

A Study Of Job  
Wednesday Morning  
Lesson 3

God Speaks

A globe of Earth is positioned on the left side of the image, showing continents and oceans. The background is a deep blue with a fine, pebbled texture, suggesting a celestial or aquatic environment. The lighting is soft, creating a serene atmosphere.

# **God Answers Job**

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**The two questions have been answered:**

1. Man will and does serve God for the pure joy of that service, for righteousness sake; therefore God can trust man so to do.
2. Man can trust God, for God does not afflict simply to hurt man.



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**NOTE:** More must be said, for Job has affirmed some hard things about God which need to be corrected.

*Job 9:20-24 Though I be righteous, mine own mouth shall condemn me: Though I be perfect, it shall prove me perverse. I am perfect; I regard not myself; I despise my life. It is all one; therefore I say, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked. If the scourge slay suddenly, He will mock at the trial of the innocent. The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; He covereth the faces of the judges thereof: If (it be) not (he), who then is it?"*



# Is God Active Or Absent In The World He Has Created???

*Job 23:3-4 “Oh that I knew where I might find him! That I might come even to his seat! I would set my cause in order before him, And fill my mouth with arguments.”*

- We are to pray, *“Give us this day our daily bread.”* Mt. 6:9ff; cf. 2 Thess. 3:6-12
- We are to pray for kings... 2 Tim. 2:2
- We are to pray for deliverance from temptation. Mt. 6:13; cf. 1 Cor. 10:13



# God Has The Final Word

## Job 38-41

- God Speaks Out Of The Storm.
- **Why Did Not God Just Answer Job???**
  - Presented God in His true light.
  - Showed Job how to get along without all the answers.
- **God Challenges Job. 38:1-2**



# God Cares !

Providence? **Cf. 1 Pet. 5:6-7**

- Definition: God's providence is his continuous activity of preserving and governing the whole of creation by his wisdom and goodness and power, for the fulfillment of His eternal purpose and for the glory of His name.
- **Rom. 1:18-20 Power, Purpose.**



# How Does Man Understand God In All His Creation?

- ***Eccl. 9:1 “For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this: that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God.”***
- ***“Man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning even to the end.” (Eccl. 3:11)***



# Lesson For Job

- *“The Lord has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all” (Ps. 103:19)*
- Rules extends over all things.



# God's Right to Claim Universal Rule and Direction

- **Basis of His creative power.**

- Genesis 1:1
- Psalm 33:6-9
- Psalm 104:1-8
- Psalm 148:5,6
- Colossians 1:16,17



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- **Jehovah claims His control, rule and direction of the universe.**

–Jno. 1:1-3,14

–Heb. 1:2

–Rev. 4:11



# God's Involvement in the Processes of Nature

**Job's bewilderment...** Job 9:22-24

Planned what he would say. Job 23:3-7

Confident to question God. Job 13:3

**God's Answer.** Job 38:4-38

- Could any man answer these questions?
- Questions men have pondered for centuries!



# Rules Inanimate World

## Job 38:4-38

- **Control and government of the sea (vs. 8-14).** Cf. Ps. 104:1,5-9; Jer. 5:22 God not only created the sea and set bounds about it, but he continues to control its activities. Cf. Jer. 31:35
- **The bringing forth of the dawn. (Vs. 12-15)**
- **The dwelling of light. (vs. 19-21)**



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## Job 38:4-38

- **Snow and Hail (vs. 22-24).**
  - God says that the treasuries of the snow and hail are His arsenal which He has *“reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war.”*
- **Rain, Lightning and Thunder (vs. 25-30)**



# Rules Inanimate World

## Job 38:4-38

- The Heavenly Bodies (vs. 31-33).
- The Clouds and Rain (vs. 34-38)  
Cf. Ps. 135:6-7; Job 36:27-28; 37:11-12



# God's Control in Animate Kingdom

## Job 38:39-41:34

- The Lioness and her Whelps (38:39-40).
- The Raven. (vs. 41) God has made provision for man and the raven. *"I know every bird of the mountains."* (Ps. 50:11)
  - Not even one sparrow is forgotten before God. (Lk. 12:6; Mt. 10:29)
- The Wild goats (39:1-4)
- The Wild Ass and the Swift Ass (39: 5-8)



# God's Control in Animate Kingdom

## Job 38:39-41:34

- **The Wild Ox (39:9-12)** Because of its nature it was never tamed or used to serve man. Now extinct, it was large, strong and wild.
- **The Ostrich (39:13-18).**
- **The Horse. (39:19-25)**
- **The Hawk and the Eagle. (39:26-30)**



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- God's care for these and all other creatures, through purpose and law in the inanimate world and instill instinct in the animate creation, displays His forethought and foresight -- PROVIDENCE!!
- He teaches Job that back of his creation there is propose; and though Job may not fully understand, he had to admit, ***“I know that thou canst do all things, And that no purpose of thine can be restrained.”***  
***(Job 42:2)***



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