

Job 40-42 – 6 July 2023

“The Need To Experience 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

*When God finally began to talk in chap 38-39, the entire goal was for Job to see Him as the worthy One

*This is the most important subject that Job needs to consider to effect Job for the rest of his life!

*Now chapters 40-41 God continues showing Job His greatness w/ the view of Job truly experiencing God!!

*Our life with God isn’t just intellectual or emotional, but it is experiential – we walk with God daily

Today we’ll walk thru 3 steps that all believers need to truly experience with God

#1: We need to experience revelation (40-41)

Read Chap 40:1-2

1. In Chap 38 God's opening question was, 'why are you teaching things you don't really understand'
2. Now He asks, 'Are you so bold as to teach Me wisdom'

Read Vs 3-5

1. Job knows he has to immediately change course
 - a. He has to stop talking about his situation as if he understands how God is using it
2. Job now sees himself as vile or cursed
 - a. Word means "no weight" – he didn't confess to perverseness but to insignificance
 - b. Under such limitation of sin that he now knows that he can't speak to God

Read Vs 6-7

1. Even after God's 1st speech to Job, God doesn't let Job off the hook, He keeps pressing Job

2. “Like a man” isn’t to be compared to a woman, but to be compared to God Himself
 - a. Job brings all man has to offer to the table

Read Vs 8

1. *Job can you take My place as Judge of all?*
2. Trying to fight against God’s judgement is same as saying that we would be a better judge than He

Read Vs 9-14

1. So the challenge for Job, can you rightly judge that whole world & everyone in it?
2. Job if you can rightly judge all, then maybe you could attend to your own needs...but you can’t

Read Vs 15

1. As we read the characteristics of the Behemoth, it can only be a dinosaur like the brachiosaurus
2. Note; dinosaurs were made w/ man on Day 6

Read Vs 16-18

1. Can’t be a Hippo or elephant b/c of vs 17

Read Vs 19-20

1. Chief in the sense of big!
2. Even the word behemoth is the plural of the common word for beast
 - a. Used in an intensive or majestic plural meaning colossal beast
3. Notice ALL beasts are his prey – he’s the chief

Read Vs 21-24

1. So large an animal that he drinks up a river
2. *God’s point in talking of behemoth; if Job can’t even contend w/ this behemoth, how could he even hope to contend w/ the God that created behemoth*

Read Vs 41:1

1. What is leviathan?
 - a. Hb word liwyatan used 6 times in Bible meaning the twisting serpent
 - b. Gk Sept (LXX) of this verse and Isa 27:1 calls leviathan a dragon
 - c. Word dinosaur wasn’t invented until 1842

- d. Dinosaurs were called dragons until then
 - e. Some have tried calling leviathan just a crocodile, but read the description, it doesn't work
2. Now the point God's making down thru this section is that man cannot control leviathan

Read Vs 2-7

1. Can you make him your beast of burden to do your work? No
2. Like vs 5, can you make him a pet for the children? no

Read Vs 8-11

1. Job if you cannot even overpower leviathan, certainly cannot overpower God to take His place
2. This is the way God sees it when we try using false arguments in place of God's truth
 - a. It's as if we're trying to usurp His authority

Read Vs 12-17

1. Description of this mighty sea dragon reptile
2. Job, you cannot overcome him

Read Vs 18-21

1. So the stories you've been told of fire-breathing dragons are true – they're just extinct
2. Now follows a great description of his might

Read Vs 22-34

1. Notice there is none his equal
2. Satan himself is referred to as the great dragon
3. This description is as much about leviathan as it is about Satan
4. Even in this picture, we have no power over Satan's might, but God does always

#2: We need to experience repentance (42:1-6)

Read Chap 42:1-3

1. Job directly answers the question God asked of him in Chap 38:2
2. Job confesses his presumption & lack of knowledge

Read Vs 4-6

1. Job repents before God
2. He previously asked to speak to God in a confrontational way, but now in a respectful way
3. We need to demonstrate Jesus to others (vs 5)
 - a. They've heard of Him, but let them see His life coming out of us
 - b. When we truly experience the lofty Jesus, we see ourselves as in need of a savior
4. So, what did Job repent of?
 - a. That he cursed the day he was born
 - b. That he wished to die
 - c. That he challenged God in heart & words
 - d. Though Job has no outward actions to repent of, he grew bitter in heart with pride that needed to go

#3: We need to experience restoration (42:7-17)

Read Chap 42:7-9

1. Their sin was misapplying God's truth
2. Like Moses misrepresenting God by striking the rock the 2nd time when he was told to just speak to the rock
3. They attempted to restore Job by philosophy, but now Job is told to restore them by prayer
 - a. Change of heart come from the spirit as we ask God in prayer

Read Vs 10-11

1. Doesn't say he turned the poverty or health, but the captivity of Job
2. Job was in bondage to wrong thinking that he was freed from
 - a. This was his biggest issue needing dealt w/

Read Vs 12-17

1. Job never asked for this material blessing and yet the Lord delights to do it
2. So the attack of Satan results in more godliness and more blessedness for Job

Conclusion

Our Christianity isn't just to hear or read of God, but to experience Him in our daily life

1. **We need to experience revelation**
 - a. Without God initiating a relationship, we have nothing
 - b. Praise God He's revealed Himself to us
2. **We need to experience repentance**
 - a. We're continually challenged to come into alignment w/ Him in action, word & thought
3. **We need to experience restoration**
 - a. Have you experienced the blessing of God's grace that you didn't deserve – come to Him