

Job 39 God Continues to Challenge Job

1 "Do you know the time when the wild **mountain goats bear young**? Or can you mark when the deer gives birth? 2 Can you number the months that they fulfill? Or do you know the time when they bear young? 3 They bow down, They bring forth their young, They deliver their offspring. 4 Their young ones are healthy, They grow strong with grain; They depart and do not return to them.



The glory of the natural live birth of mammals
Displaying the Gentleness/Awesomeness of our God

Psalms 29:9 The voice of the Lord **makes the deer give birth**, And **strips the forests bare**; And in His temple everyone says, "**Glory!**"

5 "Who set the **wild donkey** free? Who loosed the bonds of the onager [donkey], 6 Whose home I have made the wilderness, And the barren land his dwelling? 7 He scorns the tumult of the city; He does not heed the shouts of the driver. 8 The **range of the mountains is his** pasture, And he searches after every green thing.



God provides dwelling and food for all creatures

Genesis 1:29 And God said [to Adam] See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; **to you it shall be for food.**

9 "Will the **wild ox** be willing to serve you? Will he be by your manger? 10 Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes? Or will he plow the valleys behind you? 11 Will you trust him because his strength is great? Or will you leave your labor to him? 12 Will you trust him to bring home your grain, And gather it to your threshing floor?



- **Wild Ox:** Lit. a fearsome, mighty, extinct animal known as the **aurochs**.

Can you bring him into submission Job?

13 "The **wings of the ostrich wave proudly**, But are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork's? 14 For she leaves her eggs on the ground, And warms them in the dust; 15 She forgets that a foot may crush them, Or that a wild beast may break them. 16 She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers; Her labor is in vain, without concern, 17 Because **God deprived her of wisdom**, And did not endow



her with understanding. 18 When she lifts herself on high, She scorns the horse and its rider.

Oviparous [egg-laying] animals reproduce by laying fertilized or unfertilized eggs outside their bodies, which then develop into hatchlings in incubation organs called eggs. The eggs contain nutrients that allow the young to develop into organisms that can eventually hatch into independent animals.

Though the Ostrich is a stupid awkward creature as per God
God protects her eggs in spite of her.. Species continues

...some [creatures] are there just for God's entertainment and ours. [Andersen]

Get used to My absurdity, and live by faith rather than by sight. Be like the ostrich: though you cannot fly, you can still flap your wings joyfully! [Mason]

19 "Have you given the **horse strength**? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? 20 Can you frighten him [lit. make him spring] like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror. 21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; He gallops into the clash of arms. 22 He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; Nor does he turn back from the sword. 23 The quiver rattles against him, The glittering spear and javelin. 24 He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded. 25 At the blast of the trumpet he says, 'Aha!' He smells the battle from afar, The thunder of captains and shouting.



Majesty of Horses throughout Time. Used for Riding/Working/War
God to Job: I made the Horse

26 "**Does the hawk fly by your wisdom**, And spread its wings toward the south? 27 Does the **eagle mount up** at your command, And make its nest on high? 28 On the rock it dwells and resides, On the crag of the rock and the stronghold. 29 From there it spies out the prey; Its eyes observe from afar. 30 Its young ones suck up blood; And where the slain are, there it is."



Majesty of Flying Creatures
God's Wonderful Creation too often taken for Granted...

Proverbs 30:18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do not understand: 19 The **way of an eagle in the air**, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the midst of the sea, And the way of a man with a virgin.

Job 40 God's Power and Wisdom

1 Moreover the **Lord answered Job**, and said: 2 "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, **let him answer it.**"

Will you correct your Creator Job...

Isaiah 29:16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

3 Then Job answered the Lord and said: 4 "**Behold, I am vile**; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. 5 Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."

Repentance: I am vile before a holy God therefore I will be quiet

Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw [all the fish after doubting], he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "**Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!**"

- **Peter:** I am a sinful man
- **Isaiah:** I am undone
- **Paul:** I am the least of the Apostles, Least of Saints. These knew their depravity

No Shame Today...No Repentance Today

Jeremiah 6:15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were **not at all ashamed**; Nor did they know how to blush. [c.f. Corinthians glory in sin]

Jeremiah 8:6 I listened and heard, But they do not speak aright. No man repented of his wickedness, Saying, 'What have I done?' Everyone turned to his own course, As the horse rushes into the battle.

Godly Repentance is a Gift from God
Salvation is a non-starter without it

Acts 11:18b ...God has also **granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.**

2 Timothy 2:25 [Humbly Correct...] those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will **grant them repentance**, so that they may know the truth...

6 Then the Lord **answered Job out of the whirlwind**, and said: 7 "Now **prepare yourself like a man** [lit. Gird up your loins]; I will question you, and you shall answer Me: 8 "Would you indeed **annul My judgment**? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified? 9 Have you an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like His? 10 Then adorn yourself with majesty and splendor, And array yourself with glory and beauty.

Prepare yourself as a man Part 2 [c.f. 38:3]

- **Would you dismiss My Judgment?** I.e. That I do things differently
- **Would you condemn Me** seeking to prove your own innocence?

Psalm 51:4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And **blameless when You judge.**

Romans 3:4b ... let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."

Are you the same as Me Job?
Strength/Majesty/Splendor/Glory/Beauty/Wrath/Tenderness/Awesomeness?

11 [**Can you...**] **Disperse the rage of your wrath;** Look on everyone who is proud, and humble him. 12 Look on everyone who is proud, and bring him low; Tread down the wicked in their place. 13 Hide them in the dust together, Bind their faces in hidden darkness.

Do you have the authority/ability to judge in My place Job? **If so...**

14 Then I will also confess to you That your own **right hand** can save you.

- **God's Right hand saves us...**

Isaiah 59:16 [Salvation] He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore **His own arm brought salvation for Him;** And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

BTW...One more thing I made...

15 "Look now at the **behemoth**, which I made along with you; He eats grass like an ox. 16 See now, his strength is in his hips, And his power is in his stomach muscles. 17 He moves his tail like a cedar; The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. 18 His bones are like beams of bronze, His ribs like bars of iron. 19 He is the first of the ways of God; Only He who made him can bring near His sword. 20 Surely the mountains yield food for him, And all the beasts of the field play there. 21 He lies under the lotus trees, In a covert of reeds and marsh. 22 The lotus trees cover him with their shade; The willows by the brook surround him. 23 Indeed the river may rage, Yet he is not disturbed; He is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth, 24 Though he takes it in his eyes, Or one pierces his nose with a snare.



IOWs Since Job could not contend with his fellow creature the Behemoth
How could he ever contend with the God who created it?

- **Did Job walk with dinosaurs?** Behemoth and Leviathan...

Job 41 Leviathan

1 "Can you draw out **Leviathan** with a hook, Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower? 2 Can you put a reed through his nose, Or pierce his jaw with a hook? 3 Will he make many supplications to you? Will he speak softly to you? 4 Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him as a servant forever? 5 Will you play with him as with a bird, Or will you leash him for your maidens? 6 Will your companions make a banquet of him? Will they apportion him among the merchants? 7 Can you fill his skin with harpoons, Or his head with fishing spears? 8 Lay your hand on him; Remember the battle— Never do it again! 9 Indeed, any **hope of overcoming him is false**; Shall one not be overwhelmed at the sight of him?



Leviathan: Sea Creature Existing with Job
Typology of Satan Job' Accuser

10 No one is so fierce that he would dare stir him up. Who then is able to stand against Me? 11 Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine. 12 "I will not conceal his limbs, His **mighty power**, or his graceful proportions. 13 Who can remove his outer coat? Who can approach him with a double bridle? 14 Who can open the doors of his face, With his terrible teeth all around? 15 His rows of scales are his pride, Shut up tightly as with a seal; 16 One is so near another That no air can come between them; 17 They are joined one to another, They stick together and cannot be parted. 18 His sneezings flash forth light, And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. 19 Out of his mouth go burning lights; Sparks of fire shoot out. 20 Smoke goes out of his nostrils, As from a boiling pot and burning rushes. 21 His breath kindles coals, And a flame goes out of his mouth. 22 Strength dwells in his neck, And **sorrow dances before him**. 23 The folds of his flesh are joined together; They are firm on him and cannot be moved. 24 **His heart is as hard as stone**, Even as hard as the lower millstone. 25 When he raises himself up, **the mighty are afraid**; Because of his crashings they are beside themselves. 26 Though the sword reaches him, it cannot avail; Nor does spear, dart, or javelin. 27 He regards iron as straw, And bronze as rotten wood. 28 The arrow cannot make him flee; Slingstones become like stubble to him. 29 Darts are regarded as straw; He laughs at the threat of javelins. 30 His undersides are like sharp potsherds; He spreads pointed marks in the mire. 31 He makes the deep boil like a pot; He makes the sea like a pot of ointment. 32 He leaves a shining wake behind him; One would think the deep had white hair. 33 On earth there is nothing like him, Which is made without fear. 34 He beholds every high thing; **He is king over all the children of pride.**

He is King over the Children of Pride...This is who is causing your pain Job
Leviathan: lit. "Twisting one"

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

Psalm 74:12 For God is my King from of old, Working salvation in the midst of the earth. 13 You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters. 14 You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

Psalm 104:26 There the ships sail about; There is that Leviathan Which You have made to play there.

- Future defeat of Leviathan...

Isaiah 27:1 In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.

Isaiah 51:9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake as in the ancient days, In the generations of old. Are You not the arm that cut Rahab apart, And wounded the serpent?

Isaiah 51:9 and Psalm 89-8-10 also speak of a serpent associated with the sea that God defeated as a demonstration of His great strength, and identifies this serpent with the name Rahab, meaning proud one.

Psalm 89:8 O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. 9 You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them. 10 You have broken **Rahab** [lit. Egypt] in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

Job 26:12 He stirs up the sea with His power, And by His understanding He breaks up the storm. [lit. Rahab] 13 By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

- Defeat of a fleeing serpent...

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that **serpent of old**, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him ...**15** So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

Jesus returns to lock down Leviathan the Twisting/Twisted one for 1000 years
King/Father over all the Children of Pride...

John 8:44 You are of **your father the devil**/the desires of your father you want to do.

Job 42 Job's Repentance and Restoration

1 Then Job answered the Lord and said: 2 "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. 3 You asked, 'Who is

this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, **Things too wonderful** for me, **which I did not know.**

Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? [c.f. 38:2]
Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? [NLT]

Job had insisted that God bring answers to him. God turned the matter around and told Job that before He would answer questions for Job, Job had some questions to answer before God. The questions God had for Job were **simply unanswerable** and were meant to show Job that he really had **no place to demand answers from God.** [Guzik]

I sinned by speaking things beyond my power to understand...

4 Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.' 5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. 6 **Therefore I abhor myself,** And repent in dust and ashes."

The closer we get to a Holy God the more sinful we realize we are

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- The Book of Job reveals...

The Goodness/Longsuffering of God toward Sinful Man
Need of Repentance for *Even the Best of Men*

7 And so it was, after the Lord had spoken these words to Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. 8 Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant **Job shall pray for you.** For I will accept him, **lest I deal with you** according to your folly; because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has."

You have not spoken what is right of Me as Job has 2x

Job 1:20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." 22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Job did go too far in defending himself

It is better to remain silent at the risk of being thought a fool, than to talk and remove all doubt of it. [Anonymous]

Psalm 17:27 He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. 28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

Matthew 12:36 ...for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the Lord commanded them; for the **Lord had accepted Job.**

Conclusion: Job passed the test

10 And the **Lord restored** Job's losses **when he prayed for his friends.** Indeed the Lord gave Job **twice as much as he had before.**

Matthew 5:44 ... **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...

Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good.**

Twice as much as before

11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for **all the adversity that the Lord had brought upon him.** Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.

Did the Lord bring adversity on Job? He didn't prevent it
Consider my servant Job...

Ephesians 1:11b ...according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to **the praise of His glory**

12 Now the **Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning;** for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. 13 He also had seven sons and three daughters. 14 And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. 15 In all the land were found **no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job;** and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

- **No mention of wife but children.** Interesting.

- **Seven Sons/Three Daughters:** Same as at first
 1. **Jemimah:** Day by day. Dove.
 2. **Keziah:** A spice. Powdered bark like cinnamon
 3. **Keren-Happuch:** Strength found in not being alone

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. 17 **So Job died, old and full of days.**

Job never knew what we know from Ch's 1-2
Never knew it was Satan...Never knew the reason why

- God never tells Job the reason for his suffering, thus...
- Job is a comfort/inspiration to those suffering not knowing why. He never knew.

What do we know? God is Good. God has a Plan.
No more Shame. No more Suffering. New Beginning and Forever

Isaiah 25:8 [Prince of Peace] will swallow up death forever, And the **Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces...**

Revelation 7:17 ...the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

Revelation 21:4 And God will **wipe away every tear from their eyes**; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

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