

Sunday Morning Worship Summary

March 8, 2026 | First Baptist Church Tom Bean

Opening Worship

- The service began with songs focused on **God's greatness and glory**, including praise for the Father who has chosen and redeemed His people.
- The congregation was reminded that **all things are from Him, through Him, and to Him**, giving glory to God forever.
- Prayer was offered asking that the service would **glorify God and fix our hearts on His greatness**.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:1–21

- God is **great and greatly to be praised**, and His greatness is unsearchable.
- One generation is called to **declare God's mighty works to the next**.
- The Lord is **gracious, merciful, righteous, and near to those who call on Him in truth**.

Sermon Passage

Job 36:22 – 37:24

This section contains **Elihu's final speech to Job**, preparing the way for God to speak in the following chapters.

Main Sermon Themes

1. God's Greatness Is Beyond Human Comprehension

- Elihu begins with a call to **"Behold" God**, stopping everything to focus on His majesty.
- God alone is exalted in power and wisdom.
- No human can prescribe God's ways or accuse Him of wrongdoing.
- Humanity can only see **partial glimpses of God's works**, never the full picture.

2. God Displays His Majesty Through Creation

Elihu points to creation as evidence of God's power and authority.

Examples mentioned in the passage:

- The **water cycle and rain**, showing God's provision for the earth.
- **Storms, thunder, and lightning**, revealing His power.
- **Snow, wind, and seasons**, demonstrating His command over nature.
- Creation acts as a **theater displaying God's wisdom, justice, and mercy**.

Creation serves multiple purposes:

- **Provision** – supplying food and water for life.
- **Correction or judgment** – sometimes through storms or withheld rain.
- **Love and mercy** – sustaining creation and covenant promises.

3. Humanity's Proper Response Is Humble Fear

- Elihu urges Job to **stop and consider the works of God**.
- When people see God's greatness, they recognize their **limitations and dependence**.
- This leads to humility and reverence.

Key truth:

- **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."**

God:

- Is **great in power, justice, and righteousness**.
- Does not answer to human pride or self-conceit.
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Application Points

1. Be Careful Who You Listen To

- Job's friends gave **man-centered and harmful counsel**.
- Their flawed theology nearly pushed Job toward accusing God.
- Believers must listen to voices that **point them back to God's truth and glory**.

2. Recognize God's Mercy in Correction

- Elihu's speech was **God's mercy toward Job**, giving him a final warning before God speaks.
- God often sends **truth through others** to correct and restore us.

3. Be Faithful Voices of Truth

- Christians are called to **be like Elihu**, not like Job's misguided friends.
- Speak truth about God with humility and faithfulness.
- Encourage others to **behold the greatness of God in Scripture and creation**.

Key Takeaway

- God's greatness is far beyond human understanding.
- Creation constantly displays His power, wisdom, and mercy.
- The proper response is **humble reverence, trust, and a willingness to listen to God's Word**.
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