**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 98**

**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)

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

**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 (cf. Job 33:1, 31; 34:5, 35-36; 37:14), repent now! Cf. Learn spiritual truth about God in the physical realm (Jn. 3:12).

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

***1. Acknowledge the One Perfect in Knowledge (vv. 14-16)***

**a. The Consideration of His Wondrous Works (v. 14) >** I Jn. 5:19 (whole world deceived)

**b. The Cause behind His Wondrous Works (v. 15) >** dowe know what causes what?(Col. 1:16-17)

**c. The Clouds because of His Wondrous Works (v. 16)** > weight of water greater than air but water vapor lighter than air (Job 36:27) and can be transported by wind!

 ***2. Answer the One Perfect in Knowledge (vv. 17-22)***

**a. Ignorance of the Change of Seasons (v. 17)** > winter to spring

**b. Ignorance of Atmosphere and Outer Space (v. 18)** > (The verb “spread out” means "to beat out; to flatten," and ancient mirrors were made of molten metal. From this verb is derived the word for the *“firmament”* in [Gen 1:6–8](BwRefEE%28%27Gen%201%3A6-8%27%29), that canopy-like pressure area separating water above and water below. The *raqia`* or firmament is a dense but invisible particulate between earth and the edge of the cosmos, also called heaven)

 **c. Ignorance to explain the physics of His creation (vv. 19-20)**

 **d. Ignorance of the wind patterns (v. 21) >** Eccl. 1:5-7

**e. Ignorance of the sun shine (v. 22)** > literally “from the north comes gold (splendor?)” > Job 26:7 (also Ps. 84:11; Mal. 4:2).

***1.’ Acknowledge the One Perfect in Knowledge (vv. 23-24)***

 **a. The Consideration of His Person (v. 23a) >** *Almighty > Shadday*

 **b. The Consideration of His Power (v. 23b)** > Job 37:5

 **c. The Consideration of His Pathos (v. 23c)** > judgment, justice, not afflict (He can be trusted)

 **d. The Consideration of His Perspective (v. 24)**

 1) Men to God (v. 24a) > reverence > Job 37:1-4

 2) God to Man (v. 24b) > respectlessness > II Sam. 14:14; Mt. 22:16; Acts 20:34

**CONCLUSION: Job, you can understand the Person and Power of God; how can you understand what he is doing in your life?**