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God is in Charge of the Weather

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Much of the eastern half of the United States is being hit by an extremely bad storm. And it's God Himself who is doing it – for He is in charge, He is commanding all the weather, all the wind, every lightning strike, every bit of rain, ice, and snow, and the cold that goes with it. I have previously written on the weather as it relates to hurricanes, but in view of this present storm, I thought it would be good to refresh our memory with the truth of God's word, of Job 37. I believe that this is the best chapter in the entire Bible on the weather, for it describes it in a physical way, but it also makes a spiritual application. As you read it, ask yourself what God wants you to learn.

Job 37

1 “At this also my heart trembles,
And leaps from its place.
2 “Listen closely to the thunder of His voice,
And the rumbling that goes out from His mouth.
3 “Under the whole heaven He lets it loose,
And His lightning to the ends of the earth.
4 “After it, a voice roars;
He thunders with His majestic voice,
And He does not restrain the lightnings when His voice is heard.
5 “God thunders with His voice wondrously,
Doing great things which we cannot comprehend.
6 “For to the snow He says, ‘Fall on the earth,’
And to the downpour and the rain, ‘Be strong.’
7 “He seals the hand of every man,
That all men may know His work.
8 “Then the beast goes into its lair
And remains in its den.
9 “Out of the south comes the storm,
And out of the north the cold.
10 “From the breath of God ice is made,
And the expanse of the waters is frozen.
11 “Also with moisture He loads the thick cloud;
He disperses the cloud of His lightning.
12 “It changes direction, turning around by His guidance,
That it may do whatever He commands it
On the face of the inhabited earth.
13 “Whether for correction, or for His world,
Or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.

14 “Listen to this, O Job,
Stand and consider the wonders of God.
15 “Do you know how God establishes them,
And makes the lightning of His cloud to shine?
16 “Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds,
The wonders of one perfect in knowledge,

[17] You whose garments are hot,
When the land is still because of the south wind?
[18] “Can you, with Him, spread out the skies,
Strong as a molten mirror?
[19] “Teach us what we shall say to Him;
We cannot arrange *our case* because of darkness.
[20] “Shall it be told Him that I would speak?
Or should a man say that he would be swallowed up?

[21] “Now men do not see the light which is bright in the skies;
But the wind has passed and cleared them.
[22] “Out of the north comes golden *splendor*;
Around God is awesome majesty.
[23] “The Almighty—we cannot find Him;
He is exalted in power
And He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness.
[24] “Therefore men fear Him;
He does not regard any who are wise of heart.”

Here are a few of my thoughts on this weather chapter:
* God is in charge, He is sovereign over every aspect of the weather.
* One reason for the weather is so we look to God, so that we see that He is behind the weather. According to Google, a moderate size snowstorm, one about 2,000 square miles, will produce 5 quintillion (5×10^18) snowflakes) and, as you know, every snowflake is unique. So God Himself designed, created, and set in motion every snowflake. And here I’m just talking about the snow.
* God uses the storm to stop us in our tracks – He does not want us to think we can do whatever we want. And there’s probably close to 200 million people who are affected by this powerful storm. *“That all men may know His work.”* Vs. 7

* *“That it may do whatever He commands it”*(vss. 12-13). God uses the

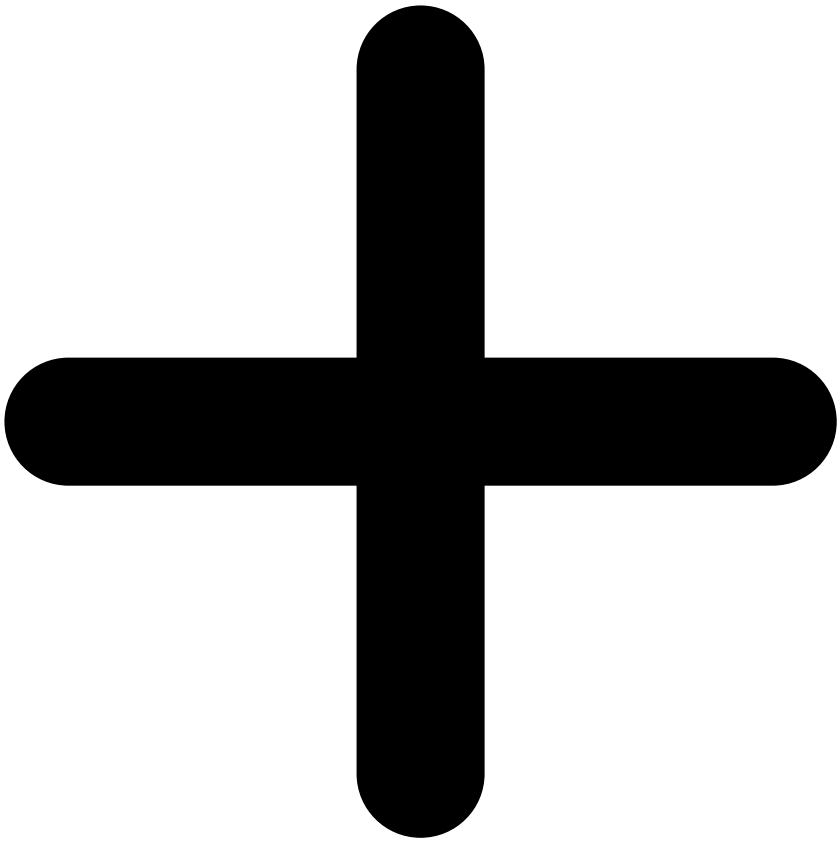
storm for His purposes – for correction, to show us His love, and to humble us. God does not have regard for the proud, for the *"wise of heart".*
* We learn that God is awesome, that He is infinitely more intelligent, powerful, wiser than any person, and He is perfectly righteous.
* At the right time, God Himself will bring this storm to an end, for the sun once again will shine in the sky (vss. 21-22). So too with the trials of life, we are going through *"the valley of the shadow of death."* Ps. 23:4
* The conclusion is that men and women are to fear God – we are to humble our hearts, to bow down to Him, to worship Him, and Him alone. Vs. 24

I love Job 37, for it's all about God and what He does – and what He does is to show us that He is God, that He is in charge, is sovereign. And He is sovereign over all things. When I think of these few days of *"bad weather"*, I also think of the troublesome times that will increaslingly affect and afflict this country, the birth pains, but more importantly, the suffering and great tribulation Christians will experience. But praise the Lord, then the Son will shine, for we will *"see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory."* Matt. 24:27

Let me conclude with one of my favorite end-times' verses on the sovereignty and will of God. Eph. 1:9-11 – *"He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, the summing of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. "*

P.S. Here is a good post on God's sovereignty and purpose in your own

life. *“God Is in Charge of Your Life.”* Finally, *“Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”* Eph. 1:2



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