



The Reply of God!

Job 38:1

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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. Review of Job (Chapters 1—37)

1. "There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job..." (Job 1:1a)
2. Famed for his suffering, Job really wasn't that patient.
3. His life was marked by great faithfulness. (Job 1:1)
4. His life was marked by a great family. (Job 1:2)
5. His life was marked by a great fortune. (Job 1:3)
6. His life was marked by great fame.
7. His life was marked by favor. (Job 31:16-32)
8. Then, one day Job went from being a hero to a zero.
9. No man in the Bible, outside of Jesus, suffered more than Job.
10. In one day, Job lost everything! (Job 1:13-17)
11. His suffering was activated by a satanic force. (Job 1:6-7)
12. We also learned that Satan ALWAYS answers to God.
13. The real question is not "Why is there evil" but "Why does God bring good out of evil?" *Why does God work for His glory and our good?*
14. Job did not suffer because he had done something wrong. He suffered in spite of the fact that he was doing everything right.
15. Job learned firsthand what it was like when life isn't fair.
16. The Bible says, "In all this [Job] did not sin with his lips." (Job 2:10)

17. "What God allows; God redeems." – Pastor Joe
18. Job not only had Satan attacking him, he had four friends attacking him.
19. Eliphaz said, "It is because of your sin, Job."
20. Zophar said, "It is because of your sin, Job."
21. Bildad said, "It is because of your sin, Job."
22. Young Elihu said, "It has to be because of your sin, Job."
23. Important: Every sin causes suffering, but suffering is not always caused by sin. (Thought: Jesus never sinned—but He did suffer!)
24. Job asked God a big question and He was silent for thirty-seven chapters.

B. Job's Question and God's Reply

1. The Request of Job.

Job 7:20, NASB95 -²⁰ *"Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself?"*

Job 13:22-23, KJV 1900 -²² *"Answer thou me! How many are my iniquities and sins?"*

What have I done to deserve this?

How can I be made right with God?

Can God kill me now? • If a man dies, will he live again?

SOURCE: Article, "The 166 Questions of Job" by Dr. H. L. Rossier.

2. The Reply of God.

Job 38:1, NASB95 -¹ *Then the LORD [all CAPS means יהוה (Yahweh) the highest name for creator God] answered Job out of the whirlwind [Heb. סְעָרָה (sar-a-rh), lit., a mighty storm, think Hurricane] and said....*

God's answer is always final! • There will be no appeal!

God's answer will display His glorious character and power.

Here, God's answer will come in an avalanche of questions to Job.

C. Lessons from a Football Game

1. We need to admit something: We all need God!

2. When we are in a situation we can't fix, pray to the God who can.

3. God, in His time, will answer—like a hurricane.

Who can fathom the depths of God or discover the limits of the Almighty?
- Job 11:7

I know that You (Yahweh) can do all things and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.
- Job 42:2