

The LORD Answers Job

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Dress for action[a] like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

7 when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

9 when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

15 From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.

19 "Where is the way to the dwelling of light,

and where is the place of darkness,

- 20 that you may take it to its territory
and that you may discern the paths to its home?
- 21 You know, for you were born then,
and the number of your days is great!
- 22 "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,
or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,
23 which I have reserved for the time of trouble,
for the day of battle and war?
- 24 What is the way to the place where the light is distributed,
or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?
- 25 "Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain
and a way for the thunderbolt,
26 to bring rain on a land where no man is,
on the desert in which there is no man,
27 to satisfy the waste and desolate land,
and to make the ground sprout with grass?
- 28 "Has the rain a father,
or who has begotten the drops of dew?
29 From whose womb did the ice come forth,
and who has given birth to the frost of heaven?
- 30 The waters become hard like stone,
and the face of the deep is frozen.
- 31 "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades
or loose the cords of Orion?
32 Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth[b] in their season,
or can you guide the Bear with its children?
- 33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?
Can you establish their rule on the earth?
- 34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
that a flood of waters may cover you?
35 Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?
- 36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts[c]
or given understanding to the mind?[d]
- 37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
38 when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods stick fast together?
- 39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
40 when they crouch in their dens
or lie in wait in their thicket?
- 41 Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God for help,
and wander about for lack of food?

- 39** "Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the does?
- 2** Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
- 3** when they crouch, bring forth their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
- 4** Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open;
they go out and do not return to them.
- 5** "Who has let the wild donkey go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,
- 6** to whom I have given the arid plain for his home
and the salt land for his dwelling place?
- 7** He scorns the tumult of the city;
he hears not the shouts of the driver.
- 8** He ranges the mountains as his pasture,
and he searches after every green thing.
- 9** "Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will he spend the night at your manger?
- 10** Can you bind him in the furrow with ropes,
or will he harrow the valleys after you?
- 11** Will you depend on him because his strength is great,
and will you leave to him your labor?
- 12** Do you have faith in him that he will return your grain
and gather it to your threshing floor?
- 13** "The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,
but are they the pinions and plumage of love?[e]
- 14** For she leaves her eggs to the earth
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
- 15** forgetting that a foot may crush them
and that the wild beast may trample them.
- 16** She deals cruelly with her young, as if they were not hers;
though her labor be in vain, yet she has no fear,
- 17** because God has made her forget wisdom
and given her no share in understanding.
- 18** When she rouses herself to flee,[f]
she laughs at the horse and his rider.
- 19** "Do you give the horse his might?
Do you clothe his neck with a mane?
- 20** Do you make him leap like the locust?
His majestic snorting is terrifying.
- 21** He paws[g] in the valley and exults in his strength;
he goes out to meet the weapons.
- 22** He laughs at fear and is not dismayed;
he does not turn back from the sword.
- 23** Upon him rattle the quiver,
the flashing spear, and the javelin.
- 24** With fierceness and rage he swallows the ground;

- he cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
- 25 When the trumpet sounds, he says 'Aha!'
He smells the battle from afar,
the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
- 26 "Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars
and spreads his wings toward the south?
- 27 Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes his nest on high?
- 28 On the rock he dwells and makes his home,
on the rocky crag and stronghold.
- 29 From there he spies out the prey;
his eyes behold it from far away.
- 30 His young ones suck up blood,
and where the slain are, there is he."

40 And the LORD said to Job:

- 2 "Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
He who argues with God, let him answer it."

Job Promises Silence

3 Then Job answered the LORD and said:

- 4 "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
I lay my hand on my mouth.
- 5 I have spoken once, and I will not answer;
twice, but I will proceed no further."

The LORD Challenges Job

6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

- 7 "Dress for action^[h] like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
- 8 Will you even put me in the wrong?
Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?
- 9 Have you an arm like God,
and can you thunder with a voice like his?
- 10 "Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity;
clothe yourself with glory and splendor.
- 11 Pour out the overflowings of your anger,
and look on everyone who is proud and abase him.
- 12 Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low
and tread down the wicked where they stand.
- 13 Hide them all in the dust together;
bind their faces in the world below.^[i]
- 14 Then will I also acknowledge to you
that your own right hand can save you.

- 15 "Behold, Behemoth,[j]
which I made as I made you;
he eats grass like an ox.
- 16 Behold, his strength in his loins,
and his power in the muscles of his belly.
- 17 He makes his tail stiff like a cedar;
the sinews of his thighs are knit together.
- 18 His bones are tubes of bronze,
his limbs like bars of iron.
- 19 "He is the first of the works[k] of God;
let him who made him bring near his sword!
- 20 For the mountains yield food for him
where all the wild beasts play.
- 21 Under the lotus plants he lies,
in the shelter of the reeds and in the marsh.
- 22 For his shade the lotus trees cover him;
the willows of the brook surround him.
- 23 Behold, if the river is turbulent he is not frightened;
he is confident though Jordan rushes against his mouth.
- 24 Can one take him by his eyes,[l]
or pierce his nose with a snare?

Footnotes

- a. [Job 38:3](#) Hebrew *Gird up your loins*
- b. [Job 38:32](#) Probably the name of a constellation
- c. [Job 38:36](#) Or *in the ibis*
- d. [Job 38:36](#) Or *rooster*
- e. [Job 39:13](#) The meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain
- f. [Job 39:18](#) The meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain
- g. [Job 39:21](#) Hebrew *They paw*
- h. [Job 40:7](#) Hebrew *Gird up your loins*
- i. [Job 40:13](#) Hebrew *in the hidden place*
- j. [Job 40:15](#) A large animal, exact identity unknown
- k. [Job 40:19](#) Hebrew *ways*
- l. [Job 40:24](#) Or *in his sight*

Matthew 15:21-39 English Standard Version

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David;

my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” **23** But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” **24** He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” **25** But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” **26** And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” **27** She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” **28** Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.[a]

Jesus Heals Many

29 Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. **30** And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, **31** so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.” **33** And the disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?” **34** And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” **35** And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, **36** he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. **37** And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. **38** Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. **39** And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Footnotes

a. [Matthew 15:28](#) Greek *from that hour*

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