

What Will You Do When Disaster Comes and You Don't Get the _____ You Were Expecting?
Job 38-42

Intro: In the study of Job we have seen God's description of Job as a _____, upright, and God-fearing man. We have seen his whole world come _____ down upon him, and we have seen his " _____ " come for the purpose of "showing sympathy and comfort him" (ESV). In the "comfort" conversations (Chapter 4-37) with his three "friends", Job has had to _____ his integrity, continually replying to the false accusations from his "friends". Without warning God appears in a whirlwind, and speaks to Job. In the conversation between God and Job (Chapter 38-42) God does most of the _____ and Job does all the _____. Job's concluding thoughts are interesting, and God's last recorded action directed toward Job is _____.

- I. God speaks to Job, thus _____ the slanders and misunderstandings of his three "friends" 38:1-40:2
- A. *The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind* V 1
1. Whirlwind- something turbulent, tumultuous, or _____ agitated; and here may signify what we call a tempest, and was intended to fill Job's mind with serious thoughts, thus an _____ sense of the majesty of God.
 - a. Job has been busy _____ himself against his "friends"
 - b. Job has no defense against _____ and thus the environment changes to cause Job to realize "THIS IS GOD SPEAKING!"
 2. God now responds _____ to Job and the statements he has made in the preceding conversations with his friends
 - a. In spite of Job's condition, Job was still responsible for the _____ that came out of his mouth and the _____ of his heart V 2-3
 - b. Job is about to encounter a new _____ with God, one like he has never had before
- B. God begins his first conversation with Job totally different than Job's three "friends" had
1. The "friends" began their conversations with pointing out to Job the seeming sinfulness in his life to which Job had seen a need to defend his _____
 2. God begins his conversation with Job by discussing the _____ of His creative act and how magnificent He is to be the Creator and Maintainer of creation. The whole conversation is all about the _____ of God and the _____ of Job
 - a. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? 38:4
 - b. Who determined its measurements--surely you know! 38:5 (_____)
 - c. Who confined the seas within their boundaries? 38:8-11
 - d. Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place? 38:12
 - e. You know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great! 38:21
 1. This is _____ on the part of God
 2. Irony-God speaking to Job and reminding him of the eternity of God, and the _____ of Job's life
 - (a) Have you? 38:22
 - (b) Can you bind? Vs 31; lead and guide? Vs 32; establish? Vs 33; lift up your voice to the clouds? Vs 34; send forth lightning? Vs 35; hunt the prey for the lion? Vs 39; number the months? 39:2; bind the wild ox? 39:10

- (c) Do you know? 38:33; 39:1,2; observe? 39:1; give the horse his strength? 39:19; give the horse ability to leap in the air? 39:20
- C. God ends His first conversation with Job by accusing him of _____ behavior and demanding an answer to the questions He has posed to Job 40:1-2
- II. Job's response is extremely _____ in comparison to the responses he has given to his "friends" 40:3-5
- A. Then Job answered the LORD, and said, Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? V 3-4a
- B. Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. Vs 4b-5
- C. A _____ view of God and ourselves brings us to a place of blessing from the Lord
- III. God's second discourse with Job 40:6-41:34
- A. God begins His second discourse as He did the first 40:7
- B. Now the conversation turns more personal dealing with their _____ 40:8
1. *Wilt thou also disannul my judgment?*-make God's decisions _____ and void
 2. *Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?*-make me look bad so as to make yourself look good; _____ Me that you may be in the right
 3. Demonstrate you splendor and ability to overrule those people and things that come against you _____ 40:10-41:34
- C. In this second conversation, God causes Job to remember two specific creatures that had been created by God and were _____ or unconquerable by man
1. The Behemoth 40:15-24 (An unknown _____ creature)
 - a. Created by God just as He had created Job Vs 15
 - b. His might and majesty are described Vs 16-24
 2. The Leviathan 41:1-34 (An unknown _____ creature)
 - a. He is uncatchable Vs 1-8
 - b. He is fierce and to be _____ Vs 9-10a
 - c. God injected a thought about Himself as Creator and _____ of all that is created Vs 10b-11
 - d. Leviathan is astounding in his appearance and actions Vs 12-34
- IV. Job's second response 42:1-6
- A. Job acknowledged the _____ of God Vs 1-2
- B. Job acknowledged his own _____ about God and His plan Vs 3-5
1. Job quotes God in Vs. 3 Cf. 38:2
 2. Job quotes God in Vs. 4 Cf. 38:3; 40:7
- C. Job _____ himself and repents of his sinful behavior Vs 6
- V. God gives a _____ demonstration of His mercy and grace 42:7-17
- A. God's mercy-_____ giving us what we deserve Vs 7-9
- B. God's grace-_____ us what we do not deserve Vs 10-17
1. God gave Job a full _____ from his sickness-he lived another 140 years Vs 16
 2. God gave him _____ the livestock he had lost originally Vs 10-12
 3. God gave him as many children as he had lost and allowed him to live long enough to enjoy his children and grandchildren for _____ generations. Vs 16
 4. Job died a _____, fulfilled, successful, _____, old man, and then went to be with the Lord after his death! What an _____!