

Elihu Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Does wisdom tend to come with age?

Does wisdom invariably come with age?

Is it proper to listen to the thoughts of one who is older and more experienced as yourself?

Are there ways of evaluating thoughts and theories?

Were Job's three friends hearing from the LORD?

What was the source of their conclusions?

Why was it difficult for them to believe that they were wrong?

Did it take courage for Elihu to confront Job and the three friends?

Why is it generally difficult to question the conclusions of someone who has higher standing than yourself?

Does the LORD sometimes send messages by way of someone who seems unlikely?

If someone says they have a message from God for you, how should you respond?

In the case of Job, his friends and Elihu, the LORD actually spoke and endorsed what Elihu said. What ways do we have today of confirming or refuting a personal revelation that someone claims comes from God?

Could Elihu have expected a "pat on the back" from the LORD?

Why did he not get it? Will he in the eternal kingdom?

Do you think you have ever been called on to carry a message for the LORD?

How did you do?

Why do you think that the story of Elihu is included in the Scripture?