



“The Voice from the Whirlwind”

Job 38:1-40:5 - November 15, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you ever been called onto the carpet by an authority figure? What happened?

QUICK REVIEW

Job 38-42 leads us onto Holy Ground. After expressing His pleasure with Job's life early on (Job 1-2), and after hearing Job's ongoing laments, complaints and challenges through the book (3-31), the Almighty now makes Himself known. The LORD speaks forcefully to His beloved servant, drawing his attention to a whole variety of features of the natural world. They all point to the unsearchable wisdom by which God governs the universe and individual lives. Job is challenged to consider all this and to give his response.

After instructing Job to dress for battle, the LORD asks...

1. **Questions about the earth below us (Job 38:4-18)**
2. **Questions about the sky above us (Job 38:19-38).**
3. **Questions about the life around us (Job 38:39-39:30)**

Job responds with humility (Job 40:1-5).

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. God has pointed Job to the power and complexity of all he has created. This has been to help Job perceive the Almighty's profound purposes even in the hardship of His people. Reflect on the following passages. How can it help to remember God's infinite wisdom in our times of pain?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Isaiah 55:6-9

Romans 11:33-36

2. To help Job understand the unsearchable nature of divine wisdom, the LORD releases a barrage of questions about the nature world. Job 38-39 makes clear that God's glory is evident in all He has made. How have you personally been spiritually refreshed, deepened, and encouraged by spending time outdoors or among animal life?

3. The Lord called Job to "dress for action," or to "gird up his loins." This was often the way men in biblical times were outfitted for battle. In this case, a wrestling match related to the nature of God's ways was at hand. What do the following passages teach us about the battle for truth?

Ephesians 6:10-20

2 Corinthians 10:1-4

Jude 1:3-4

4. In what ways do we see the counsel of God being darkened by people without knowledge? In the world around us, what basic realities do we see distorted?
5. Reflect carefully on II Peter 3:14-18. Is there any area of doctrine that you find challenging? Maybe hard to understand? Or, hard to swallow? Where might you be tempted to distort doctrine? What's Peter's instruction?