

**I. Exposition of the Text**

- A.** The Big Picture: God's response toward Job (38:1-40:2)
- B.** The Particular Structure of God's response toward Job
  - 1)** Part 1 (38:4-38)
    - a)** God created all things in the heavens and earth (38:4-18)
    - b)** God intimately knows and governs all things in the heavens and earth (38:19-38)
  - 2)** Part 2 (38:39-39:30)
    - a)** The lion and the raven (38:39-41) — They are needy, but God is the all-blessed Provider
    - b)** The mountain goats (39:1-4) — God is the self-sufficient Creator and Sustainer of all life, though we (like the adult mountain goats) wander away in our ingratitude, thinking ourselves independent
    - c)** The wild donkey (39:5-8) — God gives good gifts and is our satisfaction
    - d)** The ox (39:9-12) — God is omnipotent, though we are like the ox, dumb and in need of guidance
    - e)** The ostrich (39:13-18) — God is love, unlike the world which is proud and selfish like the ostrich
    - f)** The horse (39:19-25) — God is the conquering King and Prince of peace
    - g)** The hawk (39:26-30) — God is omniscient
- C.** The Point

**II. The Care of the Flesh, the World, and the Devil**

- A.** Character: Pride (v 13)
- B.** Care: Forsakes her children (v 14a)
- C.** Comfort: Only the things of this world (v 14b; Jn 6:26; Mt 4:8-9)
- D.** Concern: Never thinking of her responsibilities particularly toward the good of others, nor the consequences of her actions (v 15; Gen 3:4)
- E.** Constancy: Quick to renounce her own (v 16a)
  - 1)** The world is not your friend (Habakkuk 2:15)
  - 2)** The kingdoms of this world will even turn against Antichrist

and his false communion, sorrowing over Babylon's destruction because they have no more means of gaining by her (Rev 18:11a, 15-17)

- F.** Consideration: No thought to legacy or Lord (v 16b)
- G.** Condemnation: Folly, pride, and finally destruction (vv 17-18)
  - 1)** Folly (WCF III.3, 7; Ex 7-11)
  - 2)** Pride
  - 3)** Destruction (Jb 39:22, 24; Pr 16:18)

**III. The Care of God**

- A.** Character: Holiness (Hab 1:13; Rev 4:8).
- B.** Care: Love
  - 1)** He is our refuge (Psa 46:1; Na 1:7)
  - 2)** He holds us near to Himself (Mt 23:37; Psa 91:4).
  - 3)** He refreshes us with His Gospel, both now and forever (Psa 46:4-5; Rev 22:1)
  - 4)** He rejoices over us with singing and love (Zeph 3:17; Song of Songs 2:4)
- C.** Comfort: The hope of heaven and true joy (Rom 14:17; Col 3:1-4)
- D.** Concern: The Church is the apple of His eye (Psa 17:8; Zech 2:8)
- E.** Constancy: Never abandoning those who are His (Rom 8:15-17; Heb 13:5-6)
- F.** Consideration: His eternal glory and our good (Rom 8:28)
- G.** Condemnation: Our Saviour and Victor (Gal 3:13; 2 Cor 5:21; Isa 53:5-6)

**IV. Uses from the Text**

- A.** Where have you sought care from the flesh, the world, and the devil? (Amos 4:4-5)
- B.** How have you felt the sting of such care in (1) conscience and (2) consequence?
- C.** You must have a sight for and hatred of the sinfulness of such care
- D.** You must have a sight of God's care.
- E.** Have you taken hold of God's care in the Person and work of Jesus Christ?
- F.** How shall you walk in the continuance of this care?
- G.** How shall you imitate this care?