

Title: God Speaks

Text: Job 38-39

Intro: Our lives are rough at times. Everyone had their opinions on how to improve, or complaints on what is going wrong. It was the same with Job.

Everyone had their opinions about Job. Job had his complaints. But when God spoke, the matter was settled.

I. God Knows Better than Us (1-21)

A. (v1) The first verse may seem almost useless at first, but it's actually packed with fascinating things.

- 1 Imagine talking with someone and out of nowhere a whirlwind pops up.
- 2 The idea is not a small dust devil. It's a storm. This was a huge stormy whirlwind.
- 3 That's pretty rough already. But then the voice of GOD speaks!

B. (2). Job made complaints but did not have the full picture.

C. (3) It's easy for someone to say something like Job did about God and such without thinking. However, God was always present and now made himself known. Furthermore God now demanded an answer.

D. (4) A major question here we don't want to miss. Job may have thought he knew what he was talking about during his complaints, but there was more he didn't see. A LOT more.

E. (5) Who did it? Seems obvious. God did!

F. (6) God knows what he's doing.

G. (8-11) God sets boundaries we cannot see.

- 1 Job did not see the boundaries God placed on Satan when Job was being

tormented.

H. (12-15) God asks Job if he ever started up the morning since he was born. Ever? No he did not. But God does this EVERY DAY!

1. At the morning, the bad guys who love darkness must cease. (13,15)

2. Job 38:14 (JFB): As the plastic clay presents the various figures impressed on it by a seal, so the earth, which in the dark was void of all form, when illuminated by the dayspring, presents a variety of forms, hills, valleys, &c.

I. (16-17) God asks Job about his knowledge of the mysteries of the deep, or the realm of death. Of course he knows nothing of either. But God knows all of it!

J. (18) God knows so much more than we do.

K. (19-20) Where does the light and dark go when it's gone? God knows!

L. Kind of like "how do you know so much? Oh wait...you don't"

(Antioch 4-26-20)

TITLE: God Does Better Than Us

Text: Job 38:22- end of chapter 39

A. (22-23). God saves severe weather till it's time. In this example, he mentioned when men need disciplined/punished.

1. Super severe Weather is a great deterrent for battlers to stop the fight.

2. When God's wrath is poured on the earth, there will be horrible weather like we have never seen.

3. It's interesting that God, while saying this, is speaking out of a whirlwind.

- B. Job 38:24 (JFB): Light travels from the sun to the earth, ninety millions of miles, in eight minutes.
- C. Job 38:24 (JFB): The light and east wind are associated together, as both come from one quarter, and often arise together (Jon 4:8).
- D. (25-29) God takes care of the earth far better than we ever could. And in places we are not.
- E. (29-30) God has control over The extreme cold and ice.
- F. Job 38:30 (JFB): The unfrozen waters are hid under the frozen, as with a covering of stone.
- G. (31-33) God speaks here of the stars and constellations.
1. Remember, though the stars do not move, they do SEEM to, with the rotation of the earth. This is poetic language, remember.
 2. Also remember God put them there in the first place.
- H. (34-35) God controls the weather. We do not.
- I. (35) It's hard to miss the majesty and power of lightning.
- J. (36) God is the granter of wisdom. We cannot know anything without him!
1. Interestingly, without him, there would
Be nothing to know!
- K. (36-38). God knows the right time and is able to bring rain when the grounds are extremely dry.
1. Ever pray for rain? Who answered it?
- L. God provides for nature (38.39-39.30)
- M. (38.41) A beautiful picture here. The young birds chirping to GOD due to hunger.

1. God does ultimately provide the food mom bird brings.
2. When was the last time you heard, “This bird died because mama bird has no food for it”? That’s not a big problem, because God provides! He set everything in place!

N. (39.1-8) God knows the timing of these things. God takes care of the animals.

O. Job 39:7. This wild animal has no one to force it to work.

P. Job 39:9 (JFB): The rhinoceros was perhaps the original type of the unicorn. The Arab rim is a two-horned animal. Sometimes “unicorn” or reem is a mere poetical symbol or abstraction; but the buffalo is the animal referred to here, from the contrast to the tame ox, used in ploughing (Job 39:10, 12).

Q. (39.10-12) God can control the animals. He could command something done and it would be without question. Man has to goad the animal to get it to work. Man cannot leave the animal alone to do it.

1. Also, some animals, like the buffalo, may not be so easy to tame, if they can be at all.

R. (39.13-17) God made the ostrich. Yet he did not give her wisdom to keep her young safe.

S. (18). The ostrich does have her proud moments however.

T. (39.19-25) God made the mighty majesty that is the horse.

U. (26-30). God designed the birds of prey to be the powerful beings they are.

Conclusion: God knows more than we do. God is still in power, even when the world seems all wrong! Nothing gets away from God!

Title:

Text: Job 40

Intro: God has already spoken to Job, but he isn't finished yet.

I. (1-5) God Knows Best

Job 40:1-5 (KJV 1900): Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him?

He that reproveth God, let him answer it.

3 Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee?

I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer:

Yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

- A. (2) God asked Job a question. In light of the wisdom and power of God, Who are we to question God or attempt to correct him. God doesn't ask for our opinion, nor does he need it.
- B. Note: Calling out to God in distress is different. That can be done with a humble heart.
- C. (4) Job says he is very small and sinful. He knows God is so much better than him.
- D. (5) He saw the error of his words.

II. (6-14) We Are Not God

Job 40:6-8 (KJV 1900): Then answered the Lord unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

7 Gird up thy loins now like a man:

I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment?

Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

A. (6-7) God is not through with Job yet.

B. (8) God's judgment is superior. Even when we may not care for the results.

Job 40:9–14 (KJV 1900): Hast thou an arm like God?

Or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency;

And array thyself with glory and beauty.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath:

And behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

12 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low;

And tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together;

And bind their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confess unto thee

That thine own right hand can save thee.

C. (9-14). God tells Job that when he can do the things that God can do, then God will agree that Job can save himself.

D. (14) Of course Job was not God, nor could he do the things God can do. Therefore he could not save himself.

E. We are in the same situation as Job. We can't save ourselves. That's why Jesus came and lived a perfect life, died, and rose from the dead. To purchase salvation for us!

III. (15-24) Behemoth

Job 40:15–24 (KJV 1900): Behold now behemoth,

Which I made with thee;

He eateth grass as an ox.

16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins,

And his force is in the navel of his belly.

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar:

The sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass;

His bones are like bars of iron.

19 He is the chief of the ways of God:

He that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food,

Where all the beasts of the field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees,

In the covert of the reed, and fens.

22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow;

The willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not:

He trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

24 He taketh it with his eyes:

His nose pierceth through snares.

A. Some believe this refers to mythology. However, to me this makes absolutely no sense, as God didn't make a mythical animal.

B. Some believe this is an extinct animal of some kind.

C. JFB seems to think this is a poetic combination type description of the mightiest of land animals. (Such as the elephant and hippo)

1. The hippo fits many of these descriptions, though not all.

Conclusion: God is far above us, and compares to him, we know nothing. Compared to him, we can do nothing, and we certainly can't save ourselves. That's why Jesus came!

(Antioch 5-17-20)

Title: Leviathan

Text: Job 41

Intro:

The poetic language of this chapter can take your imagination away. It's beautiful and it's fascinating.

The "leviathan" is given three times as much space as the behemoth, with much more detail about its temperament and habits. Most interpreters see the crocodile here although, after the discovery of Ugaritic literature with its mythical dragon called Lotan, many have assumed that a dragonlike creature is what the poet had in mind. Though some of the statements are hyperbolic (vv. 18–20 [10–12]), there are enough that accurately describe the features and behavior of a crocodile to make it probable that the poet had seen this creature

Not only is this creature (or creatures) beautifully described, but there's an embedded lesson in here for job (and is) as well.

I. Unconquerable (1-11)

- A. Leviathan. Potentially Crocodile or Large sea monster. You can't go fishing and catch it. That's ridiculous.

- B. JFB: Job 41:1 (JFB): A poetical generalization for all cetacean, serpentine, and saurian monsters (see on Job 40:15, hence all the description applies to no one animal); especially the crocodile; which is naturally described after the river horse, as both are found in the Nile.

- C. Job 41:1 (JFB): The crocodile has no tongue, or a very small one cleaving to the lower jaw. But as in fishing the tongue of the fish draws the baited hook to it, God asks, Canst thou in like manner take leviathan?

- D. (4) Man can't control it. But God can.
- E. (5) The creature is fierce. Not something to play with.
- F. (8) I once caught a very large snapping turtle in a pond. When I went to get the hook out of the shell it was stuck in, the creature hissed at me. I decided he could keep it. That's what I think of here when God said this about Leviathan. Try to catch him once, and you won't again.
- G. (10) If a man can't stand before leviathan, what makes us think we can stand before almighty God?

II. (12-17) Invulnerable

- A. Well Armored
- B. (17) Remember God is the creator of this creature. God is more invulnerable than even this!

III. Fearsome (18-34)

- A. Job 41:18 (JFB): Translate: "his sneezing, causeth a light to shine." Amphibious animals, emerging after having long held their breath under water, respire by violently expelling the breath like one sneezing: in the effort the eyes which are usually directed towards the sun, seem to flash fire; or it is the expelled breath that, in the sun, seems to emit light.
- B. Job 41:18 (JFB): eyelids of morning—The Egyptian hieroglyphics paint the eyes of the crocodile as the symbol for morning, because the eyes appear the first thing, before the whole body emerges from the deep [Horae Hieroglyphicae 1.65. Bochart].
- C. Job 41:23 (Job (NAC)): Apparently the first word describes the jowls or flabby chins of this animal. Like the rest of its hide, they are "tightly joined, firm, and immovable," meaning that even in this ordinarily vulnerable spot he is well defended.
- D. (24) The hunter won't pierce the heart. The chest is well protected.

E. (27) The metals from the weapons will do no good against him.

F. (34) The proudest of men would
Quickly change their tune if come face to face with a crocodile.

G. (34) Any who stand before God will quickly lose all pride!

Conclusion: Hebrew 10:31 states that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. If we thought the descriptions here were terrifyingly amazing, think about how much MORE we should fear God!