

TRIED AND TRUE
"The Silence of Job"
Acts 38-40

INTRODUCTION:

1. Job 13:1-3; 23:1-7

2. Elihu defended God's **justice** making **3 arguments**:

- a) **Argument #1** - *If God is not just...He is not God*
- b) **Argument #2** - *If God is not just...He cannot govern*
- c) **Argument #3** - *If God is not just...He is not Good*

3. Elihu ended his message to Job proclaiming God's **Greatness**.

- a) The **Mind** of God is Great
- b) The **Mercy** of God is Great
- c) The **Might** of God is Great
- d) The **Majesty** of God is Great

4. *Job is finally getting what he wanted...But he ends up not wanting what he got.*

5. Job 38:1-3

I. THE EXAMINATION OF JOB (FIVE AREAS OF CREATION)

#1 - "WHERE WERE YOU IN THE BEGINNING OF CREATION?"

1. Vs 4

- a) *"Job...where were you when I created everything?"*

2. Vs 5-6

- a) **Albert Einstein** said this:

"Everyone who is seriously involved in the pursuit of science is convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the universe - a spirit vastly superior to that of man, and one in the face of which we with modest powers must feel humble."

- b) In the beginning God spoke and everything came into existence!
"Ex Nihilo" - out of nothing!

#2 - "WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OCEANOGRAPHY?"

1. Vs 8

a) The ocean covers $\frac{3}{4}$ of the earth's surface.

2. **Vs 10-11**

a) God set boundaries for the seas and oceans.

3. **Vs 9**

a) God shrouds the earth's waters with thick darkness @ night.

#3 - "WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT METEOROLOGY?"

- 9 questions:

1. "Job - have you ever commanded the sun to rise or examined the vast expanse of the earth?" **Vs 12; 18**

2. "Job - are you old enough to remember when the light and darkness were set in their place?" **Vs 19-21**

3. "Job - what do you know about snow and hail and the east wind?" **Vs 22-24**

4. "Job - do you know all there is to know about storms?" **Vs 25-27**

5. "Job - can you explain the dew of heaven?" **Vs 28**

6. "Job - can you speak intelligently about frost and how water freezes?" **Vs 29-30**

7. "Job - can you make it rain?" **Vs 34**

8. "Job - can you send out lightning to the ends of the earth?" **Vs 35**

9. "Job - can you gather water from the clouds?" **Vs 37-38**

- **Job remains silent!!!**

#4 - WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ASTRONOMY

1. **Astronomy** - is the science that deals with the material universe beyond the earth's atmosphere.

2. **Astrology** - assumes and attempts to interpret the influence of the heavenly bodies on human affairs. Astrology assumes the stars rule in the destinies of human beings.

3. **Astronomy** - is the scientific evidence - based on study of the stars and planets.

4. We live in the **MILKY WAY GALAXY**

a) The Milky Way Galaxy is 100,000 light years across.

b) Light travels @ 186,000 miles a second.

c) In 1 year...light travels 5.88 trillion miles.

d) That is the ruler God uses to build his universe!

e) In the Milky Way Galaxy, there are hundreds of billions of stars.

f) If you would begin counting the stars in the Milky Way, 1 per second...it would take you 2500 years just to count the stars.

7. **Isaiah 40:25-26** (God is HUGE)

8. Plus there are billions of Galaxies with billions of stars in each Galaxy.

9. **Psalm 33:6**

10. **Psalm 8:3-5**

11. **Psalm 103:11-14**

12. **Job 38:31 WOW!!!!**

a) "**Pleiades**" - seven daughters of Atlas and half sisters of the Hyades, placed among the stars to save them from the pursuit of Orion. One of them (the Lost Pleiad) hides, either from grief or shame.

b) "**Orion**" - a giant hunter who pursued the Pleiades, was eventually slain by Artemis, and was then placed in the sky as a constellation.

13. **Job 38:32**

a) "**Mazzaroth**" - probably a reference to the constellations

b) "**the Bear with its children**" - this is what we call the Big Dipper.

c) The Bear points without error to the NORTH.

14. **Vs 33**

#5 - "WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ZOOLOGY?"

1. "Job - can you provide food for the Lions?"
 - a) Vs 39-40

2. "Job - can you provide food for the Raven?"
 - a) Vs 41

3. "Job - do you have any idea when goats and deer have their young?"
 - a) Job 39:1-4
4. "Can you know who set the wild donkey free?"
 - a) 39:5-8

5. "Can you harness wild Oxen?"
 - a) 39:9-12

6. "Can you comprehend the dimensions of the Stork and the Ostrich?"
 - a) 39:13-18

7. "Have you considered the majesty of the Horse?"
 - a) 39:19-25

8. "Do Hawks fly by your wisdom and the Eagles mount up @ your command?"
 - a) 39:26-31

9. Here's what God asks:
 - a) "Job what do you know about the **BEGINNING**?"
 - b) "Job what do you know about the **EXPANSE OF THE OCEAN**?"
 - c) "Job what do you know about the **WEATHER**?"
 - d) "Job what do you know about the **STARS**?"
 - e) "Job what do you know about the **ANIMAL KINGDOM**?"

II. THE SILENCE OF JOB

1. 40:1-5
 - a) Job acknowledged how **insignificant** he really is. Vs 4
 - b) Job acknowledged his **inability** to defend himself. Vs 5

2. He gets the message of God's greatness.

CONCLUSION:

1. Romans 1:18-23