

Job Part 6

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Job 38-40 is the climax to the story. Everyone shares their thoughts and opinions and now God speaks with so much authority.

Job 38:1-3 Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

2 “Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?

3 Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

God answers Job out of a whirlwind, a tornado-like storm, “Brace yourself” -

- God speaks through a still small voice, BUT He also speaks out of the storm, the whirlwind.

KEY: God speaks to us in many ways, including powerful, awe-inspiring moments.

KEY: Job had questioned God as if he was an equal, but God reminded him that he was not.

READ Job 38:4-7

- God did not directly answer Job’s questions or tell him why he suffered. Instead, he responds by asking Job a long series of questions.
- God is in control over every inch of the universe and our circumstances. His kingly authority may not dispel our doubt or questions, but it can lead us to trust him.

READ Job 40:6-8 Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm:

- God questioned the audacity of Job

KEY: It is not wrong to have doubts or questions, but we should be careful to not let our doubts turn into accusatory pride.

READ Job 40:9-14

- Job, do you have an arm like mine? Do you have power like mine?
- If you can punish every evil person, you must have the ability to save yourself. In other words, don't be so quick to exempt yourself from deserving punishment.

1 Corinthians 4:4 - My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

- Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12 - Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling...

- What does it mean to work out our salvation with fear and trembling?
 - The “trembling” he experiences is the attitude Christians are to have in pursuing this goal—a healthy fear of offending God through disobedience and an awe and respect for His majesty and holiness.
 - Obedience and submission to the God we revere and respect is our “reasonable service” (Romans 12:1-2) and brings great joy.

God is supremely in control, concerned with our hearts, and the way we endure our suffering.

Life POINT: My response to God's awesome majesty is humble submission and silent awe.