

# Job 38-39 – 29 June 2023

## “Who Art Thou...God”

### Introduction

\*Book of Job opens w/ heavenly scene in which Satan asks permission to bring calamity into Job’s life

\*Chap 3-37 – saw 4 friends give little to no advice that could help job deal with his situation

\*Finally what we’ve been waiting for here in Chap 38

\*Read Chap 38:1-3

1. God’s rebuke? Don’t speak what we don’t know
  - a. We give bad advice when we do that
2. God’s wants Job to listen w/ intent to answer

\*As God speaks to Job, He begins to bring to light the most important subject that Job needs to consider to get thru all his calamity

\*Is it to understand his situation? No, too small

\*Is it a way out or thru his situation? No, too limited

\*Is it a verbal hug of compassion? No, too temporary

\*It’s revelation of who God is! Big enough to effect Job for the rest of his life!

**Today we’ll see 6 ways we need to exalt God higher**

# #1: God is Creator, we're only created (38:4-7)

Read Chap 38:4

1. Notice the comparison between God & man
  - a. Job wasn't even **created** yet at creation
    - i. By contrast, God has always been
  - b. Yet God was the very agent at creation that made it all happen
2. Job, who are you as compared to Me God?

Read Vs 5-7

1. These questions are designed to humble Job & exalt God in Job's eyes
  - a. Vs 5 answer obviously is 'God You did'
  - b. Vs 6 answer 'I don't know but You know'
2. We can learn a lot from the specific examples that God give in these speeches
  - a. Vs 5: God made the universe of a certain size that only He knows
  - b. Vs 6: God know how universe is sustained
  - c. Vs 7: the angels are morning stars, sons of God and singers

## #2: God is Initiator, we're only followers (38:8-21)

Read Chap 38:8-11

1. Who did this Job? Answer: You did God
2. God's saying, Job did you create the ocean in such a way that you control & contain them

Read Vs 12-15

1. Since you were born, did you take over as the leader of controlling sunrise & when darkness falls?

Read Vs 16-18

1. Job since you were born, you haven't even been to all the places that God has created

Read Vs 19-21

1. Surely Job you are the leader of light since you were born at that time – sarcasm

### **#3: God is Caretaker of all, we're only beneficiaries (38:22-30)**

Read Chap 38:22-27

1. Job are you the one that looks out over the whole earth & knows just where to send the snow & rain for its aid?
2. Job are you able to use all of creation for good like Me?

Read Vs 28-30

1. Job who is progenitor of hydrological cycle?
2. God made it & uses it for others benefit

### **#4: God is Empowerer, we're only the empowered (38:31-41)**

Read Chap 38:31-35

1. Did you bring together the constellation Pleiades or could you separate Orion?

- a. Pleiades: aka the 7 stars
- b. Orion: Major stars Rigel & Betelgeuse
2. Mazzaroth (aka in secular circles as the zodiac)
  - a. It's the 12 constellations in the yearly cycle
  - b. Read Gen 1:14 – For our benefit
3. Job can you give power to your own creation to have their own influence and power?

### Read Vs 36-38

1. God created in such a way that man, His creation, isn't just an automaton, but has his own intelligence and reasoning
2. We're not a product of randomness but of an intelligent design that loves and cares for us

### Read Vs 39-41

1. God has compassionately provided a level of intelligence to His creation to know how to survive and thrive
2. His authority and ways are to love & care for us, not to harm us or even to be ambivalent

## #5: God is Lord & Master, we're only a part of the system (39:1-12)

Read Chap 39:1-4

1. Do you know the cycle of the natural reproduction of animals?

Read Vs 5-8

1. Do you, Job, control the animal kingdom that isn't even among men?
2. No, God's provided them a house & more

Read Vs 9-12

1. Unicorns in the Bible
  - a. Modern culture has applied this English word to a mythical animal but the word just means a horned animal
  - b. The modern Indian Rhinoceros' scientific name is *rhinoceros unicornis*
  - c. The English word is a translation of the Hebrew *re'em* which is used 9 Biblical times to mean the aurochs, an extinct species of wild ox
2. The point: even the animals aren't fully under your control Job

## **#6: God is the Sovereign Chooser we're only the receiver (39:13-30)**

Read Chap 39:13-18

1. As God chose to provide strength to the wild ox, He also chose to deprive the ostrich of wisdom
  - a. Read Rom 9:20 – God has that right!
  - b. Did you do that Job or do you know why? no

Read Vs 19-25

1. Job did you give to the horse his courage & power? No
2. God has created each one uniquely & intricately!

Read Vs 26-30

1. At creation, God has taught wisdom to even the birds
2. God has gifted each one in their position with their own unique talents, abilities and strengths

## Conclusion

God's visit isn't as Job's friends may have imagined  
God didn't come to Job as policeman or judge  
God came to Job as these 6 things...

1. **As Creator: All-powerful & fulfilled w/i Self**
2. **As Initiator: He's given to each their purpose**
3. **As Caretaker: He provides the practical love that we need**
4. **As Empowerer: He gave the ability not just to survive but to grow and thrive**
5. **As Lord & Master: All is orchestrated under God's will**
6. **As Sovereign Choose: He gets to choose own life's circumstances whether strong or weak**

This is designed to show Job God's excellent glory & our limitations to understand Him

So in order to understand our own situation correctly, we start by elevating God to His rightful lofty place!