

The LORD Speaks!

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• God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.
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A. The Instructions For Job

1. The Preparation for the Speech

Job 38:3, NASB95 - ³ "Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!

To 'gird up the loins,' is a phrase which has allusion to the mode of dress in ancient times. The loose flowing robe, which was commonly worn, was fastened with a girdle when men ran, or labored, or engaged in conflict.

— Dr. Albert Barnes

2. The Plan for the Speech

Job 38:3, NASB95 - ³ "Now gird up your loins like a man, And <u>I</u> will ask you, and you instruct Me!

- (a) I will ask you questions! (b) You will give me answers!
- 3. The Person giving the Speech.

Job 38:1–2, NLT - Then the Lord [all CAPS means יְהֹוֶה (Yahweh) the highest name for creator God] answered Job from the whirlwind....

4. The Person receiving the Speech.

Job 38:1–2, NLT - ¹ Then <u>the LORD answered Job</u> from the whirlwind: ² "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words?

5. The **Purpose** of the Speech.

Job 38:1–3, TLB -¹ Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind: ² "Why are you using your ignorance to deny my sovereignty? ³ Now get ready to fight, for I am going to demand some answers from you, and you must reply.

The Lessons We Will Learn in This Speech:

- (a) God is the Creator, and all creation is the result of His work.
- (b) Creation testifies as to the existence of a Sovereign God.
- (c) The creation has a "God-ordained" purpose.

B. Tough Questions Too Great to Answer

THE FIRST OF THREE QUESTIONS FROM GOD TO JOB:

"Can you explain the Creation?"

- 1. Job, were you around when I laid the foundations of the earth?
- 2. Job, did you determine the depth and breadth of the creation?
- 3. Job, did you stretch the measuring tape across the creation?
- 4. Job, do you know what the foundation was attached to?
- 5. Job, do you know Who it was that laid the corner stone?
- 6. Job, who was it that determined how much water the oceans would hold?
- 7. Job, who caused the 'Stars in heaven' to sing of my creative work?

C. My Thoughts on The Creator and the creation.

- 1. If God created us, He can save us!
- 2. If God can create the universe, He can control the universe.
- 3. If God created the existing universe, He can create the eternal universe.
- 4. If you focus on the creation (ie., your circumstances), you will always be weak in your faith. If you focus on the Creator God (ie., His sovereignty), your faith can become strong.