

The Mysterious Elihu



Job 32:1-5

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Introduction: In chapter 32 we're introduced to one of the most mysterious characters in all of Scripture. His name is E-li-hu. As you read through the first 4 verses of this chapter the word wrath jumps out at you. It is not that he was just angry – the text says he was furious. But I would like to make a case tonight that all anger is not wrong. After all, Ephesians 4:26 states it's O.K. to be angry, as long as we don't sin. Anger, like any other emotion that God gave us, is a proper and useful emotion when it is expressed in a manner consistent with the Scriptures. Elihu's message for us as we begin the New Year is to deal with anger the right way. Our text reveals 3 components of anger that we need to understand if we are going to express this emotion properly and avoid blowing up in sin.

Elihu's Impressive Genealogy:

1. Elihu means "He is my God"
2. Barachel means "God bless"
3. Buzite and Ram were related to Abraham (Gen 22:21)
4. All of this may point to his zeal to fight and defend God

I. Anger is a Strong Emotion of Displeasure (vs. 1-3)

II. Anger is a Statement of Demand (vs. 4-5)

III. Anger is a Destroyer of Something (chapters 32-37)



Conclusion: