

# Job

## [Part 6]

**God Himself now reveals His omnipotence to Job and his friends.**

**Job 38:1** [New King James] *“Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:”*

Surprisingly God does **not** answer any of Job’s questions for Job’s questions were **not** the heart of the matter.

**Instead, God uses Job’s ignorance of the earth’s natural order to reveal Job’s ignorance of God’s moral order.**

**If Job could not understand the workings of God’s physical creation, how could he possibly understand God’s mind and character? [Isaiah 55:8-9]**

God Himself is the only standard, so our only option is to submit to His authority and rest in His care.

**The silence from heaven that Job was crying out to be broken was done in a dramatic way.**

It makes an interesting study how God in His personal contact with human beings uses physical elements to draw their attention to what He is about to say.

**Job 38:2-3** [New King James] *“Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.”*

It is interesting that the word used by God is “*geber*” meaning a warrior ready for combat, a man in his strength. Repeatedly Job had used language that suggests that in him God would find a worthy combatant, [**Job 13:20-22; Job 31:35-37**].

Ironically God takes Job at his own valuation, but it is not long before the frail creature that Job is as a human being bows in abject confession of frailty and need before a fresh revelation of the Mighty Creator God, [**Job 42:6**].

**The combatant becomes a worshipper.**

The answers to the questions that God challenged Job with had to all be a humble “*no*” [**Job 38:4-41**].

**God continues to humble Job with more questions and facts, [Job 39:1-30].**

God then makes His speech direct to Job, the “*contender*,” [**Job 40:1-2**].

**Job 40:3-5** [New King James] *“Then Job answered the LORD and said: ‘Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.’”*

**Job’s self-esteem is shattered. We are now moving towards how every human being should respond to the Word of God, the Christian Bible.**

When the Almighty God gives us fresh revelation of Himself and His Will, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, [**John 16:13**] we listen and respond in this posture of faith, without which it is “*impossible to please Him*,” [**Hebrews 11:6**].

**In such times human beings see themselves in their true light.**

This is **not** a confession of sin, although there is no doubt that Job would have immediately acknowledged the sinfulness of some of his words and attitudes. **It is rather a confession of insignificance that we all as human beings need to make frequently.**

**In Job's reply to God we see the unconditional surrender of Job to his Creator God that Paul refers to in his letter to the Christians in Rome, to show our gratitude for the mercy that He has extended to us.**

**Romans 12:1-2** [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

The Greek word translated “*bodies*” is “*soma*” meaning whole life, physical body, mind and human spirit, [**Job 32:8; Proverbs 20:27; 1 Corinthians 2:11**]. Only after such a surrender to God’s Will can we be re-educated by the Holy Spirit to become a being that is in harmony with the character of the Creator God, full of the “*fruits*” of the Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 5:22-25** [New King James] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”*

**Until this happens we cannot expect the Eternal God to give us the gift of eternal life, [Romans 6:23] unending time to develop a closer more intimate relationship with God, [John 17:3].**

**The vision of God as the Creator God of the physical world that surrounds us made Job a worshipper, [Romans 1:18-22].**

How much more can the vision of the God of Calvary bring us to our knees in worship, “*lost in wonder, love and praise*”?

**God continues to point Job and his friends towards what He has created, to leave a visual message of the teaching He is giving them and through the printed word every generation of human beings, [Job 40:6-24; Job 41:1-34].**

**Job 42:1-6** [New King James] *“Then Job answered the LORD and said: ‘I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. You asked, “Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?” Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, “I will question you, and you shall answer Me. I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”’”*

**This is the only response that any human being can have to what the Creator God revealed to Job and his friends.**

**Job 42:7-9** [New King James] *“And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, ‘My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly; because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.’ So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD commanded them; for the LORD had accepted Job.”*

This is **not** what Job’s friends had expected for they had **not** heard the conversation that God had with Satan, [**Job 1:6-12; Job 2:1-7**].

**Job 42:10-17** [New King James] *“And the LORD restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold. Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. In all the land were found no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. So Job died, old and full of days.”*

**God was able to restore all Job’s possessions for he had proved that they did not take first place in his life.**

Job praying for his friends also showed that he did **not** bear any grudge against them, this came near to what Jesus Christ commanded us to do in **Matthew 5:43-48**.

God made it clear that Job’s friends were wrong. The fact that God did not mention any specific sins shows that God was confirming Job’s claim to have led a devout and obedient life.

**Job’s friends had made the error of assuming that Job’s suffering was caused by some great sin. They were judging Job without knowing what God was doing in Job’s life.**

We must avoid making such judgements ourselves about a person because God may be working in them in ways we know nothing about.