

BIBLE TEXT | JOB 37:1-24

1 "At this also my heart trembles and leaps out of its place. 2 Keep listening to the thunder of his voice and the rumbling that comes from his mouth. 3 Under the whole heaven he lets it go, and his lightning to the corners of the earth. 4 After it his voice roars; he thunders with his majestic voice, and he does not restrain the lightnings when his voice is heard. 5 God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend. 6 For to the snow he says, 'Fall on the earth,' likewise to the downpour, his mighty downpour. 7 He seals up the hand of every man, that all men whom he made may know it. 8 Then the beasts go into their lairs, and remain in their dens. 9 From its chamber comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds. 10 By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast. 11 He loads the thick cloud with moisture; the clouds scatter his lightning. 12 They turn around and around by his guidance, to accomplish all that he commands them on the face of the habitable world. 13 Whether for correction or for his land or for love, he causes it to happen. 14 "Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God. 15 Do you know how God lays his command upon them and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine? 16 Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge, 17 you whose garments are hot when the earth is still because of the south wind? 18 Can you, like him, spread out the skies, hard as a cast metal mirror? 19 Teach us what we shall say to him; we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. 20 Shall it be told him that I would speak? Did a man ever wish that he would be swallowed up? 21 "And now no one looks on the light when it is bright in the skies, when the wind has passed and cleared them. 22 Out of the north comes golden splendor; God is clothed with awesome majesty. 23 The Almighty—we cannot find him; he is great in power; justice and abundant righteousness he will not violate. 24 Therefore men fear him; he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit.





DEVOTIONAL FOR JOB 37:1-24

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Chapter 37 proclaims God's majesty, namely in all of creation. He thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend (verse 5). Read verses 6-12 to catch a glimpse of God's marvelous wonders.

Subsequent to the proclamation of God's majesty in creation, Elihu advises Job in verse 14 to, "Stop and consider the wondrous works of God." The question I have is, how often do we do this? As I take some time to consider the wondrous works of God, I think about how God spoke creation into existence. God's presence was made known when He spoke, saying, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3), and when God concluded creation by saying, "Let us make man in our own image..." (Genesis 1:26). The creation account alone shows us how much God delights in us and wants us to delight in Him.

Fast forward to the events that took place on Mt. Sinai, God descended in a fire on the mountain, wrapped in smoke. Moses spoke, and God, with His majestic voice, answered in thunder (Exodus 19:19). Again, God was making His presence and majesty known through thunder and lightning. I am simply in awe when I consider this.

Over one thousand years later, God spoke to us through His one and only son, Jesus. He came near to us, revealing His presence and ultimate plan for salvation. To this day, we have the Bible, which has been preserved for us to hear the God of heaven and earth speak to us through His word. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). Not only that, but we have the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who speaks to our spirit and guides us (John 16:13). What a wondrous work to consider!

Elihu points Job to the reason behind all of these wonders: to accomplish what He commands, whether for correction or for His land, or for love, He causes it to happen (verses 12-13). The truth that can be found in these few verses is that God is sovereign over all creation. He speaks, and everything falls into submission, and so should we. Through God's voice, He speaks and His presence is made known. It's all about Him. It always has been. All of creation sings His praises and should point us to Him to proclaim His majesty!





Questions:

- 1. In what ways do you stop to consider the wondrous works of God in creation? If you haven't lately, take some time to do something that stirs your heart's affection for the Lord in His creation.
- 2. To read more about the majesty of God's voice, I encourage you to read Psalm 29.
- 3. Does reading about God's majesty move you to fear the Lord? Why or why not?

