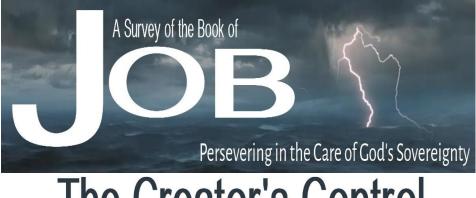
## Sermon Listening Guide



# The Creator's Control and Care For His Creation

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#### A. Review

#### In these closing chapters of Job, we need to notice some things:

- 1. God does not condemn Job.
- 2. God does not apologize for anything that has happened.
- 3. God does not justify what he has allowed to happen.
- 4. God does not offer an explanation for Job to consider.
- 5. God does not offer one word of sympathy to this grieving man.
- 6. God does not answer the question of suffering in the world.
- 7. God does not explain Satan's accusation or direct involvement in Jobs losses.
- 8. God does not explain why bad things happen to good people or why good things happen to bad people.
- 9. God simply points to the creation and the fact that He, the Sovereign God, is the creator and controller of all there is.

In the amazing mind of God, He knew that a show-and-tell of creation's magnificent would help settle the heart of a grieving man because it would elevate God to the <u>Sovereign Creator</u>. Job could find security and hope in his Creator God, sovereign in providence and power. A Creator God that created all, controls all, knows all, understands all, loves all, and is above all. – A. Maclaren

#### B. Chapter 30—God's Control and Care over His Creation.

#### 1. The Creativity of God:

The Strong Animal	The Lion	Job 38:39
The Skittish Animal	The Raven	Job 38:40
The Shy Animal	The Mountain Goat	Job 39:1-4
The Stubborn Animal	The Donkey	Job 39:5-8
The Sturdy Animal	The Wild Ox	Job 39:9-12
The Strange Animal	The Ostrich	Job 39:13-18
The Stately Animal	The Horse	Job 39:19-25
The Stunning Animal	The Hawk	Job 39:26-29

#### 2. The Accountability of Man:

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

**Job 27:11, NIV84** - <sup>11</sup> "I will teach you about the power of God; the ways of the Almighty I will not conceal.

#### C. Thought

### Our <u>ONLY HOPE</u> is God's Strength and Care!

Matthew 10:29–31, NLT -<sup>29</sup> What is the price of two sparrows—<u>one</u> <u>copper coin [Gk: Lepta, meaning small or thin: "The Widows Mite" in Mark 12:42]</u>? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. <sup>30</sup> And the very hairs on your head are all <u>numbered</u> [lit., inventoried]]. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

- **1. God Sees:** "...not a single sparrow can fall to the ground <u>without</u> your Father knowing it" - v. 29b
- **2. God Knows:** *"And the very hairs on your head are all <u>numbered.</u> - v. 29c*
- **3. God Cares:** <u>"Don't be afraid, you are more valuable to God than a</u> <u>whole flock of sparrows</u> - v. 31

#### 4. But, Sparrows do fall to the ground.