

# Job 35-37 –22 June 2023

## “Pointing To God”

### Introduction

\*Book of Job opens w/ heavenly scene in which Satan asks permission to bring calamity into Job’s life

\*Chap 3-28 – saw Eliphaz, Bildad & Zophar give speeches (3, 3, 2) & Job responding to each

\*Chap 29-31, Job took 3 chapters recounting the great scheme of his life...in a very selfish, godless way

\*In Chap 32-37, the young man Elihu, who has been listening, steps up to respond to Job

\*In this 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Elihu’s speech to Job, he includes so profound statements regarding God’s purposes

\*Elihu here does a good job of directing Job off of himself and onto God Himself – thinking about God

**Today we’ll be persuaded about 3 intentions of God’s mission as pertaining to mankind**

# 1<sup>st</sup>: God's mission is unaffected by our sinful or godly actions (Job 35)

Read Chap 35:1-3

1. Elihu is misapplying what Job had earlier said
  - a. Job earlier said the wicked say these things
2. Elihu is saying Job is disinterested in what God thinks whether we sin or not
  - a. As if Job said godliness doesn't avail at all

Read Vs 4-8

1. Whether we sin or we're godly, it doesn't affect God Himself, but it affects us
2. Just like Jesus' trial before Pilate
  - a. It wasn't going to affect Jesus, but Pilate
  - b. Read Matt 27:22 – “What shall I do...”

Read Vs 9-12

1. No one cries to God in the good times, only when they're being oppressed in the hard days

2. In vs 12 he claims that God won't answer b/c of the pride of Job
  - a. Wonder what he thinks when God begins to speak in chap 38?

Read Vs 13-16

1. God won't hear empty or vain words
2. God delight to include the humble in His plans, but He resists the proud

**2<sup>nd</sup>: God's mission will open our ears to His greatness (Job 36)**

Read Chap 36:1-4

1. Other friends appealed to man's wisdom, while Elihu appeals to God's wisdom
  - a. He has some good knowledge, but wisdom is properly applied knowledge
2. Elihu is speaking with a directness that the others didn't speak with

## Read Vs 5-12

1. God rewards the obedient & disobedient perish
2. But God does also use suffering to open the ear to listen

## Read Vs 13-15

1. The hypocrite is worse than the disobedient
2. Again, God opens ear by oppression

## Read Vs 16-21

1. God wants to deliver you out of leanness and into fatness but instead you chose rebellion

## Read Vs 22-25

1. God's greatness is seen by all and we must glorify Him for it

## Read Vs 26-33

1. The unsearchable greatness of God
2. God's magnificent in the heavens and clouds
3. Apparently, a storm is brewing and Elihu uses it as an illustration here of God's greatness

## **3<sup>rd</sup>: God's mission is beyond our full understanding (Job 37)**

Read Chap 37:1-5

1. The thunder is as God's voice
2. God can do big things that are beyond our knowing

Read Vs 6-13

1. What the thunder of His voice can do
2. The greatness of God's creation
3. But also the submission of God's creation to Him

Read Vs 14-18

1. Job you don't know as much as you think you know
2. He thinks Job has been presumptuous & haughty

## Read Vs 19-24

1. Stop trying to speak to God & simply fear Him
  - a. The answer is in the middle
  - b. Certainly, we should come to God in reverence, but God delights to hear from us

## Conclusion

So, God is on a mission to glorify Himself, but also to redeem sinful man back to Himself

1. **His mission is unaffected by our sinful or godly actions**
  - a. He will not be persuaded off of this path!
2. **His mission will open our ears to His Greatness**
  - a. He's so loving that He will allow whatever it takes to show us our sin and to show us His majesty and worth!
3. **His mission is beyond our full understanding**
  - a. If our 3 lb brain could grasp all that God is doing and how it all fits together, He wouldn't be the mighty, awesome omnipotent God that He is