

# Only God Is Wise

Job 38-41

Before you begin turning in your Bibles, listen for just a moment as I read where we're going tonight, and if it helps, close your eyes...

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**2 Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?**

**3 Dress for action like a man;**

**I will question you, and you make it known to me.**

**4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?**

**Tell me, if you have understanding.**

**5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!**

**Or who stretched the line upon it?**

**6 On what were its bases sunk,**

**or who laid its cornerstone,**

**7 when the morning stars sang together**

**and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**

**8 Or who shut in the sea with doors**

**when it burst out from the womb,**

**9 when I made clouds its garment**

**and thick darkness its swaddling band,**

**10 and prescribed limits for it**

**and set bars and doors,**

**11 and said, Thus far shall you come, and no farther,**

**and here shall your proud waves be stayed?**

**12 Have you commanded the morning since your days began,**

**and caused the dawn to know its place,**

**13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,**

**and the wicked be shaken out of it?**

## **Job 38:22-27**

**22 Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,**

**or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,**

**23 which I have reserved for the time of trouble,**

for the day of battle and war?

**24 What is the way to the place where the light is distributed,  
or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?**

**25 Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain  
and a way for the thunderbolt,**

**26 to bring rain on a land where no man is,  
on the desert in which there is no man,**

**27 to satisfy the waste and desolate land,  
and to make the ground sprout with grass?**

**Job 39:5-6**

**5 Who has let the wild donkey go free?**

**Who has loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,**

**6 to whom I have given the arid plain for his home  
and the salt land for his dwelling place?**

**Job 39:19**

**Do you give the horse his might?**

**Do you clothe his neck with a mane?**

**Job 39:27**

**Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up  
and makes his nest on high?**

**Job 40:1-5**

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**I lay my hand on my mouth.**

**5 I have spoken once, and I will not answer;  
twice, but I will proceed no further.**

Go ahead and turn in your Bibles to Job 38. You know, at the Last Supper, Jesus told His disciples that He had longed to eat that meal with them. Well, I've longed to eat THIS spiritual meal with you. I've longed to delve deeply into this MAJESTIC answer from God from the whirlwind to Job...AND TO US. So, picking up in verse one, the Bible says...

### Job 38:1-2

**1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:**

**2 Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?**

*“Job, is that you who has begun speaking so presumptuously?”* With his unflappable defense of his personal integrity and his demands to make his case with God face to face, he didn’t sound like the **“blameless and upright man who fears God”** that we met at the beginning of our study. It leads God to ask, “Who is this? WHO are YOU, Job, to approach ME in this manner?” God said Job had “darkened counsel,” meaning that he had hidden or obscured the purpose behind what God was actually doing due to his lack of knowledge. Examples of Job doing this are the multiple times he said that God had become his enemy. NO, HE HADN’T! God told Satan that He had destroyed Job for NO REASON! Job didn’t know what he was talking about! He was darkening counsel for lack of knowledge. God tells Job...

### Job 38:3

**Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.**

Now, remember, this is what Job said he wanted! Think back to Job’s first response to Zophar, that nasty man who felt Job ought to have suffered more. Job was bent on arguing his case with God face-to-face. He told God, **“Call, and I will answer” (Job 13:22a)**, and now God says, *“Alright, let’s talk.”* He tells Job, **“dress for action,”** meaning to *gird up his loins* in preparation for a *difficult task*. God was saying, *“This conversation you’ve been demanding to have is going to be HARD...for you. It’s going to be hard for you to accept My answer. It’s unlikely to bring you the comfort or understanding you seek.”* And how could it?! Job was asking about things he had no ability to truly comprehend!”

God tells Job, **“I will question you, and you make it known to me.”** Now, I could imagine that Job was already speechless at the voice of God from the whirlwind, but if he wasn’t, perhaps at this point he started thinking, *“Alright! Now we’re getting somewhere,”* as if God is only going to ask him questions that he’s thought of and for which he’s prepared to answer. Perhaps he thought God was going to pitch it to him (motioning) UNDERHANDED like, “Job, why do you think you shouldn’t be suffering?” He wasn’t prepared for God to ask...

### Job 38:4

**Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.**

Uh, the answer is: NOWHERE. God starts off describing His work as Creator that first week of history like a CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, and Job was NOWHERE to be found on that construction site. God has always existed, preexisting the angels who were created before the heavens and the earth. Job wasn’t present at the foundation of the world; how could he begin to grasp the way God or His creation works? Have you ever been taken to task by someone you could in NO WAY answer? I’m sure we all have at

some point, but never to the degree that Job was about to experience. However, throughout God's REBUKE, we will find traces of comfort and reassurance. The One who had watched over Job's life and deemed it right that he should suffer in this way had watched over his life from eternity (Romans 1:20). God had missed nothing, and the vastness of His wisdom could be seen throughout the created world.

**"Who laid its cornerstone?"** God asked. This act elicited the joyous praises of the angels. The cornerstone is the chief building block of a structure; all other blocks, walls, openings and angles are determined by this stone. The more perfect the cornerstone, the more perfect the structure. So, the cornerstone of the created world, in my estimation, would be the natural laws that govern its order. These are things like gravity, the distance between the earth and the sun and moon, the composition of air, the physical qualities of water (including the water cycle), the frequency of lightning strikes, the function of plant life, symbiotic relationships within the animal kingdom, and list goes on as infinitely as the One who designed it all. THE CREATOR WHO GOVERNS ALL OF THIS IS FAR MORE QUALIFIED TO DETERMINE WHAT'S JUST THAN THE CREATED. We mustn't forget that. As the prophet Isaiah said...

#### **Isaiah 40:22**

**It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in...**

The LORD goes on to describe His creation of the seas like a BIRTH. The seas, like a newborn **"burst out from the womb,"** and they were immediately given BOUNDARIES. God **"shut in the sea with doors,"** and **"prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors."** The CENTRAL IDEA of this portion of God's answer is BOUNDARIES. God IS able to declare, **"THIS FAR shall you come, and NO FARTHER!"** It speaks not only to God's POWER—for who has ever stopped the waves except God with the land that He made—but it also speaks to His AUTHORITY. He has the AUTHORITY over the seas, and He has authority over JOB'S LIFE. God has authority over our lives as well! He has the authority to do what He wills because HE IS GOD, and as He'll say in a couple of chapters, **"Whatever is under the whole heaven is MINE" (Job 41:11b)**

Things happen, terrible things that are a reality in this sin-broken world, and it's tempting to ask God WHY, but in a way that implies that God LACKS the authority to work in such a way in our lives. Instead of a plea for understanding, it's more like, *"God! How dare You?!"* God says, *"Your life is mine to do with,"* because as Paul wrote to the Colossian believers, **"all things were created through him and FOR him" (Colossians 1:16b)**. Ultimately, as we'll see, Job is calling GOD'S JUSTICE into question, but God's justice is literally REVEALED with THE DAWN. God says...

#### **Job 38:12-14**

**12 Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,**

**13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?**

**14 It is changed like clay under the seal,**

**and its features stand out like a garment.**

As the sun comes up over the mountains and the shadows slip away, it's as if the mountains are RISING to meet the light. God says that the earth's features "**stand out**" like the folds of a garment, or as if "dyed," the colors of the earth becoming visible out of darkness—the waters becoming bluer, the grass and trees greener. As the dawn breaks upon the earth, God says that "**the wicked are shaken out of it**" (**Job 38:13**). Wicked deeds are perpetrated in the darkness of night; think of when they arrested Jesus (Luke 22:53). The darkness is "the light" of "the wicked," and God says...

**Job 38:15**

**From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.**

Every night we're reminded of the darkness in which our small world is situated, the sin that fills it. This darkness will routinely come until the day of God dawns and fully and finally shakes the wicked out of the earth (2 Peter 3:11-12; Revelation 20:11-15). In that day, there will be new heavens, a new earth, and a New Jerusalem...

**Revelation 21:23-25**

**23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.**

No more night, no more darkness, NO MORE SIN to shake out of the earth. God is the One who does this. He is the bringer of justice. He breaks the arm of the wicked with each new dawn, and one day, He will shake the wicked out of His kingdom forever. Regardless of Job's experience or our own, we know that GOD'S JUSTICE IS PERFECT. God continues to test Job, asking...

**Job 38:16**

**16 Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?**

Of course, the answer is NO. Job knew nothing of the ocean depths nor the expanse of the earth. God, on the other hand, knows every inch of the earth, down into the deepest, most unreachable recesses. He knows just how expansive the earth is that HE MADE. GOD AND HIS WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING ARE MORE VAST AND MORE UNSEARCHABLE THAN THE DEEPEST RECESSES OF THE EARTH. Job cannot hope to understand all that God understands.

Exploring the extremities of Creation, God takes Job and us from the deepest depths to the highest heights. God makes clear that Job has no notion of where the snow and hail are kept for dispersal on the day of battle and war. History has observed battles halted due to weather. The same winter weather that stop Napoleon's campaign for Russia in 1812 stopped Hitler's in 1942. Job can't lead the

constellations across the night sky, much less is he able to disband the stars that comprise them so that they're no longer recognizable. In pointing out Job's inability to command the weather or direct the celestial bodies, God's message to Job is as clear as the message He gave to Isaiah when He said...

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

**8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

Who was Job to make such grand enquiries into the divine counsel? The natural phenomena that God has named are so far beyond Job's comprehension, and yet he'd sooner grasp these things than God's purpose in bringing such suffering into his life.

For the most part, the rest of God's answer to Job relates to His sovereignty and oversight over the ANIMAL KINGDOM. He names 12 creatures: 6 beasts, 5 birds, and an insect. Job had no hope of understanding, much less controlling, any of the amazing, INANIMATE wonders of the universe that are guided by God's hand. How much less could he direct creatures with a will of their own? I'm going to hit these at a clip. God asks Job...

Job 38:39-41 - Can you hunt the prey for lions or feed the ravens? NO.

Job 39:1-4 - Have you ever seen a wild animal give birth? NO.

Job 39:5-8 - Were you the one who let the wild donkey go free? NO.

Job 39:9-12 - Will the wild ox be willing to serve you or spend the night at your manger? NO.

Job 39:19-25 - Were you the one who gave the horse its strength and made him fierce in battle? NO.

Job 39:26-30 - Is it by your understanding that birds of prey soar, hunt, and live securely? NO.

Man can scarcely control a single animal, even one that has been domesticated. He rarely even SEES a wild animal, much less finds them to feed them or observe the birth of their offspring. However, God MISSES NOTHING. He intimately understands and directs all the animals throughout creation because HE IS CREATOR AND SUSTAINER. Now, before God PUNCTUATES His answer with a close-up on two amazing creatures, He once again takes Job to task for his IGNORANCE and ARROGANCE...

**Job 40:1-5**

**1 And the Lord said to Job:**

**2 Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?  
He who argues with God, let him answer it.**

God's wisdom and might are evident. He is the Master Teacher, and self-discovery being one of the most enduring lessons, God peppers Job with QUESTIONS to show him just how little he actually understood. If Job would dare CONTEND with God and have Him answer his questions, Job had better have good answers to God's questions. However...

**3 Then Job answered the Lord and said:**

**4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?**

**I lay my hand on my mouth.**

**5 I have spoken once, and I will not answer;**

**twice, but I will proceed no further.**

God is ONLY HALFWAY through His response, and already Job is SILENCED. He realizes he never had any grounds upon which to call into question God's justice or His purposes for this suffering. God says...

**Job 40:8**

**Will you even put me in the wrong?**

**Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?**

THIS IS JOB'S MAIN PROBLEM. Questioning God in order to justify ourselves is often our problem as well. We do this any time we place more confidence in our understanding of things, subjecting the ways of God to our scrutiny rather than just surrendering to them. We do it when we give ourselves permission to sin. It happens when God prods our heart to do something, and we balk at it because it makes us uncomfortable, or it doesn't make sense to US. The apostle John wrote, "**If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us**" (1 John 1:10). It could be said that when we question His leading with the underlying motive of hesitating or looking for a way out of obeying Him, we make Him the fool. He make Him the crouching subject and OURSELVES GOD.

Is there an area in your life in which you find yourself questioning God like this, as a means of putting off obedience? Truly, if God's answer to your "WHY" could potentially affect your obedience, then you're only asking in order to put off obedience. Has God placed someone on your heart to witness to, but it's too terrifying a prospect to follow through on? Is there something to which God is calling you, but you know it's going to cost you financially, possibly for the rest of your life? Perhaps it's a sinful stronghold that God is telling you to demolish, but you hesitate because feel your life would be less enjoyable. No, it will be MORE enjoyable because you'll be FREE. I pray as David in Psalm 15 that, if any of us are questioning God in order to justify ourselves, the LORD will *renew a reliable spirit in our inner being*.

Finally, God PUNCTUATES His answer to Job with TWO MASSIVE EXCLAMATION POINTS, discourses on two AMAZINGLY POWERFUL CREATURES that He made: BEHEMOTH and LEVIATHAN. God says...

**Job 40:15-24**

**15 Behold, Behemoth,**

which I made as I made you;  
he eats grass like an ox.

16 Behold, his strength in his loins,  
and his power in the muscles of his belly.

17 He makes his tail stiff like a cedar;  
the sinews of his thighs are knit together.

18 His bones are tubes of bronze,  
his limbs like bars of iron.

19 He is the first of the works of God;  
let him who made him bring near his sword!

20 For the mountains yield food for him  
where all the wild beasts play.

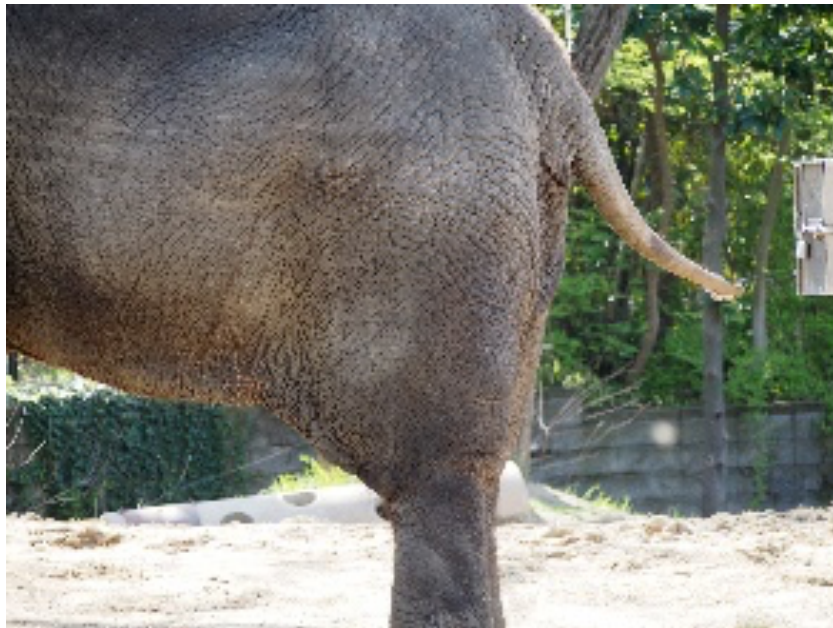
21 Under the lotus plants he lies,  
in the shelter of the reeds and in the marsh.

22 For his shade the lotus trees cover him;  
the willows of the brook surround him.

23 Behold, if the river is turbulent he is not frightened;  
he is confident though Jordan rushes against his mouth.

24 Can one take him by his eyes,  
or pierce his nose with a snare?

Now there are many who believe that this is a description of a hippopotamus, and I'll get to THE MAIN REASON behind that MISCONCEPTION, as I see it, in a moment. You can tell by the way I'm speaking that that is not my belief. Much of the description could indeed match up with a hippo, except for one...

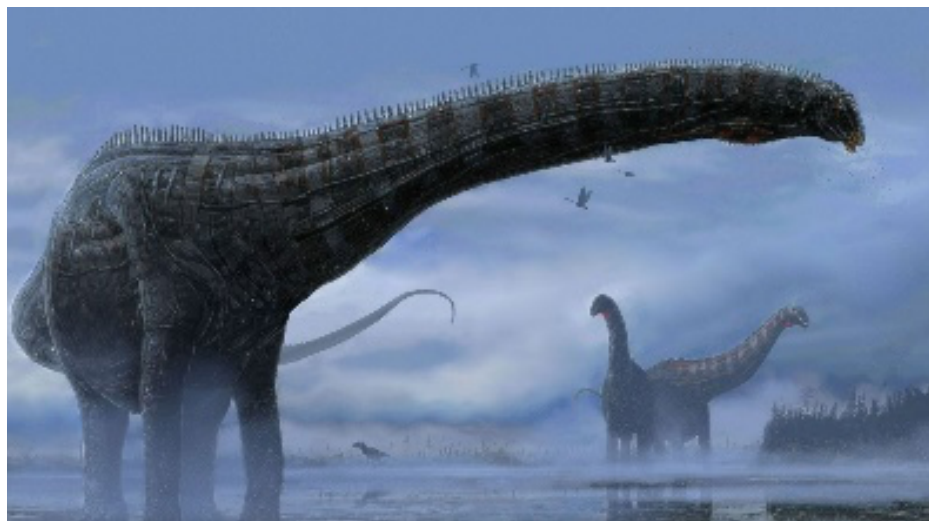




God says that "**he makes his tail stiff like a CEDAR,**" and yes, that's the same word used throughout the Old Testament to describe the famous cedars of Lebanon, the wood used to build the interior of the Temple, and so on. Behemoth's tail swayed like a cedar. Now tell me, is THIS a tail that you would compare to a CEDAR?



No, I am much more of the persuasion that behemoth was some type of sauropod...



The main thing on this list that makes people doubt that behemoth was some type of sauropod is the fact that he laid under the lotus tree. However, there are various species of lotus tree that can grow up to 50 feet tall. Even though such a dinosaur STOOD 70-100 feet tall, the Bible said he laid under it, and for it to do so, the tree would only have to be about 20-30 feet tall. So, that doesn't invalidate the idea that behemoth was a sauropod, not like the cedar-like tail invalidates the idea that he was a hippo. Why is that so hard for some to accept? I'm getting there, but first, how about LEVIATHAN?

Leviathan was perceived by many in Job's day as a mystical sea monster; pagans were known to have even worshiped it as a god. In the Book of Job, however, leviathan is just another creature that God made, making Him INFINITELY MORE POWERFUL than the mighty beast. All of Job 41 is devoted to the creature's description, and having dedicated such breadth to its discussion, the Holy Spirit is saying LOOK AT IT, and so we shall. I won't read the entire chapter; it's worth meditating on during your personal devotion time. Here are just a few of the more incredible descriptions of the beast. God says...

**Job 41:12**

**I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,  
or his mighty strength, or his goodly frame.**

All of the animals have been used to illustrate God's power or sovereignty or omniscience and omnispience, and there is something to be known of God from Behemoth and Leviathan. This verse contains the EMPHASIS of God's illustration, the MAIN OBSERVATION we're to make of Leviathan, namely his MIGHTY STRENGTH and his AMAZING FORM. God continues...

**Job 41:13-21, 31-33**

**13 Who can strip off his outer garment?**

**Who would come near him with a bridle?**

**14 Who can open the doors of his face?**

**Around his teeth is terror.**

**15 His back is made of rows of shields,  
shut up closely as with a seal.**

**16 One is so near to another  
that no air can come between them.**

**17 They are joined one to another;  
they clasp each other and cannot be separated.**

**18 His sneezings flash forth light,  
and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn.**

**19 Out of his mouth go flaming torches;  
sparks of fire leap forth.**

**20 Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke,  
as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.**

**21 His breath kindles coals,  
and a flame comes forth from his mouth.**

**31 He makes the deep boil like a pot;  
he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.  
32 Behind him he leaves a shining wake;  
one would think the deep to be white-haired.  
33 On earth there is not his like,  
a creature without fear.**

Just as behemoth is DOWNGRADED to hippopotamus, many scholars say that these portions of scripture describe a CROCODILE. Really?! When you hear that its hide is like rows of shields and that it breathes fire (SIX REFERENCES to breathing fire), is crocodile what springs to mind for you? Have you ever seen a FIRE-BREATHING crocodile? Me neither.

Why do some people adhere to the notion that behemoth is a hippo and leviathan is a crocodile? What is the GATEKEEPER in their minds that PREVENTS them from being able to consider the very real possibility that leviathan was a fire-breathing dragon? I believe it's because they've been influenced by evolutionary doctrine more than they'd care to admit. An OLD-EARTH just seems more "SCHOLARLY" to people, and I can see why. Either in school or through mainstream educational entertainment like the Discovery Channel or National Geographic, we've been bludgeoned ceaselessly with the precept (NOT fact or evidence) that dinosaurs became extinct when???

65 MILLION YEARS before humans appeared on earth. Yeah, it doesn't matter where you look, we're told that humanity and dinosaurs could NOT have COEXISTED. What does the Bible say? God, WHO WAS THERE, says they DID coexist. I get it, though; when virtually every outlet tells you that tens of millions of years separated dinosaurs and humanity, over time, if you aren't grounded in your beliefs, you start to believe it. People want to believe the Bible and evolution, though, and that's why things like the DAY-AGE and GAP THEORIES (DEISM as a whole) are making a comeback today. They're a means of INSERTING BILLIONS OF YEARS into the Bible and "RECONCILING" their SPIRITUAL YEARNINGS without appearing SCIENTIFICALLY IGNORANT by the world's standards.

For others, and I believe it's a smaller demographic, a FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON just sounds too much like a FAIRY TALE to be believed.



They struggle with the notion, even though there are creatures like the BOMBARDIER BEETLE with the ability to eject multiple chemicals simultaneously that, when combined, cause a chemical reaction that generates extreme heat. Fire-emitting creatures are more than a biological possibility, and cultures around the world have attested to the reality of dragons for millennia.

If you're one who struggles with the idea of dinosaurs in the Bible, it could be that evolutionary doctrine has a stronger hold on YOU than you realize. I ask you, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY??? You claim to place your hope for eternal life in a man who rose from the dead, but you balk at the notion of man and dinosaurs coexisting? Again, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY??? Who holds greater authority in your life? The Discovery Channel? Some college professor? OR GOD? You see, it's one thing to say that God is greater than THIS...



It's ANOTHER THING ENTIRELY to say that God is greater than THIS...



Why do I pause and fixate on these fearsome creatures? BECAUSE GOD DID! WE ARE MEANT TO MARVEL AT THEM! Why point them out to Job and TO US if we weren't meant to be struck with some measure of AWE, even FEAR?! They are FIERCE, but NOT EVIL. They're AMAZING! If we could glimpse them in nature as we crested a mountain or drifted at sea on a fishing boat, they would TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY and even make us WANT TO HIDE while still GAZING CEASELESSLY. Then our perspective is adjusted, and we see that they're merely an illustration that trains our hearts to rightly see God. He INFINITELY SURPASSES them in ferocity and might. He is not evil, but awesome and fearsome, drawing our gaze while taking our breath. And what is the point that God is making as he draws Job's attention to these mighty beasts? God tells us...

**Job 41:10-11**

**10 No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up.**

**Who then is he who can stand before me?**

**11 Who has first given to me, that I should repay him?**

**Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.**

*"And that includes you, Job."* What happened to Job? I mean, apart from his suffering. What had happened in his heart through it all? I remember once listening to Charles Stanley preach while getting ready for church one Sunday morning. This was probably 20 or so years ago. He was talking about prayer, and as if someone else were asking, he said, **"Do I always have to pray on my knees?"** And he answered in that tender, grandfatherly tone, **"No, you don't always have to pray on your knees,"** but then, as if a switch were flipped, he said in the most SOBER tone imaginable, **"But don't forget who you're talking to."** In the midst of his loss, pain, ridicule, and in the defense of his personal integrity, JOB HAD FORGOTTEN WHO HE WAS TALKING TO.

As God corrected Job for his grievous presumption, His answer was also ASSURANCE. Job wanted an explanation from God for his suffering, and this WAS an EXPLANATION; it just wasn't the one he sought. Job was calling God to give account for why He had so dealt with him, but God emphatically declares that that wasn't Job's place. **"Will you even put me in the wrong?"** God asked. **"Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?"** God showed Job that he was WHOLLY UNQUALIFIED to even open his mouth to Him in such a way.

Like Job, we are unqualified to ask God why WITH THE IMPLICATION OR SENTIMENT that He's wrong, and that we would have done it better. We delude ourselves by thinking that our suffering would be easier to bear if we just understood it. Our Heavenly Father LOVES us, but He is under NO OBLIGATION to explain anything to us; when He does so, it's only because it's HIS WILL to disclose the matter. Suffering is a part of our reality, and it's endemic of the broken state of the world, not of any wickedness or cruelty in God, and the fact that He is able to use suffering to bring about spiritual growth is a testament to His SOVEREIGNTY, MIGHT, and WISDOM. We are in His hands, and that's the answer that Job wasn't seeking but actually needed.

As God answered Job from the whirlwind, He reminded Job that He alone DID grasp what was happening in Job's life. God IS qualified to make such decisions regarding who suffers and how much because HE ALONE IS WISE! He sees the big picture completely, from end to end, top to bottom, from every angle, and with PERFECT CLARITY. He isn't making judgments with partial information, nor is He making decisions with malice in His heart toward us. He is GOOD. He is HOLY He is JUST. He is WISE. He LOVES us, and the one whose perspective is right knows that none of that has changed when suffering comes, and that He's still worthy of PRAISE, not doubt or contempt. **Charles Spurgeon** beautifully described such an outlook, and in so doing, PRESCRIBES how to maintain such perspective. He said...

***"The worldling blesses God while he gives him plenty, but the Christian blesses him when he smites him: he believes him to be too wise to err and too good to be unkind; he trusts him where he cannot trace him, looks up to him in the darkest hour, and believes that all is well. O Christian, if your heart is right, you will understand this spiritual satisfaction, and your soul will be satisfied in times of drought."***

No, such an understanding doesn't make the suffering dissipate, it just sets our eyes on the One who's holding us, and we're reminded that we can rest in Him. Yes, God's answer to Job was NEEDED CORRECTION, but it was also ASSURANCE. In both the arrogant way Job demanded an audience with God and by implying that God was wrong to have caused him such suffering, Job had forgotten who he was talking to, so God REMINDED him. STRONGLY. The One who has all of Creation in hand has you, and He is MIGHTY, and He is WISE to save you THROUGH your suffering until He saves you FROM it.