
It's a job to be Job!

JOB 38

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 20

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of the **Job 32-37** was helpful to you?
2. Pray and ask God for an open mind and heart as you read **Job 38**. Do you think God was being sarcastic or harsh with Job? Which verses and phrases support your answer?
3. God spoke to Job in **V1**? What does this show about Job's relationship with God?
4. Look back at **Job 36:33-37:13**, and put yourself in that scene as you describe the sights, sounds, and feel of the storm.
5. Why do you think God challenged and questioned Job in **V2-3**?
6. Refer to different Bible translations to try to make sense of the Lord's question: "Who is it that obscures My plans...with words without knowledge?"
7. In what situations are you tempted to question God's plans or ways?

8. a) Read **V4**. How was the earth's foundation laid as expressed in **Genesis 1:1-2, 9-10**?

b) What aspects of God do you see exhibited in these verses?

9. What metaphor or detail is most intriguing to you from this description of the elements of creation?

V 4-7 _____

V8-11 _____

V12-15 _____

V16-18 _____

10. Imagine the scene at the creation of the world. Who is the audience in **V7**? Describe what it might have sounded, felt or looked like.

11. Read **V19-21** and **31-33**. How does **Genesis 1:3-5, 14-19** address the Lord's questions to Job regarding light and darkness?

12. What do you notice about God's purposes for the elements of weather in **38:22-30**?

13. What further amazes you about the Lord as He describes His creative power and influence in:

• **V31-33** _____

• **V34-38** _____

• **V39-41** _____

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14. Why do you think that God spends so much time reminding Job that He is the Creator of the world and all that it holds?
15. It was **a job to be Job** in a completely new way since he was challenged and confronted by God. Do you ever feel like God is challenging, confronting, or convicting you? Explain.
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DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Job 38** exalted God as the Creator of the universe. Note how these verses emphasize different aspects of His creative power:
 - **Isaiah 40:12**
 - **Isaiah 40:21-26**
 - **Isaiah 66:1-2**
2. What was and is Jesus' role as Creator in **Colossians 1:15-16**?
3. What is a right response to our Creator God according to **Revelation 4:11**?
4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Colossians 1:16**

b) Form a prayer based on this Lesson.

