# Part 47 — The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job Elihu's Final Pitch- BEHOLD Stand and

### consider the wonders of God. Part 2

Job 37:6-24

#### Part 36 covered:

- 1. Behold that God is Incomprehensible

  Verses 1-5
- 2. Behold God's Sovereignty
  Verses 6-13
- 3. Behold God's Creativity

  Verses 14-20
- 4. Behold God's Awesome Majesty
  Verses 21-24



# **God's language of storms:**

a. Electrical storms verses 1-5

b. Snowstorms verses 6-10

c. Rainstorms verses 11-13

d. Life storms verses 14-19

# 2 Behold God's Sovereignty

b. Snowstorms

God's Unceasing Influence over His creation verses 6-10

**Job 37** <sup>6</sup> "**For** to the snow **He says**, 'Fall on the earth,' And to the downpour and the rain, 'Be strong.'

"For" is a conjunction which points us back to the previous context.

Job 37:5 "God thunders with His voice wondrously,

Doing great things which we cannot comprehend.

**Ephesians 3:16-21** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

<sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

**Ephesians 3:8** To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,

**Job 37:** 6 For to the snow **He says**, 'Fall on the earth,'
And to the downpour and the rain, 'Be strong.'<sup>7</sup> "**He seals the hand of every man**,

That all men may know His work.

<sup>8</sup> "**Then** the beast goes into its lair And remains in its den. New American Standard Bible-NASB

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<sup>9</sup> "Out of the south comes the storm, And out of the north the cold.

# <sup>10</sup> "From the breath of God ice is made,

And the expanse of the waters is frozen.

## 3. Behold God's Creativity

**Verses 14-20** 

c. Rainstorms verses 11-13 God's lovingkindness.

**Job 37:** <sup>11</sup> "Also with moisture **He** loads the thick cloud;

**He** disperses the cloud of **His** lightning.

<sup>12</sup> "It changes direction, turning around by **His guidance**,

That it may do whatever He commands it

On the face of the inhabited earth.

<sup>13</sup> "Whether for correction, **or** for **His** world,

# Or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.

1. For correction

often used as an emblem of punishment

2. For His world

**Psalms 24:1** The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

3. Or for His lovingkindness

Job 37: <sup>14</sup> "Listen to this, O Job, NET translation - Pay attention

Job is the focus

Stand and consider the wonders of God.

<sup>15</sup> "**Do you know** how God establishes them, referring to the wounders in 14 And makes the lightning of **His** cloud to shine?

<sup>16</sup> "**Do you know about <u>the layers</u>** of the thick clouds, <u>balancing</u> The wonders of one perfect in knowledge,

Job 36:4 "For truly my words are not false; One who is perfect in knowledge is with you. New American Standard Bible-NASB

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**Job 37:** <sup>17</sup> You whose garments are hot,

When the land is still because of the south wind?

<sup>18</sup> "Can you, with Him, spread out the skies,

Strong as a molten mirror?

<sup>19</sup> "Teach us what we shall say to Him;

**We cannot arrange our case** because of darkness. *Legal case* 

<sup>20</sup> "Shall it be told Him that I would speak?

Or should a man say that he would be swallowed up?

<sup>21</sup> "Now men do not see the light which is bright in the skies;

But the wind has passed and cleared them.

4. Behold God's Awesome Majesty

**Verses 21-24** 

d. Life storms

verses 14-19

<sup>22</sup> "Out of the north comes golden splendor;

Around God is awesome majesty.

<sup>23</sup> "The Almighty—we cannot find Him;

**He** is exalted in power

And **He** will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness.

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore men fear Him;

He does not regard any who are wise of heart."

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; <sup>27</sup> but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

<sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,

<sup>29</sup> **SO THAT no man may boast before God**. <sup>30</sup> **But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus,** who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

# **Summary of Elihu's great sermon:**

**Chapter 32**: Elihu started out addressing all four men, he held off as he was younger, but then couldn't hold back any longer:

**Chapter 33:** Elihu turns his attention and focus to Job.

**Chapter 34:** Elihu turns his focus to God's righteous justice.

**Chapter 35:** Elihu's attention is again drawn back directly onto Job:

**Chapter 36 & 37:** Elihu turns to the creation to magnify God's Sovereignty and Majesty.

- The word of God is IT
- All the ways of God are always Righteous.
- The approach of God is personal.
- Understand our limitations before God.

In Chapter 37: Elihu demands we Behold certain aspects of God:

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Finally, Elihu points these men and us, to the Majesty and Sovereignty of God in the weather storms of His creation.

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