

JOB

Please turn in your Bibles this evening to Job chapter 38 as we continue with our study through the Word of God. And I am sure that I don't have to tell you but it has been a long journey so far. Chapter after chapter, round after round Job and his friends are going at it, trying to figure out why Job is going through all these things. Why he lost everything, even his health. And Job's friends felt it was because of some sin in Job's life that he refuses to repent of. Job, on the other hand says that he is innocent and thus, his conclusion is that God is after him, that there is some big bull's eye on his back and God is shooting at him. It is so bad that he would rather die than continue on in life.

Now as passionate and sincere as these men were, they were wrong. For Job's friends, it was not some sin in Job's life that brought all this upon him. In fact, we are told in Job chapters 1 and 2 that God was testing Job's faith through all this and Satan was tempting Job to sin. So they were very wrong.

Job was also trying to figure out the how's and why's of God, how come this is happening to him and he lost the perspective of who God is and how much God loves him. That is not to say that at times Job does speak out of revelation, but most of the time it is out of frustration and he has a distorted picture of God through this.

Let me explain it like this. In the month of January if the temperature was 40 degrees above zero we might wear a lighter jacket than a winter coat, I do that all the time, and we would rejoice for that kind of temperature in January. But, if it were July and it was 40 degrees above zero, hey it is Wisconsin, it could happen, I bet most of us would have on winter jackets and we would be complaining. Why is that?

Think about it. It is the same temperature just a different month. One we rejoice in the other we complain in. It is because we have lost the perspective in July of what 40 degrees really is and thus, we begin to complain. That is what happened to Job. He lost the perspective of God, the same God who blessed Job so many times and yet, now Job sees God differently because it seems things have cooled off some. We need to be careful that we don't allow circumstances, situations distort our picture of God but we look to the Word of God and develop our perspective of God from there instead of from the circumstances or situations we face!

Well, God has been patient with Job and Job's friends but now He is going to step in and set things right. He is going to show them who He is and who they are. What is interesting here is that God does not give Job or his friends the answers to why or how come this has come upon Job. What God does do is ask Job a series of some 70 questions, and in the end, you know what the answer is? It is very simple, God is the answer and understanding that is far more important than understanding the how's and why's of God!

Now keep in mind that last time this whirlwind, this storm was approaching and it is out of this whirlwind that God is now going to speak. And I think because of this storm everyone went home except for Job because he had no home to go to. He was cast out because of the boils on his skin, and his home was now an ash heap or a dung hill! This is going to be a one-on-one between God and Job. And God is going to ask Job a series of some 70 questions, as we will see. With that said, let's begin reading in Job chapter 38, starting in verse 1 and see what the Lord has for us as we study through His Word.

JOB 38**VERSES 1-3**

1. Now let's put this into perspective. We saw in Job chapters 1 and 2 that the focus is Job's *dilemma*. Then, as we moved into Job chapters 3 through 37 we see Job's *debates*. And now, as we move into Job chapters 38 through 42 we will be dealing with Job's *deliverance*. And keep in mind that Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, and even Elihu said God was disciplining Job. Also, Job thought God wanted to destroy him. And thus, God is now going to speak. And yes, even though there was some truth in what Job and his friends had to say, there was also a lot spoken that came from human wisdom. They spoke of things they had no understanding, no knowledge of and yet they spoke with such conviction in their error.

2. What I like here is that we have seen that Job wanted to ask God some questions, but now we see God turn the tables and God will ask Job some questions. Why? I think to get Job re-focused. He has been looking and developing his ideas of God through life's situations instead of falling back on the truths of God. His picture of God was clouded over by life's circumstances and God is going to clear things up for Job.

Now, as you will see the questions that God is asking Job were unanswerable. Then why did God ask them in the first place? I think God wanted Job to understand that there is one God and it is not Job! It is as Andersen wrote, “That God speaks at all is enough for Job. All he needs to know is that everything is still all right between himself and God. . . . To that extent it does not matter much what they talk about. Any topic will do for a satisfying conversation between friends. It is each other they are enjoying.”

3. And think about this for a minute. Job was complaining that God had abandoned him but that is not true, for He has now appeared before Job! This must have brought great comfort to Job. Yes, he saw the greatness of God and he saw himself as not great, but he once again had gained that presence of God in his life and that would help him to get refocused!

VERSES 4-7

1. Notice what is taking place here. God is essentially saying to Job, “Job, if you can answer these things, then you are fit to question Me. If you cannot answer these things, then you do not have a place to demand answers from Me.” That is pretty straight forward and God just lays it all out on the table for Job. You see, Job is not able to answer these questions. What Questions?

God is asking Job if he was around when the earth was created. The angels were and they shouted for joy at what God had done. But Job was not around. When I read or listen to what evolutionists have to say regarding the formation of the world, they are speaking forth without knowledge. They were not around and yet they speak as if they were. And they form their ideas based on the assumption that there is no God and things just happen through a series of random processes. But by the time we finish listening to what God has to say to Job, we will see that He is actively involved in creation and everything that has taken place since that time.

2. Now for the evolutionist, they are able to tell us how life was formed, how the universe was created. You see, they tell us that there was the Big Bang and from that life evolved. Let me kind of sum this up for you from a description of what this Big Bang Theory is all about. In U. S. News & World Report we are told:

In the beginning, there was not time, no matter, not even space. Then, in some unfathomable way, a universe emerged from a dimensionless point of pure energy. In the wild first second, the hot, nascent [budding] universe inflated to the size of our solar system. At 3 minutes, the expanding universe became a fusion bomb, synthesizing hydrogen, helium and lithium nuclei from a hot, dense soup of elementary particles. By the time the universe was 300,000 years old, it had cooled enough to allow atoms to form, and before a billion years had passed the atoms were clumping into the first galaxies.

- U. S. News & World Report, March 26, 1990, p 54

They are really good; they have this down to the first second after the Big Bang! Now, as far fetched as that sounds, Hollywood couldn't have done better, they believe that between 10 and 20 billion years ago hydrogen congregated in a sphere called a singularity. This sphere was condensed to the size of 10^{-30} cm in diameter, making it millions of times smaller than a single atom. It then exploded outward. As this matter and radiation cooled it began to form elements and as these molecules spread outward in a radial direction, they began to collapse on themselves. All these molecules, in a space of about 6 trillion miles in diameter collapsed to form each of the 100's of billion of stars that come together into the estimated billions of galaxies we have today in our universe. Our solar system formed around 5 billion years ago from a cloud of dust and gas made up of the exploded remains of previously existing stars. Talk about a lot of hot air!

So our earth, according to evolutionists, is about 5 billion years old. Around 3 billion years ago, in the Precambrian period, life evolved from non-life. Next came the Cambrian period, over 600 million years ago and during this period of time we see the emergence of abundant marine invertebrates. About 100 million years ago, in the Ordovician period we see fish appear. The evolution of the first amphibians occurred in the Permo-Carboniferous periods. The Mesozoic Era, from about 250 to 70 million years ago was the age of the dinosaurs. Mammals and birds were dominant in the Tertiary period following the extinction of the dinosaurs. And then, about 1 million years ago man appeared!

I have only one question for these evolutionists who speak so boldly of these things and it is the question that God asked Job, **“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone.”** Job 38:4-6. Obviously they were not there but they speak as if they were and they come to the conclusion that life just happened, no rhyme or reason to it, it just happened! I tend to believe the one who was there in the first place, God and what He has to say regarding the creation of the universe in Genesis chapter 1.

3. Now we also see God ask Job if he knows the measurement of the earth and back then he did not. Today we do know the measurement of the earth. It is 24,901.55 miles in circumference at the equator and its diameter is 7,926.41 miles at the equator. And yet we know so little as God is going to show us.

4. One more point here and we did just touch on it but it is found in verse 7 of Job 38 where we are told, **“When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?”** And we said that this was speaking of the angels and they were created before the foundation of the earth. Of this Poole wrote, *“Shouted for joy; rejoiced in and blessed God for his works; whereby he intimates that they neither did advise or any way assist him in his works, nor dislike or censure any of his works, as Job had presumed to do with the works of his providence, which are not inferior to those of creation.”*

Now here is the thing and I think it is important because people want to know not only when the angels were created but when Satan fell. As we have seen they were created before the earth was created. But also notice that it says “**all the sons of God shouted for joy**” when God created the heavens and the earth. That tells me that Lucifer or Satan fell from his position as the anointed cherub sometime after God created the earth. When exactly we don't know but it was before Genesis chapter 3 and the fall of man!

VERSES 8-11

1. These verses are probably referring to what God did on the second day of creation (Genesis 1:6-8). As you may remember, it was on day two that God set the boundaries for the waters, and guess what? He did it without the help of Job. That is the point that the Lord is making here. Again, God is trying to get Job to take his eyes off of the circumstances he finds himself in, and to look back to his Creator, where true help and hope comes from.

And think about this. Job knew there were boundaries for the sea, he knew they existed, but he could not explain them, he did not understand how or why they were set, but God did!

2. Let me put this in perspective for you regarding the water on this planet. Obviously water is necessary for life to exist and the earth is the only planet, the only one with enough liquid water to sustain life! The total water on this planet has been estimated at 326 trillion gallons and it covers about 70% of the earth. And some 98% of the water that we have on this planet is found in the oceans! The other two percent is bottled water that we now buy in stores! No, but only in America would we buy bottled water! The point here is that this is not just random chance happenings, but God created this earth that way!

VERSES 12-18

1. You have to love the question that God is asking Job, it is a good one. He is asking Job, "Job, have you made morning to come even once all the days of your life? Is this in your power to do?" Obviously he could not make one day and God was trying to get Job to focus back on Lord and not himself! To do that He wants Job to have a correct perspective of himself and a correct perspective of God! Not only did Job not create any of these days, but Job was not around when God created the days.

2. As you get to verse 16 it speaks of the fresh water springs that are on the ocean floor, the depths of the sea. You see, the ancients were not aware of the fresh water springs that are on the ocean floor, nor the channels and pathways located in the depth of the oceans, but God knew. And again, God wanted Job to understand how much he did not know!

3. And then in verses 17 and 18 God speaks about death. Why did He do that? Because back in Job chapter 3 Job wanted death to come upon him for he saw death as a place of non-existence. And the Seventh-Day Adventist and the Jehovah Witnesses pick up on this and formulate the doctrine of soul sleep. There are even some Christians who believe in soul sleep! And folk's, that is totally wrong! God rebukes Job for speaking about something he knows nothing about. If you want a clear picture of what death is, look at Luke chapter 16. In that section you will see that in death there is consciousness, feelings, for both the saved and unsaved. Only for the unsaved they will feel pain and suffering. No soul sleep! And now, after the death and resurrection of Jesus we go to be with Him as Paul says, **“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”** II Corinthians 5:8.

VERSES 19-24

1. Notice all these questions that God is firing at Job, not to destroy Job or make him lose all hope, but to restore Job back to God, to have a correct perspective of God. As we can see here it was as if God asked job, “Job do you know where light comes from? Do you know its nature and its source?” And think about this, what happens to the darkness when the lights go on? God knows!

2. Now in verses 22-23 we see God speak of the elements of nature. What is His point? He is telling Job that He uses the elements of nature to bring about His will. Remember in Judges chapter 5 how Barak defeated the army of Sisera as God caused a torrential rainfall, causing their chariots to be stuck in the mud, and thus, they had to flee on foot. Also, in Joshua chapter 10 we see that God caused hailstones to fall from the sky destroying the Amorites and not hitting one Israelite! That is good shooting! And we are also told in I Samuel chapter 7 that God used thunder to confuse the Philistines, giving Israel the victory.

And did you ever think about the billions and billions of snowflakes that fall every year, except this year in Wisconsin, and how beautiful they truly are when you look at them under a microscope. They have all these geometric designs, and from what I understand, no two are alike and I think the reason is God likes beauty and He created them with the ability to come together like that. You see, the properties of the water as it freezes allow these snowflakes to form that way. Now you can say it is random chance happenings but my God does not do anything randomly!

3. Now in verse 24 it speaks of light being "**diffused**" or "**divided**" and please understand that they did not know that back then. They did not know that light could be divided. Now, did you realize that it was Isaac Newton who was the first person to realize that white light was made up of the colors of the rainbow back in 1665? He passed sunlight through a narrow slit, then a prism, to project the colored spectrum on to a wall. But God knew it because He created the light!

VERSES 25-30

1. God is saying that He waters the wilderness causing the vegetation to grow. You see, God is actively involved with every aspect of His creation. He did not just create life and watch what would happen as the deists believe. Now I know that there are those that believe man can make it rain, but they cannot do anything apart from God! They can say what they want, but God showed Job that man was completely unable to cause rain. We will see that more as we read on in verses 34 through 38 as God elaborates on this.

In regards to that idea, Charles Spurgeon picked up on that and likened rain to the grace of God. He wrote, "If both Houses of Parliament were to be called together, and the Queen were to sit upon her throne of state, and they were unanimously to pass an act ordering the rain to fall, he that sitteth in the heavens would laugh, the Lord would have them in derision . . . for the key of the rain is in no hand but that of Jehovah. It is exactly so with the grace of God. You and I cannot command it. The presence of the most holy men in our midst would not of itself bring it. The most earnest preaching, the most Scriptural doctrine, the most faithful obedience to ordinances, would not make it necessary that we should receive grace. God must give it; he is an absolute Sovereign, and we are entirely dependent upon him." No doubt about it, we can only receive the grace of God that He extends to us through Jesus!

2. Now let me take a minute and talk about water and how unique it truly is. And there is much we can say but one area I want to focus on, because I believe the Lord is speaking of it here, is that the surface of the deep is frozen but not the deep and that is very important! John W. Klotz wrote,

A very unusual property of water is the fact that it reaches its greatest density at about 39° F, that is, at this point it is heaviest. Most liquids become denser as they cool and reach their greatest density at the freezing point. Yet water is almost unique in this respect, and this property is an important one. It keeps water from freezing from the bottom up since water at the freezing point is lighter than water at 39° F and tends to rise to the surface. In this way freezing begins at the surface and the bottom freezes last. In many cases the water at the bottom of the pond never freezes, and thus organisms living there are at least somewhat protected.

This property of water is also important in the melting of water in the spring. Water is a poor conductor of heat and if streams froze over from the bottom and melted from the top they would melt very slowly. The water forming on the top of such a melting stream might well act as an insulator, preventing the ice underneath from being affected by the sun's rays. However, as water melts it sinks to the bottom so that the ice is always formed at the top where it can absorb the direct rays of the sun.

This property of water is also important in supplying oxygen to ponds and lakes. Water at the surface is relatively well supplied with oxygen; water at the bottom tends to be deficient in oxygen. As the pond cools in the fall and winter the oxygen-rich water on the surface tends to sink and to replace the oxygen-deficient water at the bottom.

As the temperature decreases and nears the freezing point, the water which is now at the bottom moves once more to the top where it again comes into contact with oxygen. In the spring the water produced by melting ice moves from the top where it has gathered oxygen to the bottom. Then as it becomes still warmer it moves to the top once more. Thus the oxygen-rich water at the surface is moved repeatedly to the bottom of the pond.

- John W. Klotz, Creationist Viewpoints,
from "A Symposium on Creation", (Vol. 1),
pp. 34-52

God created the water with these properties and they did not just happen by random chance. If they did, do you really think there would be any life that would be formed? Absolutely not!

VERSES 31-33

1. Notice what God is doing here. God did not merely challenge Job on his lack of knowledge; He also exposed Job's lack of might and greatness in comparison to God. Obviously, Job was not able to manage or master or change any of the stars or constellations in the sky; yet God can.

The Pleiades and Orion are winter constellations. The Great Bear or Arcturus is the fourth brightest star in the sky and is only some 36 light years away from us. Now that sounds pretty close but when you calculate out that light travels at 186,000 miles per second and in 1 year it would come to around 6 trillion miles, that makes it very far away.

The sun is 864,000 miles in diameter and contains 335 quadrillion cubic miles of violently hot gases with a core temperature of 27 million degrees Fahrenheit. So if you are planning a trip to the sun, get your sun screen out! Now Arcturus is 30 times larger than our sun and 80 times brighter. And I love this, it travels at 250,000 miles per hour, and God is asking Job if he could guide this star. “Don’t hit anything while you’re driving Job!” And think about this for a minute. God is in control of all the stars, all the planets, He is overseeing everything! That helps to put things into perspective for me and I would think for Job. God is awesome in power and strength; He controls everything, even our lives!

Now what is the Mazzaroth? Some say it is the zodiac and before it was corrupted it told the story of the coming Messiah. That may be true but this word seems to be constellations or many lights. The Hebrew term Mazzel (or Mazzalah) simply means a light in the sky. And Mazzaroth is the plural form of that, meaning lots of lights in the sky!

VERSES 34-38

1. The Lord asks Job about three different things here. He asks Job if he knows the nature of clouds, weather, and the human mind. Let's start with clouds and we talked about this already but Job could not make it rain, but God can and does. What about the weather, even today the weatherman is making educated guesses and many times they do get it wrong, but God doesn't. And then there is the human mind, how much do we really know about it? Not very much and yet God does because He created us! What is the point? It is very simple, God is in control. What a comfort that is when life seems to be spinning out of control and it was a lesson for Job and a lesson for us!

VERSES 39-41

1. Notice how God has moved from the distance expanse of the heavens, then to the clouds, then to the human mind and now He moves to the simple animal instinct like a lion and how Job could not hunt the prey for a lion to feed him! And what God is showing us here is that He provides food for the various animals, He is in control, and He cares for those animals that even Job would not go near. Remember what Jesus said in Luke 12:24, "**Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?**"

I like the way that Smick put it as he wrote, "The choice is somewhat random, as if Yahweh is saying, 'Here are only a few specimens of all my creatures, great and small, winged and earthbound, wild and tamed – but all are under my care and dominion.'"

You see, God is showing Job and us that He is in control and we don't need to worry, we don't need to know the how's and why's of God, we just need to trust in the One who has created all these things! Make no mistake about it; we are limited in our ability to analyze the situation. And the Lord would say to us that it's not answers that we want but His presence that we need. May we learn the lesson!

JOB 39

VERSES 1-4

1. Here we have a little nature lesson by God for Job. And the lesson here is regarding the mountain goat or the Ibex. And God tells Job that these wild mountain goats give birth without the knowledge of Job, but God is aware. You see, the Ibex hides when they give birth and even today very few have seen the birth of an Ibex. Not only that, but Smick gives to us some insight into this creature, this mountain goat as he tells us, "The offspring of an ibex doe, unlike human infants that need years of care, can stand within minutes of birth and soon gambol off to thrive in the wild." And God arranged all this and for Job, he did not know much about this, and He certainly did not design this. But God did!

2. When we were in Israel we saw these mountain goats and they are amazing. We were in En Gedi and as we were walking to the waterfall and looking at all the holes in the mountains around us, places where David and his men hid out, there was a creature that had climbed into this tree. It was an Ibex and that was truly a site to see!

VERSES 5-8

1. Notice what God was showing Job. He was showing Job that he had no knowledge of these facts of nature and he had even less power over the animals. These things belonged to God and not to Job. The onager is a wild donkey, and God is saying He cares for all of them. It is as the Psalmist said in Psalm 50:10-11, **“For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.”** And guess what, God knows them, every one of them and Job, you don’t! And even this stubborn wild donkey, God knows and God wants Job to tell him, “Who made him that way?” Notice that Job has not said anything yet, what could he say!

VERSES 9-12

1. This wild ox could be the Auroch which became extinct in 1627. This creature refused to be domesticated. It was fierce and it was huge, just a little smaller than an elephant. And God is saying to Job, “If you can’t stand before My creation, if you can’t handle him, how can you stand before Me?”

One writer explained this creature this way, “The beast in question is the aurochs, not the fabled ‘unicorn’ of the AV. Extinct since 1627, this enormous animal was the most powerful of all hoofed beasts, exceeded in size only by the hippopotamus and the elephant. It is the standard symbol of strength in the Old Testament, where it is mentioned nine times.”

And God is kind of painting a humorous picture of Job. Imagine Job trying to plow a field with a rhino, not a great picture but it is funny!

VERSES 13-18

1. Now God wants Job to think about this creature called the ostrich. It is a big bird you might say. The ostrich can stand 7 to 8 feet tall, weighing up to 300 pounds and is able to run at speeds of 40 mph. And yet, I hate to be blunt, but they are stupid. They will walk over their eggs and crush them. Why do they do these things? The reason is simple; God did not give them wisdom. So when you see an ostrich with that dumb look on their face, you will know that they are not just faking it, it is not an act. That is how they were created!

I like the way that Andersen sees this. He wrote, “It is what it is, a silly bird, because God made it so. Why? The comical account suggests that amid the profusion of creatures some were made to be useful to men, but some are there just for God’s entertainment and ours.”

2. Now there is a point that I would like to make here. Yes the ostrich lacks wisdom. It does some very foolish things. And this big bird flaps its wings but it can’t fly and yet it does so joyfully! What is the point that the Lord is making here for Job and for us. Maybe it is as simple as this.

There may be times, or not may be but there are going to be times and I am sure there have been times already when you are involved in a situation and you lack wisdom about it. The first thing you need to do is pray. James tells us, **“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”** James 1:5-8.

As we find ourselves in various trials, various situations, God wants us to seek Him for wisdom, He wants to give us the wisdom we need to walk accordingly. Now, let me say this. If you want wisdom, go to the Word of God, the Bible. That is where you need to start. The place to end, well, that is also the Bible. You see, God is not going to deviate from His Word and thus true wisdom will always be consistent with God’s Word, we just need to apply it to our lives!

Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-11, **“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”** Just ask and then walk accordingly!

Here is the problem, we ask God for wisdom and then we doubt what God's Word says is true. In a sense this person is double-minded and he is unstable. John Bunyan in his classic allegory, *Pilgrim's Progress* called this person "Mister facing both ways." Yes, it is physically impossible to do and it is spiritually impossible to do, and yet many try!

You know this person, everything is a crisis, he is tossed to and fro as he goes through various trials and Jesus says that this person will not receive from Him because he is double-minded, he lacks faith. You see, God is looking for people who seek wisdom from His Word and thus, they must believe the Scriptures are from God and they speak to us today!

The Christian life is one of walking in faith. When we were saved we believed by faith in the promises of God. We believed that by His atoning work on the cross of Calvary our sins were paid in full and by asking Him to be Lord and Savior of our lives we are saved. As we go through various trials we need to ask for wisdom in faith, not doubting God's Word or His ability to give us wisdom. You see, if you doubt God's Word, if you don't trust God, then your actions will reflect that attitude and your life will not be better, it will be worse!

Now here's the thing. God may not always give us the wisdom we need in a given situation, for whatever reason. Thus, can we be like the ostrich and flap our wings joyfully or really lift our hands up in praise knowing that He is in control of all these things. You see, we need to be able to praise Him for who He is no matter what we are going through! That was a lesson for Job and for us!

VERSES 19-25

1. Like many, Job could be impressed with the majestic strength of the horse. I remember when we were in Chicago we went to Medieval Times and it was set up in a castle with a match between 4 or 6 nights. And they did jousting and all the things the knights did back then. And they had the sections of the theater divided up to support a certain night and you would be served food, even soup with no utensils and if you brought your own they would make fun of you. The reason I bring this up, besides the amazing show, is the horses they have. These horses are called Andalusian horses, which are one of the oldest known breeds. And these horses were prized by medieval royalty for its astonishing strength, agility and even temperament. These horses can kick with its back legs at anyone or anything that came upon them. They are truly amazing creatures!

And that is what the Lord is speaking of here, the power of the horse. And yet, for Job, he had no strength to give the horse; it came from God and not from Job or any other man. The horse was made for battle; it seems to enjoy a good fight. And Andersen sums it up for us as he wrote, "Can you make such an animal? Can you control him? Even the well-broken and best-trained mount might break from the restraints for the most skilled rider, so that even the one domesticated animal included in the list is not completely under the control of man."

VERSES 26-30

1. Now God moves to the majestic creatures of the sky, the birds and how they fly with ease in the heavens. He talks about the hawk but it relates to all birds if you think about it. They are awesome in how they live. You watch them as they circle above to locate and then catch their prey. You see the nests they make and how amazing they are. And think about the migration of birds, it is a fascinating study, a very interesting subject. Some birds fly south for the winter months - pretty smart if you ask me. The Golden Plover travels some 8,000 miles from the Hudson Bay region, and winters in Argentina. The Barn Swallow migrates a distance of 9,000 miles from Northern Canada to Argentina. The Arctic Tern migrates a distance of 12,000 miles traveling from pole to pole and back. That means they travel over 24,000 miles in a year. The average lifespan of the Arctic Tern is 20 years and that would mean it would travel in its lifetime some 1.5 million miles! I wonder if they get frequent flyer miles. And think about this, even in storms they can travel without getting lost. That is pretty good considering I can get lost on a sunny day using a map. How do they know where to go? God has programmed this into their minds.

2. Then God speaks of the eagle making its nest high up and being able to see its prey from great distances. I love watching eagles, the power, the majesty as they fly and God created them that way!

3. As I begin to wrap this up this evening, listen to what Smick says regarding what all that the Lord has done as He is speaking to Job. He wrote, “What these speeches do not contain is almost as important as what they do. The speeches do not reverse the Lord’s judgment in the Prologue about Job. Satan was wrong in impugning Job’s inner reasons for being righteous, and the friends were wrong about Job’s outward conduct as a reason for his suffering. . . . Job did not get the bill of indictment or verdict of innocence he wanted. But neither was he humiliated with a list of sins he had committed for which he was being punished.”

4. And I think Bradley sums it up for us as he wrote, “One thought, and one only, is brought into the foreground. The world is full of mysteries, strange, unapproachable, overpowering mysteries that you cannot read. Trust, trust in the power, and in the wisdom, and in the goodness of Him, the Almighty One, who rules it.” You see, God did not answer the how’s and why’s for Job, but He is showing Job that He is Almighty God, creator of the heavens and earth and in control of it all and Job was not! He is trying to give Job a correct perspective of who He is and who Job was! As we move on next time we will see Job answer and not like he did with his friends. And then God will come and give us some interesting information about Dinosaurs! Yes, dinosaurs and if you want to see what that is all about, be here next time as chapters 40 and 41 speak of these creatures that God created! Our God is an awesome God, may we never forget that!