

Job 40 - The LORD Challenges Job Again

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(d) God challenges Job to answer (40:1-2)

1 Then the LORD said to Job,

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1 The LORD continued his response to Job by saying:

1 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,

2 "Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who rebukes God give an answer."

2 "Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer it."

2 "Should the one who is fighting the Almighty find fault with him? Let God's accuser answer."

2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

(e) Job's reply of humility (40:3-5)

(i) Job acknowledges his insignificance (40:3-4)

- 3 Then Job answered the LORD and said,
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- 3 Then Job replied to the LORD. He said:
- 3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I say in response to You? I put my hand on my mouth.

4 "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to You? I lay my hand on my mouth.

4 "I must look insignificant to you! How can I answer you? I'm speechless.

4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

(ii) Job's silence prevents him from adding or subtracting from his previous statements (40:5)

- 5 "I have spoken once, and I will not reply; Or twice, and I will add nothing *more*."
- 5 "Once I have spoken, and I will not answer; Even twice, and I will add nothing more."
- 5 I spoke once, but I can't answer; I tried a second time, but I won't do so anymore."
- 5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

(B) God's second speech (40:6—42:6)

(a) God answers Job out of the whirlwind (40:6)

- 6 Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind and said,
- 6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm and said,
- 6 The LORD answered Job from the wind storm and told him:
- 6 Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

(b) God challenges Job (40:7-14)

(i) The charge to listen (40:7)

- 7 "Now tighten the belt on your waist like a man; I will ask you, and you instruct Me.
- 7 "Now gird up your loins like a man; I will ask you, and you instruct Me.
- 7 "Stand up like a man! I'll ask you some questions, and you give me some answers!
- 7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

(ii) The challenge to Job's right to self justification (40:8-9)

- 8 "Will you really nullify My judgment? Will you condemn Me so that you may be justified?
- 8 "Will you really annul My judgment? Will you condemn Me that you may be justified?
- 8 Indeed would you annul my justice and condemn me, just so you can claim that you're righteous?

8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

9 "Or do you have an arm like God, And can you thunder with a voice like His?

9 "Or do you have an arm like God, And can you thunder with a voice like His?

9 Do you have strength like God? Can you create thunder with a sound like he can?"

9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

(iii) The Lord tells Job to justify himself (40:10-14)

10 "Adorn yourself with pride and dignity, And clothe yourself with honor and majesty.

10 "Adorn yourself with eminence and dignity, And clothe yourself with honor and majesty.

10 "When you have adorned yourself with exalted majesty, clothed yourself with splendor and dignity,

10 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

11 "Let out your outbursts of anger, And look at everyone who is arrogant, and humble him.

11 "Pour out the overflowings of your anger, And look on everyone who is proud, and make him low.

11 dispensed the fury of your anger, made sure that you have humbled every proud person,

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

12 "Look at everyone who is arrogant, *and* humble him, And trample down the wicked where they stand.

12 "Look on everyone who is proud, *and* humble him, And tread down the wicked where they stand.

12 stared down and subdued every proud person, trampled the wicked right where they are,

12 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

13 "Hide them together in the dust; Imprison them in the hidden *place*.

13 "Hide them in the dust together; Bind them in the hidden *place*.

13 buried them in the dust together, and sent them bound to that secret place,

13 Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret.

14 "Then I will also confess to you, That your own right hand can save you.

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14 then I will applaud you myself! I'll admit that you can deliver yourself by your own efforts!"

14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

(c) Behemoth (40:15-24)

(i) Description (40:15-18)

15 "Behold, Behemoth, which I made as well as you; He eats grass like an ox.

15 "Behold now, Behemoth, which I made as well as you; He eats grass like an ox.

15 "Please observe Behemoth, which I made along with you. He eats grass like an ox.

15 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

16 "Behold, his strength in his waist, And his power in the muscles of his belly.

16 "Behold now, his strength in his loins And his power in the muscles of his belly.

16 Now take a look at the strength that he has in his loins, and in the muscles of his abdomen.

16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

17 "He hangs his tail like a cedar; The tendons of his thighs are knit together.

17 "He bends his tail like a cedar; The sinews of his thighs are knit together.

17 His tail protrudes stiffly, like cedar; the sinews of his thigh interlink for strength.

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

18 "His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron.

18 "His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron.

18 His bones are conduits of bronze; his strong bones are like bars of iron.

18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.

(ii) The Lord asks if man can capture the behemoth (40:19-24)

19 "He is the first of the ways of God; Let his Maker bring His sword near.

19 "He is the first of the ways of God; Let his maker bring near his sword.

19 He is the grandest of God's undertakings, yet his creator is approaching him with his sword.

19 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.

20 "Indeed the mountains bring him food, And all the animals of the field play there.

20 "Surely the mountains bring him food, And all the beasts of the field play there.

20 Mountains produce food for him, where all the wild animals frolic.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

21 "He lies down under the lotus plants, In the hiding place of the reeds and the marsh.

21 "Under the lotus plants he lies down, In the covert of the reeds and the marsh.

21 He lies under the lotus trees, hiding under reeds and marshes.

21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

22 "The lotus plants cover him with shade; The willows of the brook surround him.

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22 The lotus trees cover him with their shade, and willows that line the wadis surround him.

22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

23 "If a river rages, he is not alarmed; He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to his mouth.

23 "If a river rages, he is not alarmed; He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to his mouth.

23 What you see as a raging river doesn't alarm him; he is confident when the Jordan overflows.

23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

24 "Can anyone capture him when he is on watch, Can anyone pierce *his* nose with barbs?

24 "Can anyone capture him when he is on watch, With barbs can anyone pierce *his* nose?

24 Are your eyes looking to capture him, or to pierce his snout with a bridle?"

24 He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.