

38:1-4

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, There must have been a great deal of space between them with a thunderous voice coming from the tornado that reeks of Sinai, and don't forget that the people didn't want to hear from God in Exodus 19-21. **and said:** Job is contrariwise running out of things to say.

2 “Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? Thus begins an assortment of over 50 questions. God in the flesh made Christ look like quite the inquisitor (Matthew 5:13; 6:26; 6:30; 11:7; 16:13; 16:26; 22:42; 23:17; 23:33; 26:10; 26:40; 26:50; 26:53; 26:55). We need to get good at asking questions that stir the conscience. “How's the weather” is not a question that matters. By the way, Jesus is the only one who can say “yes.” Consider Proverbs 8:13 (and following) in comparison with 1 Corinthians 1:30. John 1:1-2 say that if Jesus was being examined here, the answers would be emphatic. Strangely, chapter 42 says “Job spoke rightly” about God twice. So we are justified in comparing this Job with Jesus.

4 “Where^e were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Job already said He couldn't answer this (Job 9:10-11). Since Job has been wondering where God was at, it seems interesting that God is now asking where Job has been?

38:7-9

When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God If this is the same thing as in chapters 1 and 2, then these are angels. If that is true, this is the only possible proof-text of which I am aware where angels may actually sing. **shouted for joy?** As this is a parallelism, it is two ways of saying one thing.

9 When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; The only time this term is used in the entire Old Testament. With singing angels (38:7), and a birth (38:8) and swaddling clothes (38:9), you'd almost think of Luke 2 and Christmas. I will admit, we have to read 38:7 into Luke 2's “Glory to God in the Highest...” in order to believe the angels sang at the birth of Jesus. If they did, though, those are the only two things worth singing about in Heaven: creation and Christ!

^e Job 15:7; Ps. 104:5