

Job 36:1-37:24 **Elihu expresses his concept of Elowah**

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5 "Behold, El (God) is mighty, but despises no one; He is mighty in strength of understanding.

6 He does not preserve the life of the wicked, But gives justice to the oppressed.

7 He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous; But they are on the throne with kings, For He has seated them forever, And they are exalted.

8 And if they are bound in fetters, Held in the cords of affliction,

9 Then He tells them their work and their transgressions — That they have acted defiantly.

10 He also opens their ear to instruction, And commands that they turn from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve Him, They shall spend their days in prosperity, And their years in pleasures.

12 But if they do not obey, They shall perish by the sword, And they shall die without knowledge.

13 "But the hypocrites in heart store up wrath; They do not cry for help when He binds them.

14 They die in youth, And their life ends among the perverted persons.

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16 "Indeed He would have brought you out of dire distress, Into a broad place where there is no restraint; And what is set on your table would be full of richness.

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18 Because there is wrath, beware lest He take you away with one blow; For a large ransom would not help you avoid it.

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20 Do not desire the night, When people are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, do not turn to iniquity, For you have chosen this rather than affliction.

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Elihu Proclaims God's Majesty [Job 36:24-33]

24 "Remember to magnify His work, Of which men have sung.

25 Everyone has seen it; Man looks on it from afar.

26 "Behold, El (God) is great, and we do not know Him; Nor can the number of His years be discovered.

27 For He draws up drops of water, Which distill as rain from the mist,

28 Which the clouds drop down And pour abundantly on man.

29 Indeed, can anyone understand the spreading of clouds, The thunder from His canopy?

- 30 Look, He scatters His light upon it, And covers the depths of the sea.
31 For by these He judges the peoples; He gives food in abundance.
32 He covers His hands with lightning, And commands it to strike.
33 His thunder declares it, The cattle also, concerning the rising storm.

God's Works and Wisdom [Job 37:1-24]

- 1 "At this also my heart trembles, And leaps from its place.
2 Hear attentively the thunder of His voice, And the rumbling that comes from His mouth.
3 He sends it forth under the whole heaven, His lightning to the ends of the earth.
4 After it a voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice, And He does not restrain them when His voice is heard.
5 El (God) thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend.
6 For He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth'; Likewise to the gentle rain and the heavy rain of His strength.
7 He seals the hand of every man, That all men may know His work.
8 The beasts go into dens, And remain in their lairs.
9 From the chamber of the south comes the whirlwind, And cold from the scattering winds of the north.
10 By the breath of El (God) ice is given, And the broad waters are frozen.
11 Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds; He scatters His bright clouds.
12 And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance, That they may do whatever He commands them On the face of the whole earth.
13 He causes it to come, Whether for correction, Or for His land, Or for mercy.

14 "Listen to this, O Job; Stand still and consider the wondrous works of El (God).
15 Do you know when Elowah (God) dispatches them, And causes the light of His cloud to shine?
16 Do you know how the clouds are balanced, Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?
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23 As for Shaday (the Almighty), we cannot find Him; He is excellent in power, In judgment and abundant justice; He does not oppress.
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✧ Elihu, speaking on behalf of Elowah, states that his maker is perfect in knowledge and with them all now, so his words are true reflecting the perfect knowledge of Elowah. [Job 36:1-4]

✧ Ascribing righteousness to his maker, Elihu described El as one who:

- ✧ Is mighty in power, without partiality, and mighty in strength of understanding.
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(Like many Christians today, Elihu clearly believed that the afflictions Job was facing are the result of his great wickedness) [Job 36:5-23]

- ✧ Yet Yahweh said that Job was perfect and blameless. [Job 1:1, 8, 2:3]
- ✧ Yahweh said that Satan had moved God's hand against Job without cause. [Job 2:3]
- ✧ Job was named among the three men Yahweh said was righteous enough to save himself by his own righteousness (Noah, Daniel, and Job). [Ezekiel 14:14, 20]

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✧ Man looks at the works of El from afar and cannot fully know Him.

- ✧ We see evidence of His work in the light and the rain, the clouds and thunder, providing food for man and beast. He judges the peoples. [Job 36:27-33]

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- ✧ Elihu described the wonders accomplished by the voice (word) of El Shaday that causes his heart to tremble, great things we cannot comprehend.
- ✧ Evidence of El in nature that all men might know His work.
 - ✧ Lightning, thunder, snow & rain, the beasts take shelter in their dens.
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(I do not know why Yahweh did not include Elihu with Job's other three friends, Perhaps it was because He was about to speak and Elihu would learn the truth as the three friends are rebuked).