

Job 38:12-18 – Consider Nature: Days

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? 14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment. 15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken. 16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? 17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? 18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

Job 38:19-30 – Consider Nature: Light, Snow, Hail, Wind, Rain and Ice.

19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, 20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof? 21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great? 22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, 23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? 24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth? 25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; 26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man; 27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth? 28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? 29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? 30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

Job 38:31-41 – Consider Nature: Stars, Clouds, Animals: The Lion and The Raven.

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? 32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? 33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? 34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? 35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are? 36 Who hath put wisdom in the **Title:** The LORD's First Speech (part 3)

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inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? 37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, 38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? 39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, 40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? 41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Observations:

- "Since thy days" from the time you were born. Job had nothing to do about the matter of the sun's movement.
- "The wicked shaken out of it?" at the end of night – for men loves darkness and do their evil deeds in the dark (Jn. 3:19).
- 3. (v.17) The gates of death the doors of the shadow of death (is mentioned 9X in Job 3:5; 10:21, 22, 12:22, 16:16; 24:17; 28:3; 34:22; 38:17) – Sheol.
- 4. (v.21) Man's days are short.
- 5. God used nature in warfare Exo. 9:14; Jos. 10:11: 1 Sam. 7:10: Rev. 16:21.
- 6. Gen. 1:16 God created the stars on the fourth day. They are for signs and seasons (v.14). Ps. 147:4
- 7. Pleiades seven stars (Sailors use this for navigation) (cf. Job 9:9).
- 8. Orion "bands of Orion"
- 9. Mazzaroth the 12 signs of the Zodiac.
- 10. Arcturus "the Great Bear"
- 11. Job is not in control of the stars.
- 12. (v.36) Wisdom to the inward parts and understanding to the heart. (Conscience). (cf. Rom. 2:14-15).