Job #36 (Chapter 40)
I. Let us Look at Verses 1-5
A. V. 1 - God asks whether a faultfinder should contend with the Almighty
   1. If Job couldn't answer previous questions how can He contend?
   2. Important for us to understand who God is so we don't go wrong in life
      a. If God is all-powerful shouldn't contend with Him- Isaiah 45:9-11
      b. If God is all-knowing can we be more wise-Rom.16:27; I Cor. 1:25
      c. If God is all just how can we question His government?-Deut. 32:4
      d. If God is all love- how can we speak against what He does?
      e. And how can we speak against what is for our good?- Rom. 8:28
   3. God doesn't just have these characteristics- He is them- I Jn. 4:8
B. Yet even the most just among us still contends with God - Jer. 12:1
C. We are called to contend with God in our prayers-Rom. 15:30
   1. Jacob (Hos. 12:4) Abraham (Gen. 18:23-33) Moses (Num. 14:11-20)
D. V. 4 - Job's response - "small account" "Light", "Contemptible", "Vile"
   1. I Samuel 18:23; 2 Kings 20:10; Ezekiel 22:7
   2. This is always our right answer before God- I Peter 5:6
      a. Peter (Luke 5:8) Isaiah (Is. 6:3-5); David (Ps. 39:5)
   3. This is our true condition- Philippians 3:21; Isaiah 2:22
      a. After faith in Christ, we are called to self-denial- Matt. 16:24
   4. When we admit we are vile- God calls us His treasure- Is. 43:4
E. V. 4- Lay my hand upon my mouth- God's word causes us to be silent
   1. Romans 3:19; Psalm 107:42
F. V. 5-- simply means Job had spoken more than once-Job. 33:14
   1. Like all believers he fails often- but repents- Prov. 28:13; 30:32
II. Let us Look at verses 6 -14
A. Vs. 6, 7 are basic repeat of chapter 38:1, 3
   1. Sometimes speaks in whirlwind-sometimes in still voice-I Kg. 19:11, 12
   2. Though Job had been humbled- He had not been humbled enough
B. V. 8 - Great affront to God to say that we are right and He is wrong
C. V. 9 - We don't have arm like God's - strength- Ps. 98:1; Eph. 3:20
   1. Therefore we should fear this power - Luke 12:4, 5
D. V. 9 - Also don't have voice like God's- Ps. 29:3-9; Gen. 1:3; Ps.33:6
E. V. 10 - We can't adorn ourselves enough to have the majesty of God
   1. Ps. 93:1; 104:1; Ex. 15:11; 1 Chr. 29:11; Ps. 145:10, 11; Jude 24, 25
F. Vs 11-13- God asks Job to do what is impossible for any man to do
   1. V. 11- We don't like to hear about God's wrath
      a. 2 Thes. 1:7 - 9; Romans 2:5, 6; Revelation 6:15 - 17
   2. V. 11- Job can't abase those that are proud- but God can do it
      b. If Job could do this- Then God would accept He could save himself
III. Then let us Look at verses 15 -24
A. In this and next chapter 2 unidentified beasts- Behemoth and Leviathan
   1. Most believe behemoth is either elephant or hippopotamus
   2. Some believe that it is some kind of dinosaur- V. 17
B. Point again is God's control over all His creation