



MZBMP

### **Job 38:4-11 – God questioned Job about Creation.**

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, 10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

#### **Introduction:**

1. God is to be acknowledged as Creator.
2. God lovingly & firmly corrects Job.

#### **I. The Bible is Creationist vs. Evolutionary.**

(vv.4-5):

- A. "Where was thou" – God did not need Job (or any man) in the work of Creation. Man is inadequate to tell God how to manage His Works.
- B. "When I laid the foundations of the earth" – When I made the earth. Man is ignorant concerning Creation much less His counsels (plans and purposes).
- C. The measure thereof, the line upon it – God did not consult with Job how big, long, deep, broad should He make the earth. The earth in all its dimensions are made by God alone.

#### **II. The Bible is Geocentric vs. Heliocentric.**

(v.6)

- A. The earth hangs upon nothing (Job 26:7). The earth is a fixed point (Ps. 93:1) and is God's footstool (Isa. 66:1).
- B. The earth hangs upon nothing by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3).
- C. God created all things "out of nothing" (Heb. 11:3).
- D. The sun has its circuit (Ps. 19:6) and so does the firmament above the earth (Job 22:14), and the stars have their courses (Judges 5:20).
- E. All of Creation consists because of Christ (Col. 1:17).

#### **III. God created the angelic beings. (v.7)**

- A. God created each and every angel, all at once. (Gen. 1:1 – "the heaven" – is dual in Hebrew – heavens: to the sky and the expanse/firmament above – Physical; He also made the Spiritual – the third Heaven – Throne of God and the Angelic hosts).
- B. Angels are called "sons of God" (v.7) because they are a direct and personal creation of God Himself. (Gen. 6:2, 4; Job 1:6; 2:1). Man is also a direct creation of God and so Adam was called "son of God" (Lk. 3:38).
- C. Since Job was written prior to Moses (remember Job was "Patriarchal" – Moses' term "sons of God" in Gen. 6 would be angelic).
- D. They are called "host of heaven" (2 Kings 22:19; Ps. 103:20-21; "heavenly host" (Lk. 2:13).
- E. All the angels were created before the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Gen. 2:1). Job 38:7 suggests that the angels were singing/shouted for joy during the Creation week.
- F. "Morning stars" tells us that they were created very early in the Creation week.
- G. Jesus Christ created all the angels (Col. 1:16).

#### **IV. God created the sea (v.8) and clothed the sea with cloud and darkness (v.9).**

#### **V. God created the boundaries of the sea (vv.10-11) for the purpose that man would FEAR the LORD (Jer. 5:22).**

#### **Observations:**

1. Job's perplexities darkened rather than enlighten God's plans and purposes (counsels).
2. The Creation of Heaven and Earth, of the Angelic Realm and of the Ocean are just the start of God's quiz/questions for Job to consider his ignorance and impotence.
3. Context clarifies if the hosts are angelic or other created bodies of light (Ps. 148:1-5).