

Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Job

Chapter 34

- 34,1 {S} Moreover Elihu answered and said:
- 34,2 Hear my words, ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
- 34,3 For the ear trieth words, as the palate tasteth food. {S} Moreover Elihu answered and said:
- 34,4 Let us choose for us that which is right; let us know among ourselves what is good.
- 34,5 For Job hath said: 'I am righteous, and God hath taken away my right;
- 34,6 Notwithstanding my right I am accounted a liar; my wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.'
- 34,7 What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?
- 34,8 Who goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.
- 34,9 For he hath said: 'It profiteth a man nothing that he should be in accord with God.'
- 34,10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: Far be it from God, that He should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that He should commit iniquity.
- 34,11 For the work of a man will He requite unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.
- 34,12 Yea, of a surety, God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert justice.
- 34,13 Who gave Him a charge over the earth? Or who hath disposed the whole world?
- 34,14 If He set His heart upon man, if He gather unto Himself his spirit and his breath;
- 34,15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall return unto dust.
- 34,16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this; hearken to the voice of my words.
- 34,17 Shall even one that hateth right govern? And wilt thou condemn Him that is just and mighty--
- 34,18 Is it fit to say to a king: 'Thou art base'? Or to nobles: 'Ye are wicked'?--
- 34,19 That respecteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? For they all are the work of His hands.
- 34,20 In a moment they die, even at midnight; the people are shaken and pass away, and the mighty are taken away without hand.
- 34,21 For His eyes are upon the ways of a man, and He seeth all his goings.
- 34,22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
- 34,23 For He doth not appoint a time unto any man, when he should go before God in judgment.
- 34,24 He breaketh in pieces mighty men without inquisition, and setteth others in their stead.
- 34,25 Therefore He taketh knowledge of their works; and He overturneth them in the night, so that they are crushed.
- 34,26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;
- 34,27 Because they turned aside from following Him, and would not have regard to any of His ways;
- 34,28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto Him, and He heareth the cry of the afflicted.
- 34,29 When He giveth quietness, who then can condemn? And when He hideth His face, who then can behold Him? whether it be done unto a nation, or unto a man, alike;
- 34,30 That the godless man reign not, that there be none to ensnare the people.



- 34,31 For hath any said unto God: 'I have borne chastisement, though I offend not;
- 34,32 That which I see not teach Thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do it no more'?
- 34,33 Shall His recompense be as thou wilt? For thou loathest it, so that thou must choose, and not I; therefore speak what thou knowest.
- 34,34 Men of understanding will say unto me, yea, every wise man that heareth me:
- 34,35 'Job speaketh without knowledge, and his words are without discernment.'
- 34,36 Would that Job were tried unto the end, because of his answering like wicked men.
- 34,37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.