

“Now Mine Eyes Seeth Thee”

Lesson 13

The Speeches of Jehovah Job 38-41

Introduction

All human speakers have had their say. During the course of speeches, Job had raised questions, even made charges, that were directed to Jehovah. In his agony he suffered through God’s silence to his questions. However, the time for God to speak has come, and speak He will (38-41). When we read of Jehovah’s words to Job, we remember well Job’s words about true wisdom (cp. 28). The weaknesses of all the human speakers is illustrated when we consider what God had to say. What was true then is still true today; true or perfect wisdom is still only found in God.

God has at His disposal all He has created to show Job where he has erred in questioning Him and His control of the universe. He uses both the inanimate (38:4-38) and animate (38:39 - 39:30) worlds. He also used unique acts of creation to illustrate His divine genius (40:15 - 41:34). We must keep in mind, however, that God’s words to Job were not meant to destroy him but to convince him of his irreverence and save him from ruin.

1. Out of what did Jehovah answer Job? (38:1) Do you think this is significant? (cp. Ex. 19:16)
2. Based upon the introductory drama between God and Satan (chs. 1-2), and what we have heard so far in all the speeches, what major theme(s) does God not talk about?
3. What description does God give in 38:2? Who do you think God is directing these comments toward?
4. What does God instruct Job to do in 38:3? What do you think this means? (cp. 1 Pet. 1:13)
5. In 38:4-38, how does God begin to question Job? In what realm of life is God questioning him? List below what you think are some of the significant points made by God to Job.

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6. In **38:39 - 39:30**, how does God continue to question Job? In what realm of life are these questions based? List below what you think are some of the significant points made by God to Job.

7. What statement does God make in **40:2**? To whom do you think He refers?

8. How does Job respond to God in **40:3-5**? Compared to what Job said earlier in **9:32-10:2**, what difference(s) do you see? What significant words seem to be missing from Job's response to God?

9. How next does God challenge Job in **40:6-14**? What point is God making in **40:8**?

10. What does God use as an example in His words to Job in **40:15-24**? Who or what is Behemoth? What does God use next as an example in **41:1-34**? Who or what is Leviathan?

11. *Thought question*: Consider God's use of Behemoth and Leviathan in **40:15 - 41:34**, and compare to Paul's words in **Rom. 1:20**. Considering what God is trying to get Job to understand, do you see any connection?