

Learning Zeal from Elihu

How do we react when God is dishonored?

1. Have you spoken to a person who questioned the existence of God because suffering or evil exists? (Yes/No)
2. Why does the common answer that God made us to freely love him (with us free to choose to accept or reject) not explain the problem of suffering (circle all that apply):
 - i. The Bible doesn't teach that freedom is accepting or rejecting him (John 8:31–36).
 - ii. The Bible teaches that in the new earth we will love God with no possibility of rejecting him. Couldn't he have made a world like that in the beginning?
 - iii. Why is it that many people who do love God still suffer and many who hate him prosper?
3. Complete the three reasons why the Elihu speeches are part of the book of Job:
 - i. No _____ evidence of corruption, editing, or different editions.
 - ii. Unbelievable that the "editor" inserted _____ chapters in a known book but forgot to include a verse or two at the beginning or end to make it believable.
 - iii. If Elihu wasn't here, God is seen as not _____. Rather Job calls him out of heaven.
4. The name Elihu means "He is _____."
5. Elihu is angry because he is young and full of pride. (Yes/No/Maybe)
6. In his speeches, Elihu seeks to _____ God.
7. Who said, "A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw that God's truth is attacked and yet would remain silent"? _____
8. List the five reasons why we can remain silent and not speak to defend God and his truth:
 - i. I'm not _____ to speak (vv. 6–10).
 - ii. God will _____ (vv. 11–13).
 - iii. It doesn't _____ me (v. 14).
 - iv. I will only stand with _____ (vv. 15–17).
 - v. I'm partial and a _____ (vv. 18–22).