



When The Whirlwind Comes

Job 42:1-6

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A. Job is still in the Whirlwind (review)

Job 38:1–4, NASB95 -¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ² "Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? ³ "Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding...."

Power – Job, like many other Bible characters, caught a glimpse of God's power and sovereignty.

- Isaiah caught sight of God's power in the temple (Isaiah 6).
- Ezekiel saw God's power in a storm cloud during his exile (Ezek. 1).
- John saw the power of God like a storm from a prison island (Rev. 2:4ff).
- When Christ was crucified, a storm arose (Acts 2:23).

Everything has been worked out. Everything has a meaning.

Everything is in God's hands, even if we cannot see any purpose in it.

Greatness – God is not only powerful and sovereign; *He is also great!*

- Isaiah saw God "high and exalted" (Isaiah 6:1).
- Paul said, he didn't know *why* things were happening, *what* lay ahead, or *how* difficult it would be, but he knew *WHO* he believed in (2 Tim. 1:12).

Holiness – Job observed God's holiness and purity in the storm.

- Job covered himself with ashes when in God's presence.
- In the storm—in front of God—Job realized his sinfulness and God's holiness.
- Job has been confronted by the God whose "...eyes are too pure to look on evil" (Habakkuk 1:13).

Grace – Job has now bowed before God Almighty, before His sheer power as creator, comprehend-er, controller, carer, and soon to be, curer of all things.

- Job would soon feel the extent of God's mercy in his own restoration.

When the whirlwind passes, the wicked will be no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation. - Proverbs 10:25, NASB95

B. Job's Response Before God (42:1-6)

1. Affirmation

Job 42:1–2, NASB95 -¹ Then Job answered the LORD and said, ² "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

2. Awe

Job 42:3, NLT -³ You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?' It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me.

3. Attention

Job 42:4, GNB -⁴ You told me to listen while you spoke...

4. Adoration

Job 42:5, NIV84 -⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

5. Apology

Job 42:6, NIV84 -⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go, but to God.

- Abraham Lincoln (circa 1863)

All the wisdom we ever need to know is to be found knowing God and knowing ourselves...answer the question, 'Who am I?' Then only by asking the companion question, 'Who is God?' can faith be resurrected, expanded, and affirmed."

- John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*