

Job #32 (Chapter 37)

I. Let us Look at Verses 1 - 13

- A. This is continuation from previous chapter description (36:29-33)
 - 1. Response is heart trembles & leaps out of place-Mat. 2:3; Gen. 27:33
 - 2. Perhaps actual storm is beginning which God will speak from (38:1)
- B. V.2- God's voice is compared to thunder - Ex. 19:16-causes fear
 - 1. Also His word-1 Sam.12:17, 18-Speak through nature or scripture
- C. V.3 - God's lightning goes throughout the world- Also light of gospel
 - 1. All creation under God's direction-Jer. 10:23; I King. 22:34; Ps. 19:6
 - 2. No thing, place or action is excluded - 1 Kings 22:34; Psalm 19:6
- D. V. 4- Flash of lightning warns of upcoming peal of thunder
 - 1. God warns us of His judgments - Matt. 24:25; 2 Thess. 2:2, 3
- E. V. 5- God's voice is powerful like thunder- Psalm 29:3 - 9
 - 1. He is wonderful- so does wonderful things- Eph. 3:19; Ps. 77:16-19
- F. V. 6- God commands both the snow and rain by word- Ps. 33:9
- G. V. 7- God stops man's plans- but they can't stop His- Gen. 11; Is. 43:13
- H. V. 8- God controls not only men but also beasts of the earth
 - 1. Learn from them to seek safety in God- Prov. 18:10; Ps. 57:1; 91:1-4
- I. V. 9 - God also controls the winds - both helpful and destructive
 - 1. Prov. 30:4; Psalm 135:7 - Controls the temperature as well
- J. V. 10 - God brings the ice and the frost- Psalm 147:17
- K. V. 11 - God brings the moisture together in the clouds
- L. V. 12 - Movement of each individual cloud is controlled by God
 - 1. Psalm 135:7; Ezekiel 13:13- They do whatever He wants
 - 2. Often people want to give this control to Satan - but it is God
 - 3. This power over nature is evidence of Christ's deity-Matt. 8:27
- M. V. 13- God can use clouds, like winds, for destruction or for mercy
 - 1. Destruction (Noah's flood- Gen. 7); Mercy- Ps. 68:9, 10; Acts 14:17

II. Then Let us Look at verse 14 - 22

- A. V. 14 - Elihu wants Job to consider the wondrous works of God
 - 1. God commands us to consider - Haggai 1:7; Isaiah 2:3
 - 2. Psalmist speaks of meditating on God's works- Ps. 77:12; 143:5
 - 3. Believers should do this (Ps. 40:5) but unbelievers don't (Is. 26:11)
 - 4. God's works are wonderful whether natural or supernatural
 - B. V. 15- All things happen because of providence-He "lays His command"
 - 1. Light could be either light of sun, lightning or a rainbow
 - C. V. 16- God put principles in nature so clouds can balance in air
 - D. V. 17- God again controls earth's temperature -Luke 12:55
 - E. V. 18-Idea is that sky is firm and also shows God's glory-Ps. 19:1; 8:3, 4
 - F. V. 19, 20- Not good idea for Job to bring case- he dwells in darkness
 - 1. End would be destruction-swallowed up-Romans 9:20; Deut. 5:24-26
 - G. V. 21, 22- Perhaps preparing for God's coming to speak - (CH. 39-41)
 - 1. God hides His majesty from men- John 1:18; Isaiah 6: Acts 9
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- A. God is incomprehensible - He can be known by not known completely
 - B. The only response to God that is rational is to be in awe - Ecc. 12:13