**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 64**

**K. The Dialogue of Bildad and Job (25:1-26:14)**

A. The Great God (25:1-3)

B. The Fallen Creation (25:4-6)

B.’ The Fallible Man (26:1-4)

**A.’ The Great God (26:5-14)**

**PREMISE: Bildad could not dispute Job and contributed nothing new but gave a restatement of Eliphaz (Job 4:17). Job commented on and rejected sarcastically the gnomic knowledge (sky is blue, grass is green) of Bildad. Zophar had no 3rd diatribe and Elihu repudiated the 3 friends (Job 32-37). Job was disgusted and disappointed with the proud, haughty, narcissistic attitude of the three friends! Have they helped the “worm”? Certainly, from the worm’s perspective God is Great!**

**A.’ The Great God (26:5-14) > Exalted**

***1. The Illustrations of God’s Glory***

a. Illustration #1 > His Glory in the Hidden Creation

1) The Hidden Aspect of Water (v. 5)

a) The Word > *“dead things”* > *rapha’* (8x) > *raphaiym*

b) The Wisdom > Sea creatures, that are now dead, were formed under the waters

2) The Hidden Aspect of Hell (v. 6)

a) The Word

(1) *“hell” she’ol* (65x) > Dt. 32:22, Job 11:8; Lk. 16:23

(2) *“destruction” > abaddon* (6x) > Rev. 9:11

b) The Wisdom > naked and without covering > The LORD knows about sinners in hell (Ps. 88:10) > Prov. 15:11

b. Illustration #2 > His Glory in the Heavenly Creation

1) The Heavens (vv. 7-11)

a) God *“Stretcheth”* (v. 7a) > *natah* out the north (relative to earth) > Gen. 1:6-8; Ps. 104:2; Zech. 12:1; *“empty place”* > *tohu* (Gen. 1:2) = *“without form”*

b) God *“hangeth”* (v. 7b) > *talah* (cf. Gen. 40:19) earth on *“nothing”* (1x) > Job 9:6; Isa. 13:13.

c) God *“bindeth up”* (v. 8) *tzarar* clouds > Job 36:27-28

d) God *“holdeth back”* (v. 9) *‘achaz* > Rev. 6:16

e) God *“compassed”* (v. 10) *chug* (encircled) on horizon of ocean day and night which each comes to an end. > Job 9:9; 38:31-33 > Job 22:14; Prov. 8:27; Isa. 40:22

f) God causes the *“pillars”* of heaven to tremble > see Job 9:6

2) The Earth (v. 12) > g) God *“divideth” raga`* the sea and *“smiteth” machatz* the *“proud” rahav* > Ps. 89:11

3) The Heavens and Earth (v. 13)

a) High > *“garnished” shiphrah* (1x) the heavens > Job 9:9; 38:31-32; Amos 5:8

b) Low > *“formed” chul* > twisted the “serpent” (*nachash*)

***2. The Ignorance of God’s Glory (v. 14)***

a. Limited *“Parts”* (v. 14a) > *qatzah* (35x) > “edges” (We can see/know only the edges or fringe of Person and Power of God)

b. Little *“Portion”* (v. 14b) > *“little” > shemetz* (2x) > “whisper” of *“portion” davar* (1439x) > word (man can only give a little whisper)

c. Loud *“Power”* (v. 14c) > *“thunder” >* *ra`am* (6x) > man whispers but God thunders! Cf. Ex. 19:16; Rev. 10:3-4; 16:18.

**CONCLUSION: Job expanded on the remarkable greatness of God from the worm’s perspective!**