *“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:”* (Job 19:25)

**CONCLUSION: Elihu mouthed the same arguments of 3 friends and assumed the worst for Job. God is true, Job was innocent, and Elihu and the companions had evil surmisings!**