

<sup>1</sup>So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.<sup>2</sup>Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.<sup>3</sup>Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.<sup>4</sup>Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.<sup>5</sup>When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.<sup>6</sup>And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.<sup>7</sup>I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.<sup>8</sup>But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.<sup>9</sup>Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.<sup>10</sup>Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.<sup>11</sup>Behold,

I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.<sup>12</sup>Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words:<sup>13</sup>Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.<sup>14</sup>Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.<sup>15</sup>They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.<sup>16</sup>When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;)<sup>17</sup>I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.<sup>18</sup>For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.<sup>19</sup>Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.<sup>20</sup>I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.<sup>21</sup>Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.<sup>22</sup>For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.