

# Sermon Deeper Study Guide

## *Job 36:22-37:24 - Behold the Greatness of God*

### Key Sermon Takeaways

- God's greatness is beyond human understanding.
- Creation continually reveals God's power, wisdom, and authority.
- Human beings only see a small part of God's purposes.
- The proper response to God's majesty is humility and reverent fear.
- Believers should listen to voices that point them back to God's truth.

## Main Theme

God's greatness, wisdom, and power are beyond human comprehension. Through Elihu's final speech, Job is called to stop and behold the majesty of God revealed in creation. This passage prepares us for the moment when God Himself will speak from the whirlwind in Job 38.

## 1. God's Greatness Is Beyond Human Comprehension

Elihu begins with a command: "Behold." The word calls the listener to pause and fix attention on God. God alone is exalted in power and wisdom, and no human being can fully understand His purposes.

**Key Passage:** Job 36:22 - "Behold, God is exalted in his power; who is a teacher like him?"

### ***Cross References***

- Isaiah 55:8-9 - God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours.
- Romans 11:33 - The depth of the riches and wisdom of God.
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 - Humans cannot fully comprehend God's work from beginning to end.

### ***Sermon Quote***

"We see shadows and glimpses of God's works, but we cannot comprehend the fullness of His majesty."

## 2. God's Majesty Displayed in Creation

Elihu directs Job's attention to creation as evidence of God's power. The rain, clouds, thunder, lightning, wind, and seasons all testify to God's authority over the natural world.

- Rain demonstrates God's provision for the earth.
- Storms reveal God's power and authority.
- Snow, wind, and seasons show His command over creation.
- All of nature functions according to His sovereign command.

### ***Cross References***

- Psalm 19:1 - The heavens declare the glory of God.
- Psalm 29:3-4 - The voice of the Lord is powerful over the waters.
- Matthew 5:45 - God sends rain on the just and the unjust.

### **3. God Uses Creation for His Purposes**

- For correction - reminding humanity of God's authority.
- For provision - sustaining life through rain and seasons.
- For love and mercy - demonstrating God's covenant care for His creation.

#### ***Cross References***

- Psalm 104 - God sustains creation.
- Daniel 4:35 - God rules over all the inhabitants of the earth.
- Colossians 1:16-17 - All things were created through Christ and are held together by Him.

### **4. The Proper Response: Humble Fear**

- Acknowledge God's greatness.
- Recognize human limitations.
- Respond with reverence and trust.
- Submit to God's wisdom even when we do not understand.

#### **Reflection Questions**

- What does creation reveal about God's character?
- Why does Elihu tell Job to stop and consider the works of God?
- How does remembering God's greatness help us trust Him during suffering?
- What does it look like to live with a healthy fear of the Lord?

### **Application Points from the Sermon**

#### ***1. Be mindful to whom you listen.***

Job listened to harmful, man-centered counsel that pushed him toward unhealthy questioning of God. The sermon urged believers to regularly come back to the Word, stay anchored in prayer and the church, and listen to voices that extol God's greatness rather than undermine His goodness, justice, mercy, grace, and faithfulness.

#### ***2. Be Elihu in a world of Eliphazes.***

The church was called to be a faithful voice of truth in a world full of weak and weaponized theology. Rather than settling for shallow thinking about God, believers should speak truth that points others to the majesty of God as revealed in Scripture and creation.

#### ***3. Let God's truth restore, not merely sting.***

When God brings someone into your life who speaks hard truth from Scripture, receive it with gratitude. Truth may hurt in the moment, but it is restorative in the long run when it calls us back to repentance, humility, and trust.

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord, you are great in power, wisdom, and righteousness. Help us to see your glory in creation and trust your purposes even when we cannot understand them. Teach us to respond with humility, reverence, and faith. Amen.