**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 97**

**H.’ The Rebuke of Elihu to Bildad (36:1-37:24)**

A. The One *“Perfect in Knowledge”* (36:1-21)

B. He is Perfect in Creation (36:22-33)

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A.’ The One *“Perfect in Knowledge”* (37:14-24)

**PREMISE:** Elihu focused on God Who is *“perfect in knowledge”* (cf. 36:4 and 37:16). His knowledge included giving Job afflictions so that the sufferer would nevertheless exalt the great God. The “Retributive Theology” of Elihu was unbending! The God of Creation has spoken in a thunderous way, Job, repent now!

**B.’ He is Perfect over Creation (37:1-13)**

**1. His Perfection in Power (vv. 1-5)**

***a. Its Anticipation of Heart (v. 1)*** > even the approach of God through weather brings anticipation > Isa. 66:2

 ***b. Its Attention to Humanity (vv. 2-5)*** > Ps. 29:3 ff.

 1) His Thunder (vv. 2-3a)

a) “hear attentively” > literally “Hear! Hear!

b) *“noise > voice”* and *“sound > mouth”*

2) His Lightening (v. 3b) > Luther: “lightening makes the monk” (cf. also Lk. 17:24)

1’) His Thunder (vv. 4-5) > *“voice”* (*qol* [4x]) the successive peals of thunder! > Job 26:14

**2. His Perfection in Providence (v. 6)**

 ***a. His Perfect Providence over the snow (v. 6a)>*** *sheleg (20x)>*no snow before the flood!

 ***b. His Perfect Providence over the small rain (v. 6b)>*** *geshem matar* (Gen. 7:4)

 ***c. His Perfect Providence over the great rain (v. 6c)>*** *geshem mitroth* (plural)

**3. His Perfection in Purpose (vv.7-13)**

***a. He Controls His Creation (vv. 7-11)***

1) Weather (including frost, cold, and clouds) affects the behaviour of man and animal.

2) For example, cf. Josh. 10:10-14 (the sun and moon in heaven stopped their diurnal movement around the earth! [Ps. 19:4-6; Ps. 50:1; Mt. 5:45]).

***b. He Commands His Creation (v. 12)>*** His storms accomplish his purposes (death, destruction [i.e. Job 1:16, 19])

 ***a.’ He Corrects His Creation (v. 13)***

 1) Spiritually (v. 13a) > I Ki. 18:38 ff.

 2) Physically (v. 13b) > Job 38:26

 1’) Spiritually (v. 13c) > to see His goodness (Acts 14:17)

**CONCLUSION: Job, when the Lord speaks, it is obvious, either in nature or in a sinner’s life!**