



Title: [The Dialogue *cont'd.*] The LORD's First Speech

Text: Job 38 – 40:1-2

Introduction:

1. The LORD answers Job – but He does not respond by answering questions. He responds by asking Job questions.
 2. God challenged Job and challenged him to reply. (38:1-3)
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- I. God declares His works of Creation: The Foundation and Measurement of the Earth (vv.4-6)
 - II. The Stars [Angelic beings], the Seas and their Boundaries (vv.7-11)
 - III. The Morning and Its Light (vv.12-15)
 - IV. The Depths – of the sea, the gates and shadow of death; the breadth of the Earth (vv.16-18)
 - V. The Treasures of the Snow and Hail esp. for Battle (vv.19-23)
 - VI. The East Wind, Springs and Rain for the Earth (vv.24-30)
 - VII. The Planets, Clouds and Lightnings (vv.31-35)
 - VIII. Provisions: Wisdom, Understanding, Food for the Animals (vv.36-41)
 - IX. The Wild Goats and Hinds (Ch. 39:1-4)
 - X. The Wild Ass (vv.5-8)
 - XI. The Unicorn (a single-horned rhinoceros) (vv.9-12)
 - XII. The Peacock, Stork, Ostrich (vv.13-18)
 - XIII. The Horse (vv.19-25)
 - XIV. The Hawk, Eagle (vv.26-30)

Conclusion:

1. God's questions convince Job of his weakness and ignorance.
2. Elihu did his best to prepare Job for the LORD's speeches.
3. What did Job know about any of these areas? NOTHING.
4. God's reproof of Job (40:1-2).
5. Man must trust God His Maker, Provider, Sustainer, and Redeemer!