

Job 37 (International Children's Bible)

¹ "At the sound of his thunder, my heart pounds. It is as if my heart will jump out of my chest.

² Listen! Listen to the thunder of God's voice. Listen to the rumbling that comes from his mouth.

³ He turns his lightning loose under the whole sky. And he sends it to the farthest parts of the earth.

⁴ After that you can hear the roar when he thunders with a great sound. He does not hold back the flashing when his voice is heard.

⁵ God's voice thunders in wonderful ways. He does great things we cannot understand.

⁶ God says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth.' And he says to the rain shower, 'Be a heavy rain.'

⁷ With it, God stops everyone from working. That way, everyone knows it is the work of God.

⁸ The animals take cover from the rain. They stay in their dens.

⁹ The storm comes from where it was stored. The cold comes from the strong winds.

¹⁰ The breath of God makes ice. And the wide waters become frozen.

¹¹ God fills the clouds up with water. And he scatters his lightning through them.

¹² At God's command they swirl around over the whole earth. They do whatever he commands.

¹³ God uses the clouds to punish people or to water his earth and show his love.

¹⁴ "Job, listen to this. Stop and notice God's miracles.

¹⁵ Do you know how God controls the clouds and makes his lightning flash?

¹⁶ Do you know how the clouds hang in the sky? They are the miracles of God, who knows everything.

¹⁷ You suffer in your clothes when the land is made quiet by the hot, south wind.

¹⁸ You cannot stretch out the sky like God and make it look as hard as polished bronze.

¹⁹ Tell us what we should say to God. We cannot get our arguments ready because we do not have enough understanding.

²⁰ Should God be told that I want to speak? A man might try to speak to God, but he would surely be swallowed up.

²¹ No one can look at the sun when it is bright in the sky after the wind has blown all the clouds away.

²² God comes out of the north in golden light. He comes in overwhelming greatness.

²³ God All-Powerful is too high for us to reach. He has great strength. He is always right and never punishes unfairly.

²⁴ That is why people honor God. He does not respect those who say they are wise.

