

The Book of Job
The God Who is Not Silent (Part 1)
Job 38:1-40:5 (page 370)

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When I am in a *trying time* or *time of suffering*, I should ask myself:

- Am I forgetting that God is in control?
(Job 38:1-38)
 - Who am I to question God's power as the Creator?
(vs 4-38)
- Do I think I can run the world better than God?
(Job 38:39-39:30)
 - Do I think that I am able to sustain and provide better than God does? (38:39-39:30)
- How do I respond to God? (Job 40:1-5)
 - With humility before God (v 3-4a)
 - With relief before God (v 4b)
 - With surrender to God (v 4c-5)

Take it to heart....

How does God have to get your attention? Can you think of a time when He used circumstances to get your attention? Explain.

Why did God answer Job with a series of questions instead of giving him direct statements? Was it effective with Job? Was it effective with you? Why or why not? _____

What does God's question in 38:36 imply about His involvement with scientific understanding? In fact, in light of our advances in science since Job's day, is anyone any better qualified to answer these same questions today? Why or why not?

An Overview of the Book of Job

The Character of Job (1:1-5)
The Calamities of Job (1:6-2:10)
The Comforters of Job (2:11-13)

Job's Complaint (3:1-26)

Dialogue/Dispute: Round 1
(4:14-14:22)

Eliphaz's speech (4-5)
 Job's response (6-7)
 Bildad's speech (8)
 Job's response (9-10)
 Zophar's speech (11)
 Job's response (12-14)

Dialogue/Dispute: Round 2
(15:1-21:34)

Eliphaz's second speech (15)
 Job's response (16-17)
 Bildad's second speech (18)
 Job's response (19)
 Zophar's second speech (20)
 Job's response (21)

Dialogue/Dispute: Round 3
(22:1-31:40)

Eliphaz's third speech (22)
 Job's reply (23-24)
 Bildad's third speech (25)
 Job's response (26-31)

Elihu's speeches (32-37)

God's Confrontation (38-42:6)

God's first speech (38:1-40:2)
 Job's response (40:3-5)
 God's second speech (40:6-41:34)
 Job's response (42:1-6)

Job and His Friends (42:7-17)

God vindicates Job (42:7-9)
 God restores Job's fortunes (42:10-17)

A Profile of Job's Four Friends

	Eliphaz	Bildad	Zophar	Elihu
Distinctive:	Theologian, Pragmatist	Historian, Legalist	Moralist, Dogmatist	Theological Intellectual
Relies on:	Experience	Tradition	Assumption	Education
Voice of:	Philosophy	History	Orthodoxy	Logic
Key Phrase:	"I have seen..."	"Ask the former generations..."	"Know this..."	"Listen to me..."
Argument:	"If you sin, you suffer..."	"You MUST be sinning since you suffer..."	"You ARE sinning since you suffer..."	"Suffering may be to PURIFY and INSTRUCT..."
Advice to Job:	"ONLY the wicked suffer"	"The wicked ALWAYS suffer"	"The wicked are SHORT-LIVED"	"HUMBLE yourself before God"
Meaning of Name:	"God dispenses"	"Contention"	"Rough" of "Chirper"	"He is my God"