

God's Response to Job

Job 38-42

"I cry out to you, O God, but you do not answer; I stand up, but you merely look at me. Job 30:20

"Oh, that I had someone to hear me! I sign now my defense—let the Almighty answer me; let my accuser put his indictment in writing. Job 31:35

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

*** Then the Lord answered Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. Job 38:1-3*

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— Job 38:4-6

"Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, Job 38:12

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

Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? Job 38:17

What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed, or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth? Job 38:24

Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, 'Here we are'? Job 38:35

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn? Do you count the months till they bear? Do you know the time they give birth? Job 39:1-2

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

*Does the eagle soar at your command and build his nest on high? He dwells on a cliff and stays there at night; a rocky crag is his stronghold. From there he seeks out his food; his eyes detect it from afar. **Job 39:27-29***

*The Lord said to Job: “Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him? Let him who accuses God answer him!” **Job 40:1-2***

*There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. **Proverbs 14:12***

*Then Job answered the LORD: “I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. I spoke once, but I have no answer—twice, but I will say no more.” **Job 40:3-5***

*Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm: “Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. “Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself? **Job 40:6-8***

*Do you have an arm like God’s, and can your voice thunder like his? Then adorn yourself with glory and splendor, and clothe yourself in honor and majesty. **Job 40:9-10***

*Unleash the fury of your wrath, look at every proud man and bring him low, look at every proud man and humble him, crush the wicked where they stand. **Job 40:11-12***

*Bury them all in the dust together; shroud their faces in the grave. Then I myself will admit to you that your own right hand can save you. **Job 40:13***

God’s response to Job helps us remain faithful in times of trouble.

**1. God is in charge of the _____ —
we must develop a servant's heart toward Him.**

The universe does not revolve around you or me. The universe revolves around God.

*Our goal is not to live a life free from pain, but to _____ God.
Satan's goal was not to destroy Job. It was to discredit God.*

**2. God will provide answers in _____ —
We have to be willing to wait.**

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Two possible reasons why God doesn't tell us why we suffer

1. We are not capable of _____ the answer
2. It would ruin the _____ if we knew the answer in advance

3. Don't expect a simple answer when you're involved in difficulty— Just trust that God's will is going to be done.

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God has given us enough information that we should trust Him,

but not so much information that we don't need _____.

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:8-9

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

2 Corinthians 12:7

God provides answers in His time,

and we have to be willing to wait even until _____ sometimes.

Then Job replied to the Lord: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?'

Job 42:1-3a

Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

"You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Job 42:3b-5

Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:6

The closer you get to God, the more spiritual you are—

The more _____ you will feel.

***When the bright light of Christ shines and spotlights darkness
and the inner recesses of our soul—spiritual pride is eliminated.***

*After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. **Job 42:10***

*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 upon him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. **Job 42:11***

*The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. **Job 42:12***

*And he also had seven sons and three daughters. **Job 42:13***

*He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first daughter Dove, the second, Cinnamon, and the third, Darkeyes. There was not a woman in that country as beautiful as Job's daughters. Their father treated them as equals with their brothers, providing the same inheritance. **Job 42:14-15** (The Message)*

*Job lived on another 140 years, living to see his children and grandchildren—four generations of them! Then he died—an old man, a full life. **Job 42:16-17** (The Message)*

4. God will make all things right in the end—Keep _____ Him.
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*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Hebrews 11:6***

Life may be hard—But God is good.

*weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. **Psalm 30:5***

*In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **1 Peter 1:6-7***

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. **Job 19:25***

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