

“BRACE YOURSELF LIKE A MAN...”

RAIN & SNOW

JOB 38:22-30 NLT *“Have you visited the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of hail? ⁽²³⁾ (I have reserved them as weapons for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war.) ⁽²⁴⁾ Where is the path to the source of light? Where is the home of the east wind? ⁽²⁵⁾ Who created a channel for the torrents of rain? Who laid out the path for the lightning? ⁽²⁶⁾ Who makes the rain fall on barren land, in a desert where no one lives? ⁽²⁷⁾ Who sends rain to satisfy the parched ground and make the tender grass spring up? ⁽²⁸⁾ Does the rain have a father? Who gives birth to the dew? ⁽²⁹⁾ Who is the mother of the ice? Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens? ⁽³⁰⁾ For the water turns to ice as hard as rock, and the surface of the water freezes.”*

GOD WHO SUSTAINS ALL

COLOSSIANS 1:15-17 NLT *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation ⁽¹⁶⁾ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ⁽¹⁷⁾ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.*

HEBREWS 1:3 NLT *The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.*

GOD WHO GIVES US LIFE

GENESIS 2:7 NLT *Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.*

ACTS 17:25, 28 NLT *...and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. ⁽²⁸⁾ For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'*

DANIEL 5:23 NLT *For you have proudly defied the Lord of heaven and have had these cups from his Temple brought before you. You and your nobles and your wives and concubines have been drinking wine from them while praising gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone—gods that neither see nor hear nor know anything at all. But you have not honored the God who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny!*

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What does it mean to you, that God holds all things together?
2. Why is it important to realize that God breathed life into you?
3. Are you willing to honor God with your life?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

1. Memorize **ACTS 17:25b**:
He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.
2. Pray for a grateful heart that's willing to serve Him.

