

Job #38 (Job 42:1 - 6)

I. Let us Look at Verses 1 and 2

A. Verse 1 might seem to some to contradict what Job said in Job 40:5

1. Job meant he wouldn't answer anymore in justifying himself

2. Also in 40:7 God had commanded Job to answer- so he must do so

a. Be careful not to say we will or won't do something- James 4:13-16

B. V. 2 comes back to subject of God's attributes-Omniscience/Omnipotence

1. Job had spoken of these things before - Job 9:4 - 8 (Also chapter 12)

a. But Job, like us, had learned this in a new way- understood it better

b. As believers one way we are to grow is in knowledge - 2 Pet. 3:18

c. We gain knowledge by God's word & God's providence-Ps. 119:67, 71

1. Godly learn by experience- but not a fool - Prov. 27:22; Ps. 94:12

2. In the exalting of God's attributes, man is properly humbled

3. More we understand God's greatness, more we are humbled

a. That is why most great prayer warriors begin with God's attributes

b. Job had known about God's might- now learns about God's right

1. Only bound to God's power is God's will

a. God will do all He wills, but not all that we will- I John 5:14, 15

2. This is a great comfort to believers- God's omnipotence-Phil 3:21

C. Last part of verse 2 either deals with God's omniscience or sovereignty

1. Probably better to deal with fact that nothing stops God's purpose

a. Proverbs 19:21; Proverbs 21:30; Psalm 33:10, 11; Lamentations 3:37

D. Though God's purpose always happens- doesn't eliminate need to pray

E. Though this verse may deal with sovereignty- He is also omniscient

1. Ps. 139:2 -Christ also knows thoughts so He is God-Jn 21:17; Mk 2:6-8

F. Because of this we need to be careful of what we think- 2 Corinthians 10:5

1. This is comfort to godly, as we know good thoughts will be rewarded

2. Terror to the wicked because their thoughts will be judged - Gen. 6:5

II. Let us Look at Verses 3 and 4

A. Verse 3- Job admits to being guilty of what God accused- Job. 38:2

1. Job hid God's counsel by protesting innocence, and in arguing

B. Job said he didn't understand- "discern" - mark of mature- Heb. 5:14

C. "Things too wonderful" - this is reference to God's providence

1. One of the main causes of our impatience is our ignorance

2. Understand God's sovereignty & purpose (Rom. 8:28) & our sinfulness

D. Must be careful in speaking God's word that we don't hide His counsels

E. V. 4- Job is now ready to hear what God would say - I Cor. 8:2

1. Psalm 119:33, 34; Psalm 143:10 - After chastisement- Heb. 12:11

III. Let us Look at Verses 5 and 6

A. V. 5- Probably didn't physically see God- I John 4:12- but metaphorically

1. Whatever the case he now has a clearer understanding of God

B. V. 6- Despise myself- Very strong word- To abhor or detest

1. More we learn to hate ourselves, more we love God

Conclusion: There are three main ways that we can see God

A. God can be seen in His works- Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20

B. God can be seen in His word

C. God can be seen in Christ - John 1:18; John 14:7 - 9