

THE BOOK OF JOB

Ch 38-42 God and the Final Word



Job 38

¹ Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind: ²
“Who is this that questions my wisdom with such
ignorant words? [² "Who is this that darkens
counsel by words without knowledge?]" ³ Brace
yourself like a man, because I have some questions
for you, and you must answer them.

4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. 5 Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? 6 What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone 7 as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?”

...¹² “Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east?
¹³ Have you made daylight spread to the ends of the earth, to bring an end to the night’s wickedness

...¹⁷ Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom? ¹⁸ Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know!

...²¹ But of course you know all this! For you were born before it was all created, and you are so very experienced!

...²⁶ Who makes the rain fall on barren land, in a desert where no one lives? ²⁷ Who sends rain to satisfy the parched ground and make the tender grass spring up?

...³¹ “Can you direct the movement of the stars—binding the cluster of the Pleiades or loosening the cords of Orion? ... ³³ Do you know the laws of the universe? Can you use them to regulate the earth?

Job 39

**1 “Do you know when the wild goats give birth?
Have you watched as deer are born in the wild?**

**2 Do you know how many months they carry their
young? Are you aware of the time of their
delivery?**

**...²⁶ “Is it your wisdom that makes the hawk soar
and spread its wings toward the south? ²⁷ Is it at
your command that the eagle rises to the heights
to make its nest? ²⁸ It lives on the cliffs, making
its home on a distant, rocky crag. ²⁹ From there it
hunts its prey, keeping watch with piercing eyes.
³⁰ Its young gulp down blood. Where there’s a
carcass, there you’ll find it.”**

'What Has God Ever Done For Me?' Asks Man Breathing Air

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LYNNWOOD, WA—Sources confirmed Tuesday that local freethinker Jared Olson called into question the “absurd” idea that God had ever done anything for him, all while inhaling oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide in a complex process well beyond his mind’s capability of understanding in its entirety.

“The idea of ‘god’ is really just holding us back,” Olson opined, addressing the other members of the philosophy club at Edmonds Community College, as the membrane across his larynx vibrated to modulate the flow of air from his lungs, making his speech audible to the people listening, whose intricate ear structures then instantly transformed the invisible

**IN MY EXPERIENCES, GOOD OR BAD,
CAN I ALLOW FOR MYSTERY?**



Job 40

¹ Then the LORD said to Job, ² “Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God’s critic, but do you have the answers?” ³ Then Job replied to the LORD, ⁴ “I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand. ⁵ I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say.”

⁶ Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind: ⁷ “Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. ⁸ “Will you discredit my justice and condemn me just to prove you are right? ⁹ Are you as strong as God? Can you thunder with a voice like his? ¹⁰ All right, put on your glory and splendor, your honor and majesty. ¹¹ Give vent to your anger. Let it overflow against the proud. ¹² Humiliate the proud with a glance; walk on the wicked where they stand.

...¹⁵ “Take a look at Behemoth, which I made, just as I made you. It eats grass like an ox. ¹⁶ See its powerful loins and the muscles of its belly. ¹⁷ Its tail is as strong as a cedar. The sinews of its thighs are knit tightly together. ¹⁸ Its bones are tubes of bronze. Its limbs are bars of iron. ¹⁹ It is a prime example of God’s handiwork, and only its Creator can threaten it.

²⁰ The mountains offer it their best food, where all the wild animals play. ²¹ It lies under the lotus plants, hidden by the reeds in the marsh. ²² The lotus plants give it shade among the willows beside the stream. ²³ It is not disturbed by the raging river, not concerned when the swelling Jordan rushes around it. ²⁴ No one can catch it off guard or put a ring in its nose and lead it away.

Job 41

1 “Can you catch Leviathan with a hook or put a noose around its jaw? 2 Can you tie it with a rope through the nose or pierce its jaw with a spike? 3 Will it beg you for mercy or implore you for pity? 4 Will it agree to work for you, to be your slave for life? 5 Can you make it a pet like a bird, or give it to your little girls to play with? 6 Will merchants try to buy it to sell it in their shops? 7 Will its hide be hurt by spears or its head by a harpoon?”

⁸ If you lay a hand on it, you will certainly remember the battle that follows. You won't try that again! ⁹ No, it is useless to try to capture it. The hunter who attempts it will be knocked down. ¹⁰ And since no one dares to disturb it, who then can stand up to me? ¹¹ Who has given me anything that I need to pay back? Everything under heaven is mine. ¹² "I want to emphasize Leviathan's limbs and its enormous strength and graceful form.

...¹⁸ "When it sneezes, it flashes light! Its eyes are like the red of dawn. ¹⁹ Lightning leaps from its mouth; flames of fire flash out.

²⁰ Smoke streams from its nostrils like steam from a pot heated over burning rushes. ²¹ Its breath would kindle coals, for flames shoot from its mouth. ²² “The tremendous strength in Leviathan’s neck strikes terror wherever it goes. ²³ Its flesh is hard and firm and cannot be penetrated. ²⁴ Its heart is hard as rock, hard as a millstone. ²⁵ When it rises, the mighty are afraid, gripped by terror. ²⁶ No sword can stop it, no spear, dart, or javelin.

²⁷ Iron is nothing but straw to that creature, and bronze is like rotten wood. ²⁸ Arrows cannot make it flee. Stones shot from a sling are like bits of grass. ²⁹ Clubs are like a blade of grass, and it laughs at the swish of javelins. ³⁰ Its belly is covered with scales as sharp as glass. It plows up the ground as it drags through the mud. ³¹ “Leviathan makes the water boil with its commotion. It stirs the depths like a pot of ointment. ³² The water glistens in its wake, making the sea look white. ³³ Nothing on earth is its equal, no other creature so fearless. ³⁴ Of all the creatures, it is the proudest. It is the king of beasts.”







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**GOD ASKS FOR OUR TRUST,
NOT OUR UNDERSTANDING**



Job 42

¹ Then Job replied to the LORD : ² “I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. ³ You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me.

...⁵ I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. ⁶ I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”

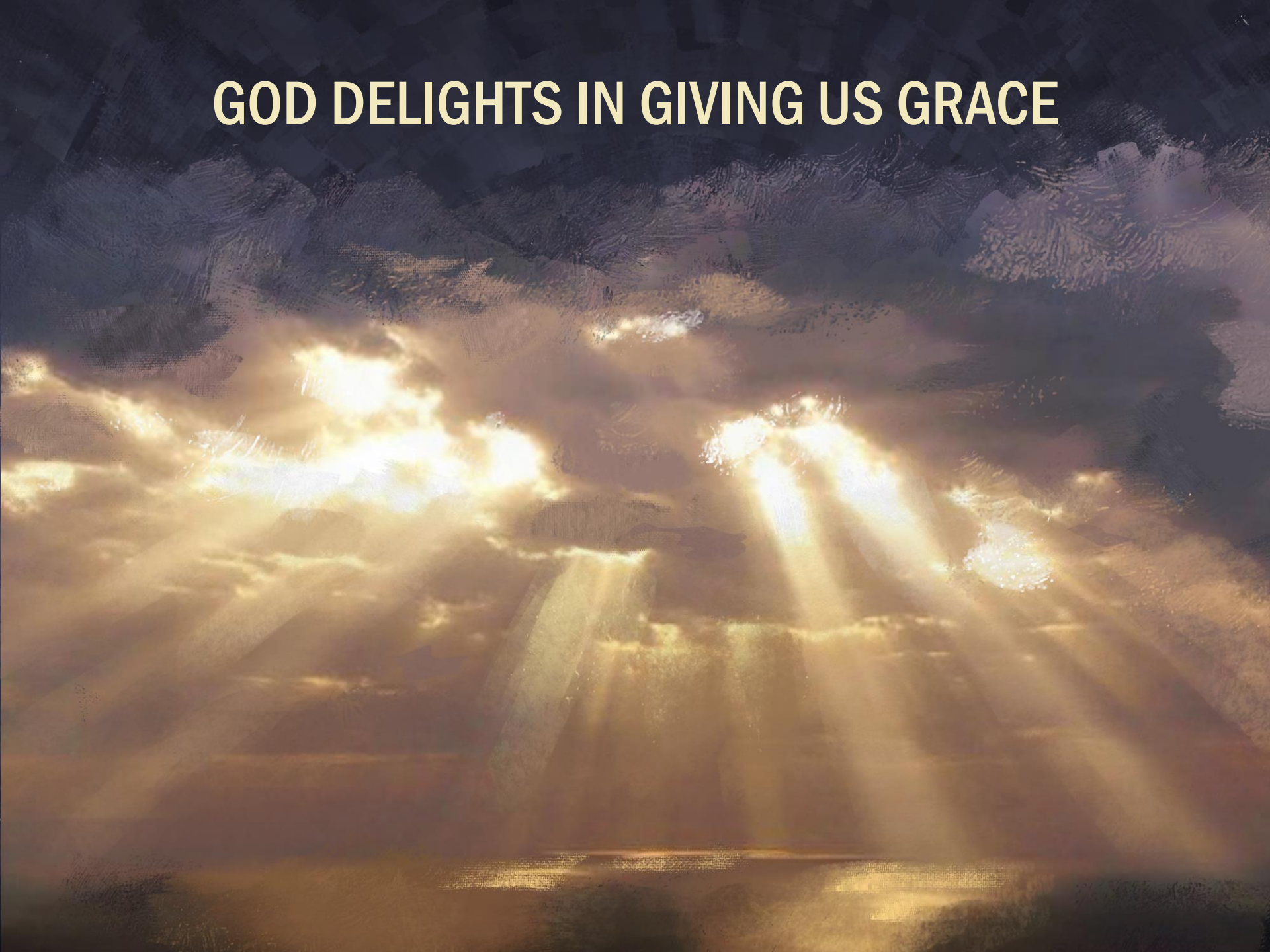
⁷ After the LORD had finished speaking to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has. ⁸ So take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf. I will not treat you as you deserve, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has.”

⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite did as the LORD commanded them, and the LORD accepted Job's prayer. ¹⁰ When Job prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes. In fact, the LORD gave him twice as much as before!

...¹² So the LORD blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. ¹³ He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters

...¹⁶ Job lived 140 years after that, living to see four generations of his children and grandchildren. ¹⁷ Then he died, an old man who had lived a long, full life.

GOD DELIGHTS IN GIVING US GRACE



Romans 11

**33 Oh, how great are God's
riches and wisdom and knowledge!
How impossible it is for us to understand
his decisions and his ways!**

**34 For who can know the LORD's thoughts?
Who knows enough to give him advice?**

**35 And who has given him so much
that he needs to pay it back?**

**36 For everything comes from him
and exists by his power
and is intended for his glory.**

All glory to him forever!

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