

Job

Why Me?



**GOD IN THE
STORM**

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm.
He said: ² “Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge? ³ Brace yourself
like a man; I will question you, and you shall
answer me.

Job 38:1-21

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.
⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

Job 38:1-21

⁸ “Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹ when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’?

Job 38:1-21

¹² “Have you ever given orders to the morning,
or shown the dawn its place, ¹³ that it might take
the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out
of it? ¹⁴ The earth takes shape like clay under a
seal; its features stand out like those of a
garment. ¹⁵ The wicked are denied their light,
and their upraised arm is broken.

Job 38:1-21

¹⁶ “Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷ Have the gates of death been shown to you?
Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness?
¹⁸ Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

Job 38:1-21

¹⁹ “What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside? ²⁰ Can you take them to their places? Do you know the paths to their dwellings? ²¹ Surely you know, for you were already born! You have lived so many years!

Job 38:1-21

⁹ “Does Job fear God for nothing?”
Satan replied. ¹⁰ “Have you not put a
hedge around him and his household
and everything he has?”

Job 1:9-10

The words of Job are ended.

Job 31:40

If we do all the talking, how can we
expect to hear God speak?

it was not Job who found God, but it was
God who found Him

²⁸ And he said to the human race,
“The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom,
and to shun evil is understanding.”

Job 28:28

The method of God's manifestation, the storm, is strategic. God revealed Himself to Job and to us in and through the storms of life.

**1) CREATION IS
DESIGNED BY GOD**

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.
⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

Job 38:4-7

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and
the earth.

Genesis 1:1

“Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’”

Acts 4:11

“Tell me, if you understand”

“Surely you know!”

“To understand the workings of the world, Yahweh implies, one must have seen how it was constructed.”

- **David J. A. Clines** -
(The Word Biblical Commentary)

²² “The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; ²³ I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. ²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water;

Proverbs 8:22-31

²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth, ²⁶ before he
made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth. ²⁷ I was
there when he set the heavens in place, when
he marked out the horizon on the
face of the deep,

Proverbs 8:22-31

²⁸ when he established the clouds above and
fixed securely the fountains of the
deep, ²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary so
the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the
earth. ³⁰ Then I was constantly at his side.

Proverbs 8:22-31

I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing
always in his presence, ³¹ rejoicing in his whole
world and delighting in [humankind].

Proverbs 8:22-31

**2) LIMITATIONS ARE
FIXED BY GOD**

⁸ “Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹ when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’?

Job 38:8-11

² Now the earth was formless and empty,
darkness was over the surface of the
deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over
the waters.

Genesis 1:2

²⁷ The men were amazed and asked,
“What kind of man is this? Even the winds and
the waves obey him!”

Matthew 8:27

In biblical logic, this is an *argumentum a fortiori*; a “How much more” argument.

If God is in control of the waves and waters, the wind and clouds, then how much more is He in control of the lives of those who have surrendered their will to Him?

¹² The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.”

Job 1:12

⁶ The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.”

Job 2:6

**3) JUDGMENT IS
MADE BY GOD**

¹² “Have you ever given orders to the morning,
or shown the dawn its place, ¹³ that it might take
the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out
of it? ¹⁴ The earth takes shape like clay under a
seal; its features stand out like those of a
garment. ¹⁵ The wicked are denied their light,
and their upraised arm is broken.

Job 38:12-15

³ From the rising of the sun to the place where
it sets, the name of the LORD is
to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

“To understand the workings of the world, Yahweh implies, one must have seen how it was constructed.”

- Christopher Ash-
(Job: Wisdom of the Cross)

If you are living in a dark moment, you
need to know that light is coming

“Every time the sun rises, it is evidence that there is a judgement to come.

Every time the light is switched on in creation, it reassures us that darkness will not last forever. Each day is cosmic proof that evil has no enduring place in the created order.”

- Christopher Ash-
(Job: Wisdom of the Cross)

**4) DEATH IS
DETERMINED BY
GOD**

¹⁶ “Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷ Have the gates of death been shown to you?
Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness?
¹⁸ Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

Job 38:16-18

“There is no shadowy nook or dark cranny of the universe – visible or invisible – that lies outside God’s knowledge or control.”

- **Christopher Ash-**
(Job: Wisdom of the Cross)

¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Revelation 1:18

²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Job 19:25-27

**5) KNOWLEDGE IS
HIDDEN IN GOD**

¹⁹ “What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside? ²⁰ Can you take them to their places? Do you know the paths to their dwellings? ²¹ Surely you know, for you were already born! You have lived so many years!

Job 38:19-21

Perhaps the best thing we can
do today is repent of our own
desire to usurp god-like status

With age and life experience
comes earthly wisdom, but all
of this pales when compared to
the divine wisdom of God

Why do we claim know-it-all when we know very little? What has happened to our teachable posture before the God of the Universe, the Lord of heaven and earth?

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour, and my
hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25:5

“Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

Ezekiel 37:3

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