

GOD IS IN TOTAL CONTROL! Part 2.

Scripture. Job. 40:1-5

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Introduction:

Job 38:16-18.16 Have you entered the springs of the sea, And walked in the depth of the ocean?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you, And have you seen the gates of deep darkness?18 Have you understood the expanse (width) of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.

The word “springs” stands for fountain springs deep in the ocean. It’s source of water is not only from the streams and rivers, but from the fountains that exist at the bottom of the oceans. One of such fountains exists along the Atlantic Ocean near the coastland of Florida, I believe.

Has anyone walked at the bottom of the ocean? People may have on shallow part of the sea, but has anyone walked on the bottom of the deepest part of ocean? No, no one has done that. But they have reached deep with a machine.

Only three **people have** ever done that, and one was a U.S. Navy submariner. **In the Pacific Ocean**, somewhere between Guam and the Philippines, lies the spot called Mariana Trench. **At 35,814 feet below sea level**, (6.78 miles), its bottom **is** called the Challenger **Deep** — the **deepest** point known on Earth. They used a rig that was covered with 5 inch steel wall to withstand immense pressure. It took 5 hours to go and come back which included half hour stay at the bottom. Just before they landed, they saw a foot long flat fish, that looked like halibut fish. When they landed, the rig muddled the water, and they could not see anything at all after that. This happened 60 years back! Yes, we can confidently say, no one has walked at the deep part of ocean!

Vs.17....has the gates of death been revealed to you. No, no one has seen it.

We can see it only after we are really dead, which is beyond clinical death also.

We may not have seen the deep darkness also. Deep darkness may be under the ocean. Deep darkness may be in the space. Deep darkness may be beyond death which may be reserved for the wicked ones!

Vs. 18. We may have understood the width of the earth in our time, but not in Job's time.

Job. 38: 19-21. 19 Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And darkness, where is its place, 20That you would take it to its territory, And discern the paths to its home? 21 You know, for you were born then,And the number of your days is great!

Many of us may not know the answers for these questions. Only scientists may be able to answer them, I hope!

In v21, God becomes sarcastic! You know everything, right Job? Perhaps, you were born then? You must be one of those Ancient old men who lived so long to know all these things?

Job 38: 22-24. 22 Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, And have you seen the storehouses of the hail, 23Which I have reserved for a time of distress, For a day of war and battle? 24 Where is the way that the light is divided, And the east wind scattered on the earth?

Store houses of snow in north and South Pole. We saw many glaciers firsthand in Alaska, Also at Mt. McKinley (Denali)! What a magnificent sight! But they are indeed shrinking at an alarming rate. If you haven't seen it, try to go in next two years!

Store houses of hail? How is hail formed?

Hailstones are formed when raindrops are carried upward by thunderstorm updrafts into extremely cold areas of the atmosphere and freeze. Hailstones then grow by colliding with liquid water drops that freeze onto the hailstone's surface. If the water freezes instantaneously when colliding with the hailstone, cloudy ice will form as air bubbles will be trapped in the newly formed ice. However, if the water freezes slowly, the air bubbles can escape, and the new ice will be clear. The hail falls when the thunderstorm's updraft

can no longer support the weight of the hailstone, which can occur if the stone becomes large enough or the updraft weakens. God uses them at times to punish the wicked.

V24. Where is the way that the light is divided, And the east wind scattered on the earth?

I really do not know the answer for this one.

The next passage should have been under chapter 39 which deals with animals.

Job. 38: 39-41. 39 Can you hunt the prey for the lioness, Or satisfy the appetite of young lions, 40When they crouch in their hiding places, And lie in wait in their lair? 41 Who prepares feed for the raven When its young cry to God, And wander about without food?

It is not easy to keep on feeding the lions and the tigers everyday. But God does feed them and take care of them!

An interesting question came to my mind concerning this passage: why should God kill a deer to feed these lions? Why could not he let the lions die and the deer to live. There must be a reason for it. God brought the answer for that question. If we keep allowing the lions to die, then the deer population will become out of control! God has a reason for everything. If we do not understand something, do not start thinking that God made a mistake in creation. He is indeed perfect, wise, and holy.

Job. 39. Is all about animals and birds. I'll let you read it for yourself. I would like to invite someone who has the expertise in that field to explain that chapter for us.

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We read this text as our Scripture reading.

God made Job to see Him as the awesome creator of earth and heavens, made Him see His majesty, His power, and glory. He also made to understand that He is the provider for everyone, and everything, and His eyes are even on sparrows, and nothing falls to the ground without His permission!

We are under such a mighty God! Should we really try to find fault with such a perfect, holy, mighty God? Do we have the right to rebuke our creator, and our master? I think, Job went way overboard with his complaints!

Job realized his foolishness, and he admits that he is nothing, and promised that he will keep his hands over his mouth, and he will not talk anymore like that!

Vs. 5 "I have spoken once, and I will not reply; Or twice, and I will add nothing more."

It means that "I have already spoken, not once, but more than once. Now I will be silent; I will say no more."

Now, I'll move to Job 41 and deal with a loose canon, Leviathan, a symbolic, important character of evil!

Job 41. Chapter 41 is all about Leviathan, the loose canon of God's creation! The symbol of random evil, one of the causes of our suffering.

Who is this Leviathan? A crocodile? A Chinese dragon? Lochness monster? Or one of those sea monster dinosaur? Or Satan? Chapter 41 tries to explain what it is in detail.

First, it talks about Leviathan's mighty strength! Man cannot subdue it!

Job. 41:1,2. Can you drag out]Leviathan with a fishhook,

And press down his tongue with a rope?

2 Can you put a rope in his nose, And pierce his jaw with a hook?

We just cannot use fishhook with a bait to capture this creature. We cannot harness it or bridle it with a rope through its nose.

Job. 41:3-5. 3 Will he make many pleas to you, Or will he speak to you gentle words? 4 Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him as a servant forever?5 Will you play with him as with a bird, And tie him down for your young girls?

He will not beg you, he will not speak kind words to you, he will not make a covenant with you, you cannot make him your servant forever, We cannot speak kind words to this creature and cajole it. We cannot take it as a pet so that the girls can play with it!

6,7. You cannot cut in pieces and make money out of him. You cannot kill it with harpoons and spears!

Job 41:8-11. 8 Lay your hand on him.Remember the battle; you will not do it again! 10 No one is so reckless that he dares to stir him.

If you are afraid to challenge Leviathan, how come you have no problem opposing God?

Who then is he who opposes Me?¹¹“Who has been first to give to Me, that I should repay him?Whatever is under the entire heaven is Mine.

****The following verses will describe it more like a huge crocodile.

Job. 41:12-34. 12 I will not be silent about his limbs, Or his mighty strength, or his graceful frame. 13 Who can strip off his outer covering? Who can pierce his double armor? 14 Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth there is terror. 15 His strong scales are his pride, Locked as with a

tight seal. 16 One is so close to another That no air can come between them. 17 They are joined one to another; They clasp each other and cannot be separated.

But the following verses paint it more like a Chinese dragon.

18 His sneezes flash forth light, And his eyes are like the eye of dawn. 19 From his mouth go burning torches; Sparks of fire leap forth. 20 From his nostrils smoke goes out As from a boiling pot and burning reeds. 21 His breath sets coals aglow, And a flame goes forth from his mouth.

26 The sword that reaches him cannot prevail, Nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin. 27 He regards iron as straw, Bronze as rotten wood. 28 The arrow cannot make him flee; Slingstones are turned into stubble for him. 29 Clubs are regarded as stubble; He laughs at the rattling of the javelin. 30 His underparts are like sharp pieces of pottery.

Is this creature Satan? The king of pride?

33 Nothing on earth is like him, One made without fear. 34 He looks on everything that is high; He is king over all the sons of pride.”

God has a reason to give us an elaborate picture of leviathan! He can very well be the explanation for lot of our suffering! He is the incarnation of wickedness, and pride. He is that loose cannon ball that creates wars, pestilence, plagues, rivalry, envy, strife, and sickness etc. Remember, Satan is the author and source of many of our sufferings.

So what can we learn from these chapters?

Conclusion.

1. God created everything very wisely. We cannot comprehend His wisdom. It is above our heads to understand the complete picture of everything.

2. We must stop blaming God with our limited knowledge for the cause of all our sufferings.
3. First, let us examine ourselves if the sufferings came to us because of our own foolish actions.
4. Satan can be the cause of lot of our sufferings! He may be that Leviathan, the loose cannon, that causes so much havoc in our life.
5. There are some sufferings that are part of our life. Aging, Sickness, death, and dying. We cannot avoid it. Accept it with grace.
6. Occasionally, God inflicts suffering in our life. eg. Jesus. Jesus was young and energetic yet He had to drink the cup of suffering, shame, and death for our sins.

We cannot understand sometimes why God makes us go through certain, peculiar suffering. But He knows why, and He sees the complete picture. Even though we do not understand His plan, we must accept His will and drink the cup of suffering, and yield ourselves, as Christ did.

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