

Job #37 (Job Chapter 41)

I. Let us Look at verses 1 - 10

- A. Chapter 40 dealt with the behemoth, chapter 41 with the Leviathan
 - 1. Like the behemoth, there is no clear agreement on what Leviathan is
 - a. Some say whale, some say crocodile, some say extinct creature
 - b. Some look at it as allegorical and referring to Satan -Isaiah 27:1
 - 2. Word comes from base Hebrew word meaning "Joined" or "united"
 - a. Same root word from which comes "Levi" - Genesis 29:34
 - b. Probably one of creatures referred to in Gen. 1:21 (Ps.104:26)
 - 3. Behemoth may be greatest land creature and Leviathan greatest sea
 - a. If can't comprehend these creatures, how can we comprehend God
 - B. Verses 1-5 describe this beast in terms of its ferocity
 - 1. It isn't easily captured, won't beg for life, won't make deal
 - 2. In creation man was given dominion over all the creatures- Gen. 1:26
 - a. This dominion was reinforced after the flood - Gen. 9:1, 2
 - C. V. 4 teaches us that those thinking themselves strong don't need prayer
 - 1. Those who believe in their own power-Jer. 10:25; Pr. 18:23; Rev. 3:17
 - D. Vs 6-10- beast is described in degree of difficulty of capturing it
 - 1. V. 9- Speaks of hopes being laid low- it can happen three ways
 - a. Haggai 1:9- Hope for much and it comes to little
 - b. Luke 5:5- Hope for much and receive nothing
 - c. Jer. 8:15; Isaiah 5:2 - hope for good and receive hurt
 - E. Verse 10-God argues from lesser to greater - from creature to Creator
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- A. If can't stand before Leviathan, how could we stand before God
 - 1. Josh. 1:5 (can't stand before men) how much more God (Mal. 3:1,2)
 - 2. Only standing before God is in righteousness of Christ, not ours
 - a. Phil. 3:4, 9 - 11; Zechariah 3:1 - 7; Rom. 10:1 - 4
 - b. Like Joshua we are all clothed in filthy rags- Is. 64:6
 - 3. Must have the wedding garment of Christ-Mat. 22:11-13; Ps. 132:16
 - B. Verse 11 may be quoted in New Testament - Romans 11:35
 - 1. God asking who it was that aided Him in creation of Leviathan
 - C. Impossible to really give to God since all we have is God's
 - 1. Ps. 24:1; Psalm 50:12; Acts 17:27, 28
 - D. V. 11 may also be translated as "who has preceded Me" - God is first
 - 1. This is true in salvation - God must first work regeneration
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- A. Most important that man be convince of power of God - I Sam. 6:20
 - 1. This is really Paul's argument in Romans 9 (verses 18 - 20)
 - B. Good thing to study creation to understand Creator (Ps. 104:24-26)
 - C. God has several relationships to Creation - not just the Creator
 - 1. He sustains all things- Heb. 1:3; Preserves them - Matt. 6:30
 - 2. Also as Redeemer has effect on creation- I Timothy 4:10
 - D. Be careful in speaking of our possessions as our own- Acts 4:32
 - 1. Ultimately all things belong to God- I Cor. 6:19, 20; Haggai 2:8
 - E. Though we may fear creature, must be more fearful of Creator-Mt. 10:28