

The Tannīn's Roar

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Introduction

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth." Job 19:25

The book of Job for the most part is written in a poetical form, which helps it transcend from a normal book into a fascinating art form that is comparable to the Psalms.

Filled with many word illustrations and images, God's beautiful features are carefully crafted and written down to showcase some of the best Hebrew poetry of Israel.

The most prevalent image in the book of Job is a setting in a court of law. Job believing himself to be right, challenges his 3 friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, but his main accusation is toward God.

"If I summoned him and he answered me, I would not believe that he was listening to my voice. For he crushes me with a tempest and multiplies my wounds without cause; he will not let me get my breath, but fills me with bitterness." (Job 9:16-18)

Job demands for someone who is in authority, an arbitrator to bring him and God together to consider all the relevant facts and render a verdict, collecting all the evidence that would point to what everyone already knew... Job did not deserve to suffer like he has. And that was Job's ultimate complaint with Almighty God: Why was he convicted and received punishment without a fair trial?

The book of Job can be easily divided into three parts:

- 1. The introduction, that starts in heaven, showing us a glimpse of the behind the scenes of the spiritual realm, leading to the testing of Job.*

2. The great debate of Job and God's opinion and resolution of it.

3. The restoration of Job, illustrating the faithfulness of God.

The narrative begins with a test, as God allows the tempter, the Devil to have his way with Job, to put Job through terrible suffering so that God might be blasphemed.

Job at first passes the test with great endurance, but once the story progresses and his heart begins to become unraveled, Job loses his temper with God, and falls into great pride, showing the humanity of Job. That same weakness manifests in every single person created by God, and the purpose of this book is to help us, when we reach our breaking point, to show what Job learned in his trials and to see that God is indeed just, righteous, and most importantly loves us very much.

The book of Job starts with great loss and suffering, but it ends with a happy ending where Job's journey of faith, submission and all his unsatisfactions being met from a sovereign and caring God.

Chapter 1

**"Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me."
(Job 38:1-3)**

In the previous chapters of Job, one of Job's friends and councillors actually prepared Job for the coming storm that appears in Chapters 38-41.

Elihu, likened God's power as the Autumn thunder storm (36:32-33), the Winter Ice Storm (37:9-10), that would warm up to the blowing winds of the Spring season (37:12), and finishing the seasonal cycle into the Summer heat (37:17).

But how Elihu judges Job's spiritual condition was very different on how the Lord judges.

When Elihu said Job loved sin (36:21), God said Job is His servant and *"a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil"*.

That God would start speaking to Job out of a "whirlwind" is no accident, for it was because of a great wind that Job's children perished in. (1:19).

This “whirlwind” would teach to Job that our God can work out His sovereign plan even in the middle of a storm. Though at times we cannot understand the tragedies of life, we cannot forget God’s sovereign presence in our lives.

There is an undeniable truth that God is in control during disasters and in various calamities just as much as He is in control during the many blessings of our lives.

Both Elihu and Job actions teach an important lesson, we are to be careful in how we counsel people on God, for we might just "darken counsel by words without knowledge".

If not careful we can easily make the darkness of another person even more dark. God says "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers; for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness" (James 3:1).

Some things we simply cannot comprehend about the spiritual reality, and in those times God calls us to simply trust and obey.

Job is called here to be still, to listen to what God wants to teach him. By saying dress for action like a man, Job must now understand that the time for spiritual maturity is at hand. Job must grow up.

We are all called to serve and worship the Lord, to use every spiritual gift God has bestowed upon us in His sovereignty to help the Church fulfil its great commission to glorify God.

All of God's Children have a responsibility to "to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15) and to "work heartily, as for the Lord, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24)

For we all one day like Job, "must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

But the rewards for a successful job are truly wonderful, the treasures of heaven itself are for us to take, as the classic hymn says:

*"God in heaven hath a treasure,
Riches none may count or tell;
Hath a deep eternal pleasure,
Christ the Son, He loveth well.
God hath here on earth a treasure,
None but He its price may know—
Deep, unfathomable pleasure,
Christ revealed in saints below."*

Chapter 2

**Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its
bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the
morning stars sang together and all the sons of God
shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,"
Job 38:5-8**

Job proclaimed to his 3 friends, that he was able to teach them on the ways of almighty God, proudly claiming "what is with the Almighty I will not conceal" (Job 27:11).

But when God searched Job's heart, He humbled him into submission, as we all would be when our prideful hearts meet the all knowing Lord of all the earth.

There is an important truth in the Bible, that nothing is hidden from God's sight. Like Adam and Eve, we all stand naked before God.

Job apparently forgot that and let his pride tell him that his human knowledge would have all the answers. Listen to the cry of the Psalmist: *"Search me, O God, and see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" (Psalms 139:23-24)*

It's always better to have God examine our hearts now in the time of grace, rather than later in the time of judgement.

God would now give Job a test on various subjects, Job failed on every question, no human being was ever around when God laid the foundation of the earth, Job knew nothing about its measurements or its foundation.

God here tells us that the earth has been carefully designed, the oceans and seas delicately calculated and measured by God.

The universe has to be one of the greatest engineering achievements ever designed.

If we who have eyes to see the stars and planets cannot comprehend everything about the earth now; then how could we possibly explain the plan of God which we cannot see?

It's not the only time we get to see rhetorical questions used to express how great is God's incredible power in regards to his creation. Read sayings of Agur the Oracle in Proverbs 30:

"I am weary, O God and worn out. Surely I am too stupid to be a man. I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One. Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is

his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know!" (Proverbs 30:1-4)

Do we have the same fear of God and His word? Have we discovered how little we know of the Eternal God? Give praise today and everyday to the lord that He reveals anything to us! And what could be anything greater than the name of God's only Son.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). A virgin "she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

Dear reader, listen to the words of Jesus and be encouraged:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live!". (John 11:25)

*"I love the name of Him whose heart,
Knows all my griefs, and bears a part;
Who bids all anxious fears depart,
I love the name of Jesus."*