

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

JOB 39

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Job thirty-nine continues God’s questioning of Job and the realities of how shallow man’s thoughts are in relation to God. God is the creator and man is the creation and often everyone must be reminded of this. God had asked Job a series of questions about man, nature, death and life, darkness and light. God questions Job about the weather and how it is developed and how it is not under one’s control. Rain, dew, hail, thunder, lightning are all still mysteries, even to the modern mind with all the technology available in the present day. Who can stop the storms, earthquakes, and volcanoes? Who can explain the mysteries of nature and even less of man who is put on earth and charged with its care as a stewardship? Job could not explain anything that God was asking. This section of God’s questioning is summed up in the last paragraph (*Remember the original text did not have chapter or verse divisions, notice below, the thought does not end at the end of chapter 39:30, but rather chapter 40:2*).

“Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and spread its wings toward the south? Does the eagle mount up at your command, and make its nest on high? On the rock it dwells and resides, on the crag of the rock and the

stronghold. From there it spies out the prey; Its eyes observe from afar. Its young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there it is.” Moreover, the Lord answered Job, and said: “Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it.” (Job 39:26-40:2)

It is altogether interesting that God in chapter 40:2 uses the same words Job used in Job 9:3, where Job muses through the concept of taking God to court. Job says, “How can a man be righteous before God, if one wanted to **contend** with God...” The word “contend” means to “take someone to court or bring a lawsuit against them.” Job in effect said, if one wanted to bring a suit against God, how could that happen? God answers Job in 40:2 by saying, “You wanted to contend (take me to court)? You cannot even answer my questions at this level. If you are going to take me to court, you better do better than this!”

Prayer and Action Steps

Dear God, please forgive me when I think I know more than you and what is best for my life. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
