

Job

God Speaks



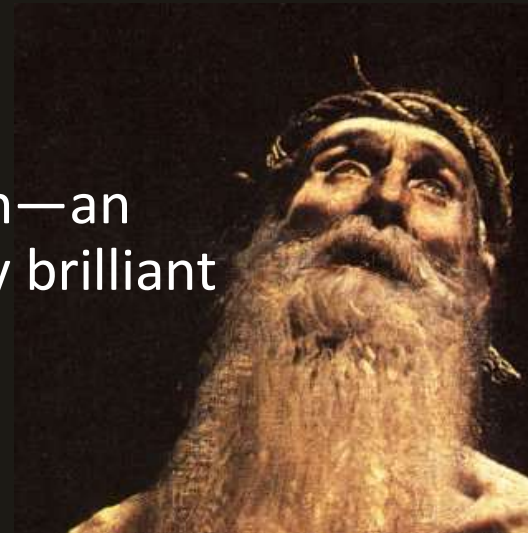
Whirlwind

Job 38:1–3 (NASB95)

¹ Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ²
“Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? ³
“Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you
instruct Me!

Ezekiel 1:4 (NIV)

⁴ I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north—an
immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant
light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal...



Gird Up!

³ “Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!

Get ready for combat.

Brace yourself like a man.

Put on your ‘big boy’ pants.

Cowboy up.



Questions

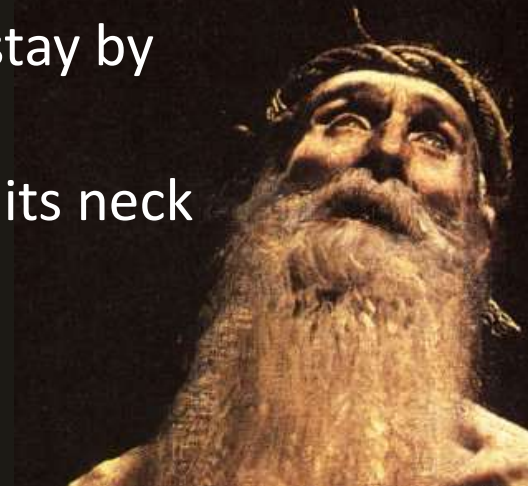
Job 38:4 ⁴ “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?

Job 38:16 ¹⁶ “Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Job 38:31 ³¹ “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades? Can you loosen Orion’s belt?

Job 39:9 ⁹ “Will the wild ox consent to serve you? Will it stay by your manger at night?

Job 39:19 ¹⁹ “Do you give the horse its strength or clothe its neck with a flowing mane?



Questions

- Job 40:8 (NIV) ⁸ “Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?”

Job 40:12–13 (NIV) ¹² [Can you] look at all who are proud and humble them, crush the wicked where they stand? ¹³ Bury them all in the dust together; shroud their faces in the grave?



Behemoth and Leviathan

Do you tame dragons, Job? Do you catch monsters with fishhooks, or defeat my champions, let alone Me?

“You cannot match my authority in the natural world, why do you contend with me in the moral realm?”



The Effect of Rhetorical Questioning

Rhetorical questioning is a device meant to cause the listener to think for themselves what the answer is.

Rather than simply feeding answers, rhetorical questions force the listener to draw conclusions they will admit they already knew.

Did it work?



Job's Response

Job 42:1–6 (NIV)

¹ Then Job replied to the Lord: ² “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ⁴ “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ ⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”



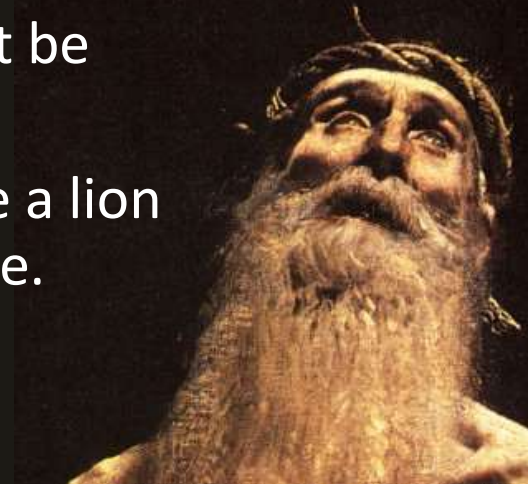
Job's Response

“too wonderful for me to know” – wonder: *pele'*, information in the divine realm that is beyond human understanding.

Job 5:9 (NIV) ⁹ He performs wonders (*pele'*) that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

Job 9:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ He performs wonders (*pele'*) that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

Job 10:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ If I hold my head high, you stalk me like a lion and again display your awesome (*pele'*) power against me.



Job Finally Sees

“My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.”

“God, I heard about you but now I see you. Now I understand.”



The Epilogue

1. A richer relationship with God. (v. 1-6)

“Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

Job is moving away from despair, turning away from his former words and actions... moving from despair into closer fellowship with God.

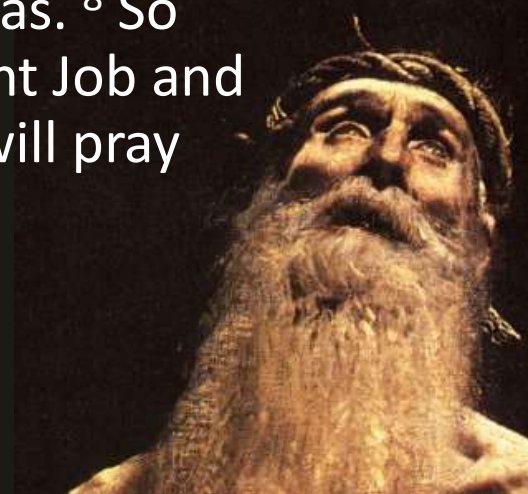


The Epilogue

2. Reconciled relationship with friends (v.7-9)

Job 42:7–8a (NIV)

⁷ After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has. ⁸ So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer...

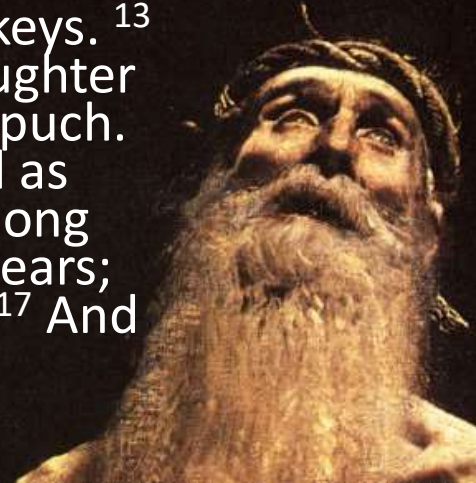


The Epilogue

3. Renewed relationship with life (v. 10-17)

Job 42:10–17 (NIV)

¹⁰ After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. ¹² The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ And he also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. ¹⁵ Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. ¹⁷ And so Job died, an old man and full of years.



The Epilogue

1. Satan has not changed any of God's plan. He has failed on all counts. Satan cannot thwart the ultimate purposes of God.
2. We see the sanctification of grief. God gives Job a glimpse of heaven.

“Joy is the serious business of heaven.”

- C.S. Lewis

God plans to wipe away every tear, heal every infirmity, restore vitality, to give life abundantly...



Questions?



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