



# Being Humble Before God!

Job 40:1-5

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- All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.
- 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

At last! The Lord comes. All of us who have felt the tedium and the tension, the anguish and the anger, the doggedness and despair of the Jobian drama—we are more than ready for God to speak. The setting is significant—a whirlwind in the desert is where God shows Himself to Job. — Dr. D. L. McKenna, *Job*. (Thomas Nelson)

1. God has asked Job about 50 (of 77) questions.
2. God is the **Creator of Creation**. (38:4–21)
3. God is the **Controller of Creation**. (38: 22–38)
4. God is the One who **Cares for the Creation**. (38:39–39:30 and chapter 39)

## B. A Study of Job 40:1-5

### 1. The Contending With Job.

**Job 40:1–2, NASB95** -<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Job, <sup>2</sup> “Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer it.”

**Job 40:1–2, NLT** -<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Job, <sup>2</sup> “Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God’s critic, but do you have the answers?”

God has questioned Job about the earth (38:4–21), heaven (38:22–38) and the animal kingdom (38:39–39:30), spanning the entire course of time from creation to the shouts of captains in the very latest military conquests (39:25). Job has not been able to stop the barrage of questions. Each one has increasingly revealed his impotence.

– Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be Patient*, (Victor Books)

### 2. The Confession of Job.

**Job 40:3–5, TLB** -<sup>3</sup> Then Job replied to God: <sup>4</sup> “I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I lay my hand upon my mouth in silence. <sup>5</sup> I have said too much already.”

#### Job’s Confession

- His Discovery: “I am nothing.”
- His Silence: “What shall I say to You.”
- His Resolution: “I’ve said enough.”

### 3. The Command for Job.

**Job 40:6–7, NASB95** -<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm and said, <sup>7</sup> “Now gird up your loins like a man; I will ask you, and you instruct Me.

**Job 40:6–7, Darby** -<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, <sup>7</sup> “Let’s try this again, gird up your loins like a man; I will ask you some more questions, and you try to answer Me, yet still.”

## C. Application

Until we are silenced and humbled before God, He can’t do for us what needs to be done. As long as we defend ourselves, present our case, and argue with God, He can’t work for us and in us to accomplish His plan through us.

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### 1. We need to grow smaller in our own eyes.

### 2. God needs to grow bigger in our own eyes.

### 3. God’s Word needs to grow more influential in our lives.