

Job 38 – 42:6 – God speaks

1) Where were you when the world was created Job?

- Do you know? V3
- Have you any control? V12, V 31
- Look at the created world
 - i. There is joy v7
 - ii. There is control v11
 - iii. Evil is limited by death v17
 - iv. Dawn and dusk are controlled by God v19,20
 - v. The skies provide life giving water v22-30, 34 -41
 - vi. The planets v31 – 33
- Look at the animal kingdom 38:39 – 40:3
 - i. Land animals 38:39 – 39:25
 - ii. Birds 39: 26 - 30

2) What have you got to say to that Job? 40: 1 – 5

- You question me job, here's your opportunity
- I am unworthy. I will say no more.

3) God's 2nd speech – You want justice – can you do better than me?

- Can you tame the behemoth? 15 – 24
- Can you catch the leviathan? 41:1 – 34
- There's a world out there you have no control over, Job

4) Job's response 42: 1 – 6

- I know you can do all things, no plan of yours can be thwarted
- I know now that the complexity of the world is more than I can understand
- I have seen you, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes

Digging Deeper

Read Job 38 – 41:34

1. What is it like to be struck speechless?
2. What are the challenges of living in a world which is quickly growing in its understanding of how things work?
3. Read James 4:6 – How does integrity link with pride and humility?
4. Which of the characters in Job demonstrate humility?
5. Why doesn't God answer Job's questions directly?
6. In what way have these studies in Job challenged, intrigued and comforted you?