



Job

CHAPTERS
38-40

Recap

- Conversation between God & Satan about Job (*chapter 1*)
- God grants Satan permission to take away Job's wealth & children
- God grants Satan permission to afflict Job by taking away his health (*chapter 2*)
- Three of Job's friends come to comfort him and sit with him in silence for 7 days
- Job speaks about his misery and curses the day he was born; however, he makes no accusations against God (*chapter 3*)
- Back and forth exchange between Job and his 4 friends (chapters 4-37)

Chapters 38-40

God Speaks


Job 38:1-3 (ESV)

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

➤ What do you think Job felt when he heard God speak to him?

- Absolutely stunned
- Great relief

Hey David...if it's ok with you, let's meet in the church parking lot tomorrow at 2:00. thanks

Hey Mary! I hope your day is going well! If it's ok with you, let's meet in the church parking lot tomorrow at 2:00. So excited to see you! 😊 

➤ How Would You Characterize God's Initial Response to Job?
What is His Mood/Demeanor ? (Vs. 1-3)

- Sarcasm?

- In essence, God says "Job, I really could have used your help when I created everything."

➤ God is also about to use lots of examples & repetition to help us understand the futility of challenging and debating God

- Job heard God's tone of voice. The repetition must have been overwhelming to Job, but also helps our understanding of God's point.

God's Questioning of Job

- God's wisdom and power as displayed in the created universe (38:4-38)
- God's creation of and care for the animal kingdom (38:39-39:30)
- God's restraint of the forces of evil in the world (40:11-13)

Mysteries of Earth & Nature

- Job 38:4-11

- *Design & creation, ocean boundaries*

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?

Mysteries of Earth & Nature, con't.

- Job 38:16-18

- *Ocean depths, death, expanse of earth*

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

17 *Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?"*

18 *Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.*

Mysteries of Earth & Nature, con't.

- Job 38:19-21, 24

- *Light*

19 *“Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
and where is the place of darkness,*

20 *that you may take it to its territory
and that you may discern the paths to its home?*

21 *You know, for you were born then,
and the number of your days is great!*

Job 40:1-5

Then the LORD said to Job,

2 “Do you still want to argue with the Almighty?

You are God’s critic, but do you have the answers?”

3 Then Job replied to the LORD,

4 “I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers?

I will cover my mouth with my hand.

5 I have said too much already.

I have nothing more to say.”

Job 40:6-14

- God again challenges Job with things he cannot answer
 - *“Are you condemning me so that you will be in the right?”*
 - *“Can you thunder with a voice like God?”*
 - *“Are you majestic and clothed with glory and splendor?”*
 - *“Are you able to deal with wicked people and put them in their place?”*

➤ How does God answer Job's question of "why is all of this happening to me?"

- God doesn't answer the question directly

➤ God's Answer:

- I'm not going to explain it to you, because there is no way for you to understand.
- You must have faith in Me even during adversity.
- You must trust Me.

- God's overwhelming response helps Job understand:
 - Job, you need to remember who I am, and who you are
 - Let God be God
 - Job, you don't know what you don't know
 - God knows and sees what we cannot

Some Observations for Us

- What God does is just and right by definition
- Fear drives us to question circumstances (& God)
- The ultimate question is “do you trust Him?”

Though he slay me, I will hope in him...Job 13:15 (ESV)