

# Job 36:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

## Analysis

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Elihu proclaims: 'Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.' This balances divine power with divine care - God's might doesn't produce contempt for His creatures. The statement contains truth even if Elihu misapplies it.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern deities were often depicted as capricious and contemptuous of humans. Elihu affirms that God's might includes mercy.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's power differ from human power that often produces contempt?
2. What does it mean that God is 'mighty in strength and wisdom'?

## Interlinear Text

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H2005	<b>Behold God</b>	<b>is mighty</b>	H3808	<b>and despiseth</b>	<b>is mighty</b>	<b>in strength</b>		
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and wisdom

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## Additional Cross-References

**Psalms 22:24** (Parallel theme): For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

**Psalms 138:6** (Parallel theme): Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

**Jeremiah 10:12** (Parallel theme): He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

**Psalms 147:5** (Parallel theme): Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

**Job 37:23** (Parallel theme): Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

**Job 31:13** (Parallel theme): If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;

**Job 10:3** (Parallel theme): Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

**Job 9:19** (Parallel theme): If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

**Job 9:14** (Parallel theme): How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

**Jeremiah 32:19** (Parallel theme): Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

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