

Women's Bible Study

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Lesson 30 and 31

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF
THE BOOK OF JOB

AND THE LORD
Blessed
JOB

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THE WONDERS OF GOD'S WEATHER

- **Job 37:13-14** ¹³ "Whether for correction, or for His world, Or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.
- ¹⁴ "Listen to this, O Job, Stand and consider the wonders of God.



Job 36:27-28

**For He makes
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they distill
the rain
into its mist,
which the
clouds pour
out and
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abundantly
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- **Job 36:29-32** ²⁹ Can anyone understand how the clouds spread out or how the thunder roars from God's pavilion? Look, He spreads His lightning around Him and covers the depths of the sea. ³¹ For He judges the nations with these; He gives food in abundance. ³² He covers *His* hands with lightning and commands it to hit its mark.



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JOB 36:30

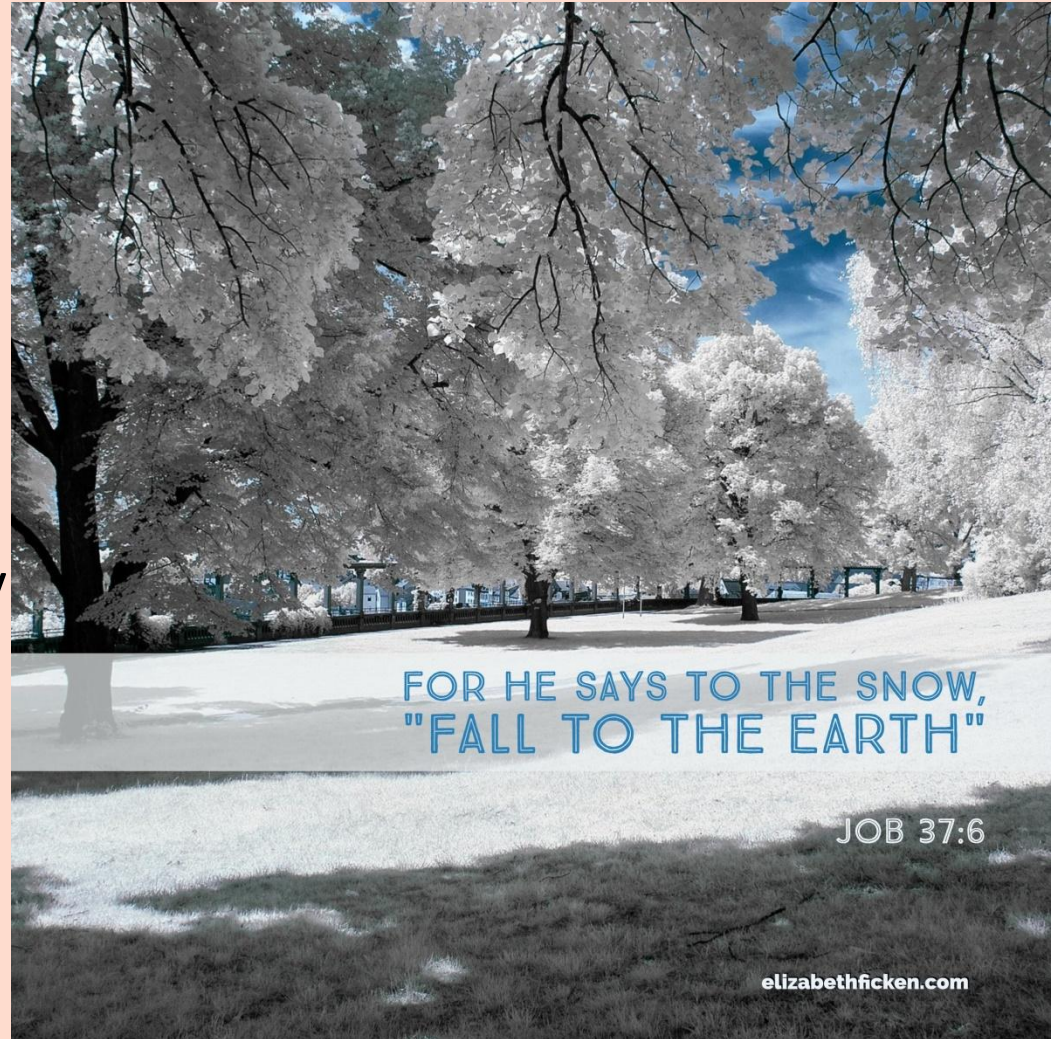
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- **Job 37:5-7** God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things that we cannot comprehend. ⁶ For He says to the snow, "Fall to the earth," and the torrential rains, His mighty torrential rains, ⁷ serve as His signature to all mankind, so that all men may know His work.



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JOB 37:6

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- **Job 37:10**
- Ice is formed by the breath of God, and watery expanses are frozen.



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- **Job 37:22** Yet out of the north He comes, shrouded in a golden glow; awesome majesty surrounds Him.
- **Ezekiel 1:4** As I watched, I noticed a windstorm coming from the north – an enormous cloud, with lightning flashing, such that bright light rimmed it and came from it like glowing amber from the middle of a fire.



THEN THE LORD ANSWERED JOB

- Job longed for God to **ANSWER** him.
- **Job 7:20** Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself?
- **Job 10:2-3** I will say to God, Do not condemn me; let me know why you contend against me.
- **Job 13:22-23** Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and you reply to me. ²³ How many are my iniquities and my sins? Make me know my transgression and my sin.
- **Job 23:3-5** Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat! ⁴ I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵ I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me.
- **Job 30:20** I cry out to You for help, but You do not answer me

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 - He did not **condemn** Job.
 - He did not **apologize** for anything that had happened.
 - He did not **justify** His allowances of suffering.
 - He did not offer **an explanation** for Job to consider.
 - He did not offer one word of **sympathy**.
 - He did not answer the question of **suffering** in the world.
 - He did not explain **Satan's accusation** or direct involvement in Job's losses.
 - He **did not explain** why bad things happen to good people and why good things happen to bad people.

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- Job had spoken as if he **knew it all**: **Job 27:11** I will teach you about God's power. I will not conceal what the Almighty has planned.

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- All of creation responds to the Lord as **His servant**.
- **Job 38:35** Can you send out lightning bolts, and they go? Do they report to you: "Here we are"?

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- **Master Creator**: God created everything in His universe according to His wisdom.
- **Job 38:4** Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
- **Job 38:25** Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm?
- **Job 38:31** Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion?
- **Job 38:33** Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth?

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 - He **decided** the size of the earth: **Job 38:5** Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line?
 - He **planned** the edges of the oceans **Job 38:11** I declared: "You may come this far, but no farther; your proud waves stop here"?
 - He stores up snow and hail for **His purposes**. **Job 38:22-23** Have you visited the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of hail? I have reserved them as weapons for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war.
 - He made the wild donkey **untameable**. **Job 39:5-6** Who gives the wild donkey its freedom? Who untied its ropes? I have placed it in the wilderness; its home is the wasteland.

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- **MASTER ARTIST** : The speeches show that the Lord knows his creation **intimately**.
 - **He knows** how broad the earth is **Job 38:18** Do you realize the extent of the earth?
 - **He knows** the directions to the dwellings of light and darkness **Job 38:19-20** Where does light come from, and where does darkness go? Can you take each to its home? Do you know how to get there?
 - **He knows** the system of the stars **Job 38:32** Can you bring out the constellations in their season?

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 - **He knows** the birth cycle of all animals! **Job 39:1-2** Do you know when the wild goats give birth? Have you watched as deer are born in the wild? ² Do you know how many months they carry their young? Are you aware of the time of their delivery?
 - **He implanted** migratory instincts into birds **Job 39:26** Is it your wisdom that makes the hawk soar and spread its wings toward the south?
 - **He gave** the maternal irresponsibility to the ostrich! **Job 39:16-17** She is harsh toward her young, as if they were not her own. She doesn't care if they die. ¹⁷ For God has deprived her of wisdom. He has given her no understanding.

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- **MASTER CARETAKER:** God's speech shows that **He sustains and nurtures** His world.
 - He **controls** the sea **Job 38:8-9** Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, ⁹ and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness?
 - He makes every **new day** **Job 38:12** caused the dawn to rise in the east
 - He **brings rain** to uninhabited land: **Job 38:26** Who makes the rain fall on barren land, in a desert where no one lives?
 - He **provides** food for lions: **Job 38:39** Can you stalk prey for a lioness and satisfy the young lions' appetites

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- **MASTER CARETAKER:** God's speech shows that **He sustains and nurtures** His world.
 - What He does for the world that we can see is what He does for the **spiritual world that we cannot see.**
 - Through His Holy Spirit and His Son Jesus, He gives **life.**
 - **Titus 3:4-7** When God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of His grace He declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

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- **MASTER ADMIRER:** Every element of God's creation is a source of **constant delight** to the Lord.
 - He laid the cornerstone of the earth and the angels rejoiced with Him **Job 38:6-7** Or who laid its cornerstone while the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
 - He walks through His creation: **Job 38:16** Have you traveled to the sources of the sea or walked in the depths of the oceans?
 - He delights in freedom of wild donkey **Job 39:5-6** Who set the wild donkey free? Who released the swift donkey from its harness? I made the wilderness its home
 - He celebrates the confidence of the horse: **Job 39:19,22** Do you give strength to the horse? Do you adorn his neck with a mane? ²² He laughs at fear, since he is afraid of nothing; he does not run from the sword.
 - He is boasts about the Leviathan: **Job 41:12** I cannot be silent about his limbs, his power, and his graceful proportions.

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- **MASTER STRATEGIST:** The speeches of the Lord show that He has set up every part of His creation with **its own mission**.
- There are infinitely **multiple purposes** for His creation.
- If there can be so many purposes in nature, then there can be **multiple purposes** for circumstances in your life.

THEN THE LORD ANSWERED JOB

- God's response to Job humbles him, and reorients him to be an **obedient servant**.
- God's speech also humbles us. He is our Master. **We are His servants**.
- He can use our lives **in any way** that He wants.

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- He gives us what we **need**: **2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.
- Our **competency** comes from listening to His instruction to us and depending on His Spirit in us. We as God's servants are to **depend** completely on Him at all times, however He calls us to serve Him.

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*When we are the messengers of His gospel: **2 Corinthians 3:5-6**

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit

*When we are bearing fruit and glorifying God: **John 15:5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:8** ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

*When we are enduring challenging circumstances: **Philippians 4:11-13** I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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