

## Elihu Demonstrates that God is Great

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# Elihu Proclaims God's Goodness (36:1-23)

## CHAPTER 36

**1** And Elihu proceeded and said, **2** Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet words for +God. **3** I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Creator. **4** For truly my words shall be no falsehood: one perfect in knowledge is with thee. **5** Lo, GOD is mighty, but despiseth not *any*; mighty in strength of understanding: **6** He saveth not the wicked alive; but he doeth justice to the afflicted. **7** He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous, but with kings on the throne doth he even set them for ever; and they are exalted. **8** And if, bound in fetters, they be held in cords of affliction, **9** Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions, because they have increased. **10** And he openeth their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity. **11** If they hearken and serve *him*, they shall accomplish their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. **12** But if they hearken not, they shall pass away by the sword, and expire without knowledge. **13** But the godless in heart heap up anger; they cry not when he bindeth them: **14** Their soul dieth in youth, and their life is among the unclean. **15** But he delivereth the afflicted in his affliction, and openeth their ear in *their* oppression. **16** Even so would he have allured thee out of the jaws of distress into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and the supply of thy table *would be* full of fatness. **17** But thou art full of the judgments of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold *on thee*. **18** Because there is wrath, *beware* lest it take thee away through chastisement: then a great ransom could not avail thee. **19** Will he esteem thy riches? Not gold, nor all the resources of strength! **20** Desire not the night, when peoples are cut off from their place. **21** Take heed, turn not to iniquity; for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction. **22** Lo, GOD is exalted in his power: who teacheth as he? **23** Who hath appointed him his way? or who hath said, Thou hast wrought unrighteousness?

## Elihu Proclaims God's Majesty (36:24 - 37:24)

**24** Remember that thou magnify his work, which men celebrate. **25** All men look at it; man beholdeth *it* afar off. **26** Lo, GOD is great, and we comprehend *him* not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. **27** For he draweth up the drops of water: they distil in rain from the vapour which he formeth, **28** Which the skies pour down *and* drop upon man abundantly. **29** But can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, *or* the crashing of his pavilion? **30** Lo, he spreadeth his light around him, and covereth the bottom of the sea. **31** For with them he judgeth the peoples; he giveth food in abundance. **32** *His* hands he covereth with lightning, and commandeth it where it is to strike. **33** His thundering declareth concerning him; the cattle even, concerning its coming.

### CHAPTER 37

**1** Aye, my heart trembleth at this also, and leapeth up out of its place: **2** Hear attentively the roar of his voice, and the murmur going forth from his mouth. **3** He sendeth it forth under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. **4** After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency, and holdeth not back the flashes when his voice is heard. **5** GOD thundereth marvellously with his voice, doing great things which we do not comprehend. **6** For he saith to the snow, Fall on the earth! and to the pouring rain, even the pouring rains of his might. **7** He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work. **8** And the wild beast goeth into its lair, and they remain in their dens. **9** From the chamber *of the south* cometh the whirlwind; and cold from the winds of the north. **10** By the breath of GOD ice is given; and the breadth of the waters is straitened. **11** Also with plentiful moisture he loadeth the thick clouds, his light dispels the cloud; **12** And they are turned every way by his guidance, that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the circuit of the earth, **13** Whether he cause it to come as a rod, or for his land, or in mercy. **14** Harken unto this, Job; stand still and discern the wondrous works of GOD. **15** Dost thou know how +God hath disposed them, and how he causeth the lightning of his cloud to flash? **16** Dost thou know about the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him that is perfect in knowledge? **17** How thy garments become warm when he quieteth the earth by the south wind? **18** Hast thou with him spread out the sky, firm, like a molten mirror? **19** Teach us what we shall say unto him! We cannot order *our words* by reason of darkness. **20** Shall it be told him if I would speak? if a man *so* say, surely he shall be swallowed up. **21** And now *men* see not the light as it gleameth, it is *hidden* in the skies. But the wind passeth by and cleareth them. **22** From the north cometh gold; with +God is terrible majesty. **23** The Almighty, we cannot find him out: excellent in power, and in judgment, and in abundance of justice, he doth not afflict. **24** Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart.

