

Job 37 - Elihu Concludes His Argument (Cont'd)

II. Dialogue (Job 3:1–42:6)

- (5) Elihu's four speeches (Job 32:1–37:24)
 - (E) Elihu's fourth speech (36:1–37:24)
 - (d) God should be respected because of His dealings in nature (Job 36:24–37:13)
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 - (f) Therefore men should fear God (37:21–24)

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- (d) God should be respected because of His dealings in nature (Job 36:24–37:13)
 - 1 "At this also my heart trembles, And leaps from its place.
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 - 1 "Now I'll conclude with this: my heart is trembling violently; it feels like it's about to leap from my body!
 - 1 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.
- 2 "Listen closely to the thunder of His voice, And the rumbling that goes out from His mouth.
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- 2 Listen carefully to his thundering voice; to the sound that rumbles from his mouth.
- 2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.
- 3 "Under the whole heaven He lets it loose, And His lightning *travels* to the ends of the earth.
- 3 "Under the whole heaven He lets it loose, And His lightning to the ends of the earth.
- 3 He releases his lightning throughout the sky, to the ends of the earth.
- 3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.

4 "After it, a voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice, And He does not restrain the lightning when His voice is heard.

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4 His thunder roars after it; his majestic voice will thunder; and no one can trace them once his voice has been heard.

4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

5 "God thunders wondrously with His voice, Doing great things which we do not comprehend.

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5 "God thunders with his wondrous voice; he does awesome works that we don't comprehend.

5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

6 "For to the snow He says, 'Fall on the earth,' And to the downpour and the rain, 'Be strong.'

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6 For he says to the snow, 'Fall to the earth.' He tells the rain, 'Pour down,' then it rains profusely.

6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

7 "He seals the hand of every person, So that all people may know His work.

7 "He seals the hand of every man, That all men may know His work.

7 "He puts a limit to the skill of every person; to delineate all people from what they do.

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

8 "Then the animal goes into its lair And remains in its den.

8 "Then the beast goes into its lair And remains in its den.

8 "Then a beast enters its lair and remains in its den.

8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

9 "From the south comes the storm, And from the north wind the cold.

- 9 "Out of the south comes the storm, And out of the north the cold.
9 "From the south, a whirlwind proceeds, out of the icy north winds.
9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.
- 10 "From the breath of God ice is made, And the expanse of the waters is frozen.
10 "From the breath of God ice is made, And the expanse of the waters is frozen.
10 From the breath of God ice is produced, and a wide body of water is frozen.
10 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.
- 11 "He also loads the clouds with moisture; He disperses the cloud of His lightning.
11 "Also with moisture He loads the thick cloud; He disperses the cloud of His lightning.
11 He also loads the clouds with moisture, scattering his lightning with the clouds.
11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud:
- 12 "It changes direction, turning around by His guidance, That it may do whatever He commands it On the face of the inhabited earth.
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12 It whirls about in circles at his direction to accomplish all that he commands throughout the surface of the entire world,
12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.
- 13 "Whether for correction, or for His earth, Or for goodness, He causes it to happen.
13 "Whether for correction, or for His world, Or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.
13 whether for discipline on his land or to demonstrate his gracious love, he causes it to be realized."
13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.
- (e) Elihu uses the coming storm as a reason for Job to respect God (37:14-20)
- 14 "Listen to this, Job; Stand and consider the wonders of God.
14 "Listen to this, O Job, Stand and consider the wonders of God.
14 "Pay attention to this, Job! Stand still, and consider the wondrous attributes of God.
14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.
- 15 "Do you know how God establishes them, And makes the lightning of His clouds to shine?

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15 Do you know how God ordains them, and makes his lightning to flash throughout his clouds?

15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

16 "Do you know about the hovering of the clouds, The wonders of One who is perfect in knowledge,

16 "Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds, The wonders of one perfect in knowledge,

16 Do you understand his wondrous work of balancing the clouds, the one whose knowledge is perfect,

16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

17 You whose garments are hot When the land is still because of the south wind?

17 You whose garments are hot, When the land is still because of the south wind?

17 you whose garments are hot, even though the land is cooled by a south wind?

17 How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind?

18 "Can you, with Him, spread out the skies, Strong as a cast metal mirror?

18 "Can you, with Him, spread out the skies, Strong as a molten mirror?

18 Can you spread out the skies like he does; can you cast them as one might a mirror?

18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

19 "Teach us what we are to say to Him; We cannot present *our case* because of darkness.

19 "Teach us what we shall say to Him; We cannot arrange *our case* because of darkness.

19 Tell us! What are we to say to him? Can we prepare our case to face him when our faces are in darkness?

19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

20 "Shall it be told Him that I would speak? Or should a man say that he would be swallowed up?

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20 Has it been relayed to God that I want to talk? Can a person speak when he is confused?"

20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

(f) Therefore men should fear God (37:21-24)

21 "Now people do not see the light which is bright in the skies; But the wind has passed and cleared them.

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21 "So then, the sun is too bright to gaze at, is it not? The sky is swept clean by the wind that blows, is it not?

21 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

22 "From the north comes golden *splendor*; Around God is awesome majesty.

22 "Out of the north comes golden *splendor*; Around God is awesome majesty.

22 From the north he brings gold; around God is awesome splendor.

22 Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

23 "The Almighty—we cannot find Him; He is exalted in power And He will not violate justice and abundant righteousness.

23 "The Almighty—we cannot find Him; He is exalted in power And He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness.

23 We cannot find the Almighty— he is majestic in power and justice, and overflowing with righteousness; he never oppresses.

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

24 "Therefore people fear Him; He does not regard any who are wise of heart."

24 "Therefore men fear Him; He does not regard any who are wise of heart."

24 Therefore humanity fears him, which none of the wise can quite comprehend."

24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart.