

## Job #36 (Chapter 40)

### I. Let us Look at Verses 1- 5

- A. V. 1- God asks whether a faultfinder should contend with the Almighty
  - 1. If Job couldn't answer previous questions how can He contend?
  - 2. Important for us to understand who God is so we don't go wrong in life
    - a. If God is all-powerful shouldn't contend with Him- Isaiah 45:9-11
    - b. If God is all-knowing- can we be more wise-Rom.16:27; I Cor. 1:25
    - c. If God is all just how can we question His government?-Deut. 32:4
    - d. If God is all love-how can we speak against what He does?
    - e. And how can we speak against what is for our good?- Rom. 8:28
  - 3. God doesn't just have these characteristics- He is them- I Jn. 4:8
- B. Yet even the most just among us still contends with God - Jer. 12:1
- C. We are called to contend with God in our prayers-Rom. 15:30
  - 1. Jacob (Hos. 12:4) Abraham (Gen. 18:23-33) Moses (Num. 14:11-20)
- D. V. 4 - Job's response - "small account" "Light" , "Contemptible", "Vile"
  - 1. I Samuel 18:23; 2 Kings 20:10; Ezekiel 22:7
  - 2. This is always our right answer before God- I Peter 5:6
    - a. Peter (Luke 5:8) Isaiah (Is. 6:3-5); David (Ps. 39:5)
  - 3. This is our true condition- Philippians 3:21; Isaiah 2:22
    - a. After faith in Christ, we are called to self-denial- Matt. 16:24
  - 4. When we admit we are vile- God calls us His treasure- Is. 43:4
- E. V. 4- Lay my hand upon my mouth- God's word causes us to be silent
  - 1. Romans 3:19; Psalm 107:42
- F. V. 5-- simply means Job had spoken more than once-Job. 33:14
  - 1. Like all believers he fails often- but repents- Prov. 28:13; 30:32

### II. Let us Look at verses 6 - 14

- A. Vs. 6, 7 are basic repeat of chapter 38:1, 3
  - 1. Sometimes speaks in whirlwind-sometimes in still voice-I Kg. 19:11, 12
  - 2. Though Job had been humbled- He had not been humbled enough
- B. V. 8 - Great affront to God to say that we are right and He is wrong
- C. V. 9 - We don't have arm like God's - strength- Ps. 98:1; Eph. 3:20
  - 1. Therefore we should fear this power - Luke 12:4, 5
- D. V. 9 - Also don't have voice like God's- Ps. 29:3-9; Gen. 1:3; Ps.33:6
- E. V. 10 - We can't adorn ourselves enough to have the majesty of God
  - 1. Ps. 93:1; 104:1; Ex. 15:11; I Chr. 29:11; Ps. 145:10, 11; Jude 24, 25
- F. Vs 11-13- God asks Job to do what is impossible for any man to do
  - 1. V. 11- We don't like to hear about God's wrath
    - a. 2 Thes. 1:7 - 9; Romans 2:5, 6; Revelation 6:15 - 17
  - 2. V. 11- Job can't abase those that are proud- but God can do it
    - a. Nebuchadnezzar -Dan. 4:29 - 32; Herod (Act 12:21-23) Is. 2:11, 12
    - b. If Job could do this- Then God would accept He could save himself

### III. Then let us Look at verses 15 - 24

- A. In this and next chapter 2 unidentified beasts- Behemoth and Leviathan
  - 1. Most believe behemoth is either elephant or hippopotamus
  - 2. Some believe that it is some kind of dinosaur- V. 17
- B. Point again is God's control over all His creation