

**Subject: *God is Greater Than You Think***

**Scripture: *Job 26:1-14***

Chapter 25 is the shortest speech in Job, and Chapter 26 begins the longest speech. This begins Job's final answer to his three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar (Job 26-31).

We have lowered our view of God and elevated our view of man. We have somehow lost our sense of awe and the majesty of God. God is greater than we think He is. He knows more than we think He knows. He is able to do more than we think He can. People have reduced God to a level where they feel comfortable with Him. They no longer want to worship and serve Him but they want to manage and use Him for their own purposes.

J. B. Phillips wrote a book entitled, *Your God is Too Small*. God is not actually small, but He is too small in people's minds. A. W. Tozer was right when he said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

In Job 26, God invites us to "Be still and know that He is God." We need to know God as the Bible reveals Him. Scripture tells us who God is and what He does.

### **1. Job rebukes his friends (vs. 1-4)**

Job is frustrated with all of them. In effect he says, "Thanks for nothing." He hurls a series of sarcastic questions like barbed arrows:

- How have you helped me in my weakness?
- How have you consoled me in my confusion?
- Do you realize that an evil spirit is controlling you?

Job describes them as "miserable comforters" and "physicians of no value."

Instead of helping him, these friends only made matters worse. They said many words, but none of those words blessed him. Instead of blessing him, they blasted him and burdened him. He questioned whose spirit spoke through them (vs. 4), suggesting that Satan may have inspired them instead of God.

### **2. Job reveals his God (vs. 5-14)**

He reminded his friends of God's great power. He revealed God's majesty that we know through creation. Later in chapters 38-41, God will use creation as an illustration of His power.

- God is over the realm of the dead. No one can escape God, even in death. Job argues that if God sees the invisible world beyond the grave, surely He sees everything in this world.
- God spreads out the heavens. *Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*
- God suspends the earth over nothing. He upholds everything by His word. This was a fact not yet known by science, revealed by God long before it was discovered.
- God wraps up the waters in the clouds. He supervises the cycle of evaporation and precipitation. How can a cloud hold millions of gallons of water?
- God covers the face of His throne. He hides it from man's sight.
- God marks out the horizon on the waters. This is another amazing fact in the Bible, revealed long before scientists understood it.

- G. God makes the mountains tremble at His voice.
- H. God is over the destructive forces of nature. He controls the weather.
- I. God is greater than we know. This is the summary of Job's speech.

The things we see in nature are only a glimpse of God's greatness and majesty. We only understand the outer fringe of His works and we only hear the faint whisper of His voice. Here are two New Testament verses that remind us how little we really know of God:

- *1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*
- *Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

No one can understand the fullness of God's power and majesty. He is beyond our ability to comprehend. How can a finite person understand the infinite God? Our minds cannot conceive His greatness. We only have a glimpse of His glory, but that's enough.

Augustine was walking along the beach thinking about the nature of God and the truth of the Trinity. He couldn't fully understand it, and he was tempted to reject it. Then he saw a little boy playing on the beach running to the ocean with a small seashell. The boy filled up the seashell with water and then walked back to a little hole he had dug in the sand. Augustine asked, "What are you doing, little fellow?" The boy replied, "I'm trying to put the ocean into this hole." Then Augustine realized that he was trying to do the same thing with God. He was trying to get the infinite things of God into his little mind, and they just wouldn't fit.

When we come to the place where Job was, when we realize just how great God is and that we only see a glimpse of his glory, then we truly begin to worship. If you could figure God out entirely, He wouldn't be God.

There's something else we ought to get from Job here in this chapter. Our head knowledge should lead to heart worship. What we do know about God ought to make us marvel at all we don't know. We ought to have a sense of awe and wonder in worship. A few years ago Mercy Me came out with that song, *I Can Only Imagine*. It talks about how we can only imagine what Heaven will be like. We can only imagine what God is like.

### **Since God is greater than you think...**

- ✓ Humble yourself before Him
- ✓ Do what He says
- ✓ Worship Him as He deserves
- ✓ Trust Him for every need

*Have faith in God, He's on His throne;  
Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;  
He cannot fail, He must prevail;  
Have faith in God, have faith in God.*