



God's Mercy

is What We Really Need Job 40:6-14

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A. Job says, "Who am I?"

Job 40:1–5, NLT -¹ Then the LORD said to Job, ² "Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God's critic, but do you have the answers?" ³ Then Job replied to the LORD, ⁴ "I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand. ⁵ I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say."

- I am weak - "I am nothing" (meaning "completely abated").
- I am unwise - "How could I ever find the answers."
- I am wordy - "I will cover my mouth...I've said too much."
- I am unworthy - "I have nothing more to say."

B. God says, "Who am I?"

Job 40:7–14, NCV -⁷ "Be strong, like a man! I will ask you questions, and you must answer me. ⁸ Would you say that I am unfair? Would you blame me to make yourself look right? ⁹ Are you as strong as God? Can your voice thunder like his? ¹⁰ If so, then decorate yourself with glory and beauty; dress in honor and greatness as if they were clothing. ¹¹ Let your great anger punish; look at the proud and bring them down.

¹² Look at the proud and make them humble. Crush the wicked wherever they are. ¹³ Bury them all in the dirt together; cover their faces in the grave. ¹⁴ If you can do that, then I myself will praise you, because you are strong enough to save yourself.

Job 40:8, TLB -⁸ Are you going to discredit my justice and condemn me so that you can say you are right?

Job 40:8, MSG -⁸ "Do you presume to tell me what I'm doing wrong? Are you calling me a sinner so you can be a saint?

- Job, in justifying himself, is condemning God.
- Job has not only been criticizing God's Power ("Can't You do something about this?"), but also His Justice ("Can't You do anything right?").
- Job, in essence, has said, "I could do a better job at being God."

1. God Asked Job Four Questions:

*Are my judgements useless? Are you right and am I wrong?
Are you as powerful as Me? Is your voice louder than Mine?*

2. God says if any of these questions are true, do this:

*Put on your majesty and glory. Clothe yourself in splendor and beauty.
Show your great power. Demonstrate your wise justice.
Humble the proud. Judge the wicked. Save yourself.*

"Job, if you are more powerful than Me, show it.
If you are wiser than Me, say it. And if you can
do a better job than Me, do it."

- Thomas Malcolm Shadrach Meshach Muggerridge (circa 1980s)

C. God's Mercy is What We Really Need—Not His Justice.

Study Verse Section—Romans 8:28, NASB95 -²⁸ **And we** [as Christians] **know** [intuitively and can experience personally] **that God causes** [lit., "harmonizes"] **all** [ie., every single one—all] **things to work** [we get our English word "synergy" from this word] **together for good** [lit., "the good"] **to those who** (1) **love God**, and (2) **to those who are called according to His** [ie., eternal] **purpose.**

1. There is something **CONFIDENTIAL** about storms. "...we know..."
2. There is something **COMPREHENSIVE** about storms. "...all things..."
3. There is something **CONSTRUCTIVE** about storms. "...work...for good"
4. There is something **CONDITIONAL** about storms. "...love God...called."