

Job 33:12-24 Based on Interlinearbible.org

In this essay, “interlinearbible.org” will demonstrate a very literal English translation of Job 33:12-24. Actual English counterparts of Hebrew words are in capital letters here, while words or phrases that I have inserted are in lower case.

In the verses before this section (Job 33:8-11), Elihu had summarized and paraphrased the complaints he heard Job make against God. On the basis of all Job's previous remarks, Elihu spoke to Job, showing Job that he must not complain to God because God is not obligated to answer human complaints. Even so, God does speak to people in dreams (night visions), through which He supplies instruction, turning them from pride and keeping their souls from the pit. God also keeps their lives from perishing by the javelin. God likewise communicates with man by physical ailments, as Job had experienced. Elihu then introduced the unique “Mediator” who gives man grace and reminds him of what is right as well as providing a ransom. What a passage this is, with great prophetic implications!

Verses 12-13 BEHOLD LIKEWISE, it is NOT RIGHT to SPEAK this way to God because GOD IS GREATER THAN MAN. WHY COMPLAIN? FOR IN ALL OF HIS MATTERS, God DOES NOT GIVE answers.

Verse 14 INDEED ONCE, TWICE GOD DOES SPEAK, THOUGH NOT NOTICED..

Verse 15 A DREAM, A VISION OF THE NIGHT, FALLS ON MEN IN SLUMBER, in THEIR BEDS.

Verse 16 THEN God OPENS THE EARS OF MEN AND SEALS THEIR INSTRUCTION,

Verse 17 that He MAY TURN MAN'S CONDUCT FROM PRIDE,

Verse 18 AND KEEP HIS SOUL from the PIT AND HIS LIFE FROM PERISHING BY THE JAVELIN.

Verse 19 CHASTENED by PAIN ON HIS BED, with UNCEASING DISTRESS IN HIS BONES,

Verse 20 HIS LIFE LOATHES BREAD AND HIS SOUL loathes FAVORITE FOOD.

Verse 21 HIS FLESH WASTES AWAY, AND HIS BONES, which WERE NOT SEEN, stand out like HIGH PLACES.

Verse 22 HIS LIFE AND HIS SOUL DRAW NEAR THE PIT.

Verse 23 But IF THERE IS AN ANGEL AND MEDIATOR, ONE OUT OF A THOUSAND, He will REMIND A MAN what IS RIGHT

Verse 24 and BE GRACIOUS TO HIM, AND SAY: “DELIVER HIM FROM GOING DOWN TO THE PIT; A RANSOM FOR HIM IS FOUND.”

In the next verses (Job 33:25-26) the mediator provides a ransom for the distressed man, restores his youth, and supplies joyous blessings. It sounds like a prelude to I Timothy 2:3-6 where Paul showed Christ to be the one Mediator Who is a Ransom for ALL, to be testified in due time. Amen.