

I) V1-10 INTRO: Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line

II) As we are about to close our study of Job, God is continuing to ask Job questions

III) As He has been questioning Job, Job has been humbled into silence  
Job 40:3 He had said Behold I am vile; what shall I answer You?

IV) This admission had not ended God's questions to him

V) As I said in our last study, though he is convicted it doesn't mean his chastening ends

Comfort doesn't always come immediately even when we admit we are wrong

This can simply be a way of saying: Make the pain stop!

VI) Sometimes we can say, I said I'm sorry: what more do you want from me?

VII) When Judas betrayed Jesus, his conscience struck him and he went to the priests

Mt 27:3-4 Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said What is that to us? You see to it!

VIII) Judas' conscience struck him and he admitted that he had done wrong  
He saw that Jesus had been condemned to death, and he was remorseful

IX) He even brought back the blood money, trying to erase what he had done  
This did not satisfy the chief priests desire for Jesus' death

X) His response:

Mt 27:5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

In the case of Judas: Remorse was not the same as repentance

XI) With Job: he had made many statements that called God's judgment into question

His anguish was deep and it provoked Job to question the goodness of God

**XIII) When God began questioning him, he realized that he had no standing to question God**

**Ro 9:20 But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"**

**XII) Job was humbled, but not humbled enough and God made him dig even deeper**

**He continued asking Job about nature and the One who is Lord over it  
He closed his questions by referring to Behemoth and Leviathan**

**I) I mentioned that some commentators look at Behemoth as a general name  
They said that it could refer to a hippopotamus, or an elephant**

**II) Here God continues comparing Job's strength with His own  
He spoke of Behemoth and now He speaks of Leviathan**

**III) There are various interpretations concerning Leviathan  
Some say it is a sea monster or a great whale  
There is scholarly disagreement concerning this creature**

**IV) Leviathan is normally looked at as a crocodile  
It is described as a creature that should be feared**

**V) The Nile crocodile can grow up to 19 feet and weight over 1500 lbs  
This would seem to be a good description of such a beast**

**VI) V2 Can you put a reed through his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook  
Can you use a hook shaped bulrush to fish for him, or use an iron hook  
to get him**

**VII) V3-4 Will he make many supplications to you will he speak softly to you? Will  
he  
Is he afraid of you? Will he pledge his service to you because you are  
his master?**

**VIII) V5 Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you leash him for your  
maidens?  
Will you tame him and teach him to amuse you?  
Will you make this terrible and fierce creature so tame that little girls do  
not fear him?**

**IX) V6 Will your companions make a banquet of him Will they apportion him  
among the  
Will it be feasted upon in a banquet? Will they butcher him and sell his**

meat?

X) V7-10 Can you fill his skin with harpoons Or his head with fishing spears? Lay your

His skin is like iron, his strength is beyond you to take by hand, and if you try to you won't forget it soon!

He is too strong for you and can overwhelm you easily! You are not fierce enough to win against him

XI) V10 No one is so fierce that he would stir him up Who then is able to stand against Me

If you can't save yourself from him, how can you think you can save yourself from Me

XII) You wanted to contend with Me! You wanted to argue your case with Me!

If you can't contend with one of My creatures, how can you contend with Me?

You have tried to argue with the Creator of the Universe and all it contains!

I) Once again, you are not even able to defeat the crocodile

If you are unable to defeat even the crocodile, how can you defeat God?

II) V11 Who has preceded me that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine

Who has placed Me under any obligations, that I should owe them anything?

Who has ever given Me anything that I didn't already own

III) EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN IS MINE:

Dt 10:14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S your God, the earth also, with all that therein is

1 Chron 29:11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all [that is] in the heaven and in the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all.

Ps 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and those who dwell therein.

Ps 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S

IV) I do not have to, nor will I ever, explain My actions or justify My works to anyone

V) V12 I will not conceal his limbs his might power or his graceful proportions  
God now gives a more detailed description of this beast

I will read these verses and make a few comments

VI) V18-21 His sneezings flash forth light and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning

These verses gave rise to the thought of a fire breathing dragon

VII) The sneezings speak of water spray when it rises from water, the eyes reflect light

VIII) V22-34 Strength dwells in his neck and sorrow dances before him (read)

This is a picture of the fear that he provokes whenever he is near people

IX) Ch 42:1-4 Then Job answered the Lord and Said I know that You can do everything

This is the fruit of genuine conviction: No more arguing, no more corrections

V4 Job responded with humility: he simply agrees with God

X) V5-6 I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear but now my eye sees You  
Over my lifetime, I have walked by the things that have been taught to me

XI) I have worshiped you, made my offerings to you, led my family and taught my children

I have done all of this because I have held to what I have been taught by others

From the time of Adam, teachings and traditions were passed down generationally

I) Eliphaz had made reference to the ancient wisdom handed down generationally

Job 15:17-18 I will tell you, hear me; what I have seen I will declare, *what wise men have told*, not hiding anything *received* from their fathers

II) When we began Job I mentioned that the book is the earliest book of the bible  
Commentators believe the events took place in the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

III) This would mean that Scripture itself would not have been yet recorded  
Genesis and the opening OT books were written by Moses (1400 BC)

IV) Because the bible had not yet been recorded, believers held fast to oral tradition

This would have been what guided Job

**V) Even so, Job held fast faithfully to what he had been taught and lived accordingly**

**This is why God would say: there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil (Job 1:8)**

**VI) Job walked by faith and not by sight**

**He held fast to what he was taught and had faith in God**

**1 Pe 1:8-9 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.**

**VII) Job is saying: I have heard things of You and have by faith held fast to what I have heard**

**I obviously did not have the full picture and complete knowledge  
Because of this, I have not fully understood who You are**

**VIII) Luke tells the story of Jesus teaching by the Sea of Galilee**

**As He taught, the crowd grew and He needed more room to preach**

**IX) He saw two boats by the lake, and got into one of them: it belonged to Simon**

**He told Simon to push out from shore, and began to teach the people**

**X) When He stopped teaching He told Simon to launch out into the deep and cast his nets**

**Simon at first said this wouldn't work: they fished all night and caught nothing**

**Still, he obeyed Jesus, let down the nets and drew in an amazing amount of fish**

**XI) The net was breaking, so he signaled his partners for help**

**Once they got the net into the boat, it dawned on Peter what had just happened**

**Lu 5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"**

**I) Simon Peter thought that he knew who Jesus was, but really didn't**

**This event began to awaken him to who Jesus actually was**

- II) Job's experience with God was doing the same thing  
I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes:  
In seeing by faith God, he saw himself**
  
- III) V6 Therefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes  
His afflictions had brought him to sit in the ashes, but now his sins  
drive him there**
  
- IV) MY COMMENTS HAVE BEEN OVERBOLD: My attitude towards you was wrong  
I have been over familiar with You: I belong on this heap of ashes  
Suffering has brought depth to his life**
  
- V) The origin of greatness begins by humbly recognizing our smallness before  
God  
Pr 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour  
is humility  
Pr 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life.**
  
- VI) V7 And so it was after the Lord had spoken these words to Job that the Lord  
said  
God didn't speak to Job, but listened silently and spoke to Eliphaz  
He did so because he was eldest, and he represented his two friends**
  
- VII) Elihu is not dealt with because his words contained more mercy  
He had not personally attacked Job and called into question his life  
He simply rebuked his attitude**
  
- VIII) On the whole: Job had spoken properly concerning the Lord  
The comforters had not: Their attitudes and words were not right before  
Him**
  
- IX) V8-9 Now therefore take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams go to My  
servant  
God humbled Job's miserable comforters:  
Go to the one you called a hypocrite and have him offer up sacrifices:  
he will pray  
Job is recognized as accepted by God**
  
- X) V10 And the Lord restored Job's losses *when he prayed for his friends*  
Job was the righteous man, and his forgiving heart is shown by his**

prayers

**Mt 6:14** For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you

**Eph 4:32** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you

I) After so much pain he endured by the words of his friends, Job prays for them  
The healing of Job is tied in with Job's prayers for his friends  
His prayers for his friends revealed his faith, and that he had released their debt to him

II) V11 Then all his brothers all his sisters and all those who had been his acquaintances

Earlier, Job's relatives and friends had forsaken him

**Job 19:13** He has alienated my brothers from me; my acquaintances are completely estranged from me.

III) They now reconcile with him, and bring him gifts, demonstrating sorrow

IV) V12-17 Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning for he had

God restored Job, through His grace and goodness

He doubles all of his previous financial wealth

He also has more children

V) **JEMIMAH:** Fair as the day (the beauty of a brand new day)

**KEZIAH:** A spice that was often used for perfume

**KEREN-HAPPUCH:** A container for Eye-shadow which again emphasizes beauty

These names implied beauty, or sweetness

VI) **JOB DIES:** Old and full of days

**Jas 5:11** As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.