



MZBMP

Title: [The Dialogue *cont'd.*] The LORD's Second Speech (part 3) – Leviathan, A King Over All the Children of Pride & The Conclusion of the Book of Job (ch. 42)

Text: 41-42

Job 41:1 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

Introduction:

1. The LORD speaks climactically of the sea-monster – Leviathan.
2. He is the “King over all the children of pride.”
3. Review: God hates pride – Obadiah 1:3; Mk. 7:20-22; 1 Jn. 2:16;

I. Leviathan Cannot Be Captured and Domesticated (vv.1-11) (vv.26-34)

- A. Fishing equipment are inadequate to capture him (vv.1-2), (v.7- not even by hand (v.8).
- B. He will not plea like a prisoner to be released (vv.3-5)
- C. He cannot be controlled by people for business (v.6).
- D. No one can contend with Leviathan's Maker (vv.10-11).
- E. Weapons are also of no effect (vv.26-34).
- F. Pride is undetectable and uncatchable at times (vv.1-2). It cannot be felt at times (v.3). Untrustworthy (v.3-4), unmanageable (v.5), undesirable (v.6), and unethical (vv.8-9).

II. Leviathan's Anatomy (vv.12-25)

- A. It is difficult to hurt the Leviathan due to it's thick and impenetrable skin (vv.12-17)
- B. Fire comes from his nostrils (vv.18-21) – a dragon – no doubt.
- C. Strong neck and skin and hard heart (vv.22-25) – people run away from him.

III. Leviathan Incites Men to Fear (vv.9-11, 25, 33-34)

- A. Related Scriptures – Ps. 74:14; 104:26; Isa. 27:1.
- B. Leviathan represents:
 - C.1. Pride. (Sin) or the sinful nature – which only God can control.
 - C.2. A picture of the Serpent (Satan or The Devil) in Rev. 13 – the Dragon!

Conclusion:

1. Leviathan is an object lesson on the sovereignty of God & the impotence of man.
2. Leviathan represents the Devil (Rev. 12:9) – our infernal enemy. He is subtle (Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3). He is a liar and a murder (Jn. 8:44).
3. Jesus Christ defeated the Devil – Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Jn. 3:8.
4. Only God can help us defeat pride in our hearts.
5. Job 42 – Job submits himself to God and repents (v.1).
6. Job 42- God reproves Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar and receives them because of Job's sacrifice and intercession (a picture of Christ and divine forgiveness because of CHRIST) (v.7-9).
7. Job 42 – Job's blessings are doubled (v.12).
8. Job 42 – Job's children (v.13).
9. Job 42 – Job's age and death (v.16-17).
10. The heart of Job – WISDOM is to fear the Lord, and to depart from evil (Job 28:28).