

Job 36-37 The Perfect Glory of God

- I. Elihu Explains His Intentions (1-4)
 - A. Elihu will speak for God (1-2)
 - B. Elihu will show that God is Righteous (3)
 - C. Elihu will speak with a Prophetic Voice (4)
- II. God's Ways Are Perfect (5-15)
 - A. God is Perfect in His Justice (5-7)
 - 1. God does not despise any (5)
 - a. He doesn't hold grudges against people
 - b. He doesn't show different judgment to people
 - 2. God gives justice to the afflicted and punishment to the wicked (6)
 - 3. God's eye is always on the righteous and he establishes kings
 - B. God is Righteous in His Discipline (8-15)
 - 1. Man must respond to God's discipline (8-12)
 - a. God disciplines man (8-10)
 - i. Men are caught in their affliction and God declares their transgressions (8-9)
 - ii. God opens men's ears to instruction and commands their repentance (10)
 - b. Men who acknowledge discipline prosper (11)
 - c. Men who don't acknowledge will perish (12)
 - i. They will perish by the sword
 - ii. They will perish without explanation
 - 2. God's Discipline Reveals the Hearts of Men (13-15)
 - a. The Godless don't cry for Him when disciplined (13-14)
 - i. They cherish anger
 - ii. They don't cry for help when disciplined
 - iii. They die among the wicked
 - b. God uses Suffering to deliver men from adversity (15)
 - i. He delivers the afflicted by their affliction
 - ii. He opens their ear by adversity
 - III. Man Must Not Sin by Doubting God's Ways (16-21)
 - A. God is blessing Job in the Midst of Suffering (16)
 - 1. He has allured job OUT OF distress into a broad place
 - 2. He has set a table full of fatness before Job
 - a. Discipline is a blessing from God
 - b. Discipline proves God loves His children
 - B. Job is Warned not to Sin Against God (17-21)
 - 1. Job is responding just like the wicked do (17)
 - 2. Job must beware sneering at God (18)
 - 3. Job cannot prevail in his own strength (19)
 - 4. Job must not sin by spurning God's instruction (20-21)
 - a. Do not long to be free from God's sight
 - b. Job must not choose iniquity over affliction

IV. God's Ways Are Unsearchable (22-33)

A. God's Ways of Instruction are Righteous (22-25)

1. God's Instruction is Irreproachable (22-23)
 - a. God is an exalted teacher
 - b. No one can say God is doing wrong in his discipline
2. Praise God for the Work He Does in Man (24-25)
 - a. Job must extol his work
 - b. Man looks at his work from afar (they don't understand)

B. God's Ways are Beyond Man's Comprehension (26-33)

1. No One Can Understand God's Ways (26-29)
 - a. God is too great to know his ways (26)
 - i. He draws up water and provides the rain
 - ii. He spreads the clouds and causes the thunder
 - b. Man cannot comprehend God's power
2. God uses His Means to Do His Will (30-31)
 - a. God uses his power to judge men
 - b. God uses his power to provide for man
 - c. The same act judges some and provides for others
3. God is in Control of All (32-33)
 - a. He commands the lightning to strike
 - b. He controls all of nature

V. God is Sovereign in His Ways (ch. 37)

A. Man Has No Right to Question God's Ways (1-20)

1. God works as He sees fit for blessing or judgment (1-13)
 - a. God controls the thunder and lightning (1-5)
 - b. God controls the snow and the rain (6)
 - c. All Creation can clearly see his power (7-8)
 - d. God controls the whirlwind and the ice (9-10)
 - e. God controls the movements of the clouds (11)
 - f. God does this for correction or for love (13)
2. Job Should Not Think He Knows How God works (14-20)
 - a. Consider the works of God (14)
 - b. Do you think you understand his ways (15-16)
 - c. Job is affected by God's power (17)
 - d. Job cannot recreate God's works (18-20)

B. God Accomplishes His Own Purposes Not Man's (21-24)

1. God works for His own Glory (21-22)
 - a. Job does not see God's work for what it is
 - b. Job does not see that God is working his own majesty
2. God works According to his Own Nature (23-24)
 - a. Man cannot find God on His own
 - b. God will not violate righteousness
 - c. Man must fear God because God does not regard the prideful