

How does your God compare to your problem?

We can't have Mt moving faith if we don't have a Mt moving God.

Your problem is not the size of your problem. Your problem is the size of your God.

Today I want to talk about an Awesome God

Title: Awesome God

We are going to start in Job

Now I need to tell you that I have a vastly different perspective on Job than most all of my peers.

Most Word of Faith preachers view Job through NT eyes. But Job is perhaps the earliest book of the Bible.

Job didn't have access to the NT, or even the OT. The Bible had yet to be written when Job had his experiences.

Faith preachers like to say the Job opened the door to his problems by fear.

But we know that **Rom 14:23 (NASB)whatever is not from faith is sin.**

Fear is from faith so if Job had opened the doors by fear that would have been sin.

Job 3:25 (NASB) "For what I fear comes upon me, And what I dread encounters me.

But we can't judge Job by our revelation cause he didn't have access to our revelation.

And some famous TV preachers have also quoted vs 5 as evidence of Jobs fear.

Job 1:5 (NASB) When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send word to them and consecrate them, getting up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all;

for Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Job did so continually.

How is a parent praying for their children a sign of fear?

Don't get it?

Job 1:22 (NASB) Despite all this, Job did not sin, nor did he blame God.

Job 2:10 (NASB) But he said to her, "You are speaking as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we actually accept good from God but not accept adversity?" Despite all this, Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 2:3 (NASB) The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds firm to his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."

Integrity - stay together. Wholeness.

Fear had been the cause then God told a fib cause God said, without cause.

Now Job did say that the thing he feared had come upon him but lets look at the story

Job 1:13-17 (NLT) One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother's house, [14] a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, [15] when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." [16] While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." [17] While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: "Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

Job 1:18-19 (NASB) While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, [19] and behold, a great wind came from across

the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

His world had collapsed.

His own wife turned on him.

Job 2:9 (NASB) Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold firm your integrity? Curse God and die!”

Then his 3 friends show up.

They each have an opinion. Everyone has opinions.

Have you ever noticed that everyone is an expert when you are in pain?

Be careful who you listen to.

I have heard preachers quote from Job’s friends yet God himself said in chapter 42 that Eliphaz and his two friends spoke of God in a way that was not right.

Job’s struggle was real, his heart ache and darkness was unbearable.

He wanted the day he was conceived to be erased from history.

He complained that life was not fair.

***complaining is a form of self-righteousness.**

In the 38th chapter God shows up.

God makes no reference to Job’s suffering. Not even a mention of it.

Job 38:1-4 (NLT) Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind: [2] “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? [3] Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. [4] “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much.

God is about to take Job on a journey.

Job 38:12-13 (NLT) “Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east? [13] Have you made daylight spread to the ends of the earth, to bring an end to the night’s wickedness?”

Job 38:16-20 (NLT) “Have you explored the springs from which the seas come? Have you explored their depths? [17] Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom? [18] Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know! [19] “Where does light come from, and where does darkness go? [20] Can you take each to its home? Do you know how to get there?”

Job 38:31-33 (NLT) “Can you direct the movement of the stars—binding the cluster of the Pleiades or loosening the cords of Orion? [32] Can you direct the constellations through the seasons or guide the Bear with her cubs across the heavens? [33] Do you know the laws of the universe? Can you use them to regulate the earth?”

Job 38:34-35 (NLT) “Can you shout to the clouds and make it rain? [35] Can you make lightning appear and cause it to strike as you direct?”

Job 39:26-27 (NLT) “Is it your wisdom that makes the hawk soar and spread its wings toward the south? [27] Is it at your command that the eagle rises to the heights to make its nest?”

Job 40:9 (NLT) Are you as strong as God? Can you thunder with a voice like his?

Job 42:1-6 (NLT) Then Job replied to the LORD: [2] “I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. [3] You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me. [4] You said, ‘Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.’ [5] I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. [6] I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”

Your problems can not be vanquished by debate.

Your struggle will not end with discussion

You don't need someones viewpoint

You need to see God with your own eyes.

Psa 19:1-2 (NLT) For the choir director: A psalm of David. The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. [2] Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known.

It would do you and I good to slow down and look around.

Walk outside some night and look up into the starry sky and remind yourself that your Father put all of those lights up there.

If you find yourself at the seaside remember as each wave crashes upon the shore that your God told them where they had to stop.

When you walk outside look at a tree can you guess the number of leafs in that tree? God can number the leafs on every tree every where

What is your problem when compared to Him.

Job had to learn to trust in the goodness and power of God in adversity by enlarging his concept of God.

So do we.

He is omniscient, omnipotent, and good!!!

His ways are sometimes incomprehensible to men and women, but He can always be trusted.

Our God is an Awesome God.

Psa 33:8 (NASB) Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.