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Job 32:12 – 13

“Yea, I attend unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words. Lest you should say, “We have found wisdom; God thrust him down, not men.” Job 32:12-13

The end of Job’s friend’s counsel was both wrong and bad spirited. Their initial comfort was good in that they quietly sat with him for seven days! But once they opened their mouths and began to offer their opinions they failed miserably!

Elihu had served these four older men. He had observed and listened to their remarks and defenses. Quietly listening and serving, he finally is compelled to speak lest these men remain convinced of their own “right-ness.” There is a time to speak up, but it is a wise thing to first wait until the proper moment – which in itself can be a test of maturity, wisdom, and self control.

Wisdom, so called, that places the blame upon God for the evil in the world is not wisdom, but rather a form either of devilish deception, lack of common sense, fool hardiness, or a sign of religious indoctrination. “Let no man say when he is tempted, “I am tempted of God”, for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does He tempt any man...” (James 1:13). Attributing to the Lord the works of the devil is a serious and dangerous business. “And the scribes said, “Jesus has a demon, and by the prince of demons He cast out demons.” ... and Jesus said, “...but he that blasphemeth the Holy Spirit... is in danger of eternal damnation.” (Mark 3:22-30) Never entertain those thoughts that God has thrust you down, unless of course, you have been walking in pride! (James 4:6-10).

What is that? How will you know if your situation has been caused by your pride or the attack of the devil? Does your heart condemn you? Always remember our Father’s presence lifts man from their sin and problem. He will never, never put you down!

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