

## THUNDER

This past week, a severe thunderstorm cruised through our neighborhood in the middle of the night. It started miles away, and the sound slowly rolled in. Once the storm was upon us, it thundered such that it shook the house. It was glorious listening as I was lulled in and out of sleep. I have always loved thunderstorms. Growing up near the coast, a thunderstorm, especially in the summer, was a common occurrence. I remember sitting outside listening to it roll in until I couldn't stay out any longer.

As we all know scientifically, thunder is the noise resulting from lightning discharge. In the ancient world, it was understood as a manifestation of the Almighty and his power.

### **Job 26:14b**

*But the thunder of his power who can understand?"*

### **Job 37:4.**

*After it his voice roars;  
he thunders with his majestic voice,  
and he does not restrain the lightnings when his voice is heard.*

### **Psalm 29:3b**

*the God of glory thunders*

### **Psalm 77:18**

*The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lighted up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.*

When speaking to his son, the sound the witnesses to the event heard was thunder (John 12:29). With that revelation, Jesus goes on to say, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself (32)"

Thunder is terrifying but glorious to those who know and revere the Lord. To those who are against him, the thunder and associated things aren't so great.

### **Isaiah 29:6**

*you will be visited by the Lord of hosts  
with thunder and with earthquake and great noise,  
with whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire.*

I'm thankful for the thunder. If anything, it encourages us to find our way to the presence of God and glory in his presence.

Enjoy the thunder this week.

Shalom,  
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