



The Gospel According to Job

September 27: Job 37: Elihu and God's Majesty

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

A Brief Outline of Job:

1. The Prologue: Testing Job's Faith (Job 1-2)
2. The Three Cycles: Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar (Job 3-26)
3. Job's Monologue (Job 27-31)
4. Elihu's Speeches (Job 32-27)
5. God Speaks from the Whirlwind (Job 38-41)
6. The Epilogue: Restoration (Job 42)

How would you describe Elihu? What can we learn from him?

This is our last chapter before God's response. What is Job's spiritual condition?

How does a powerful storm make you feel?

Job 37:1-5

Who is Elihu addressing as he says, "Keep listening"?

What does a thunderstorm mean to Elihu?

Jeremiah 23:19 Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

Job 37:6-13

What does weather communicate about God and the human condition?

Jeremiah 14:22 Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are you not he, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for you do all these things.

Job 37:14-18

What does Elihu want Job to hear?

What is Job missing in his critique of God's ways?

Psalm 40:5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

Job 37:19-20

How has Elihu's thinking changed from the beginning to the end of his speeches?

Why will Elihu not charge God with wrongdoing?

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

^{NIV} **Job 37:20b** Would any man ask to be swallowed up?

^{NKJ} **Job 37:20b** If a man were to speak, surely he would be swallowed up.

^{NLT} **Job 37:20b** Can we speak when we are confused?

Job 37:21-22

What comparison does Elihu make regarding God's glory?

Psalm 96:6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Job 37:23-24

What does Elihu mean when he says, "The Almighty—we cannot find him"?

^{NIV} **Job 37:23** The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power.

^{NKJ} **Job 37:23** As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him.

^{NLT} **Job 37:23** We cannot imagine the power of the Almighty.

What final confessions does Elihu make regarding the Almighty?

Why do we think so highly of ourselves?

Romans 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

October 4: Job 38: Then The Lord Answered