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Arms Too Short to Box with God Job 38-42

Job 38

¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: ² "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?

³ Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone- ⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

⁸ "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹ when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?

¹² "Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, ¹³ that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the

wicked out of it?

¹⁶ "Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? ¹⁸ Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this. ¹⁹ "What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside? ²⁰ Can you take them to their places? Do you know the paths to their dwellings? ²¹ Surely you know, for you were already born! You have lived so many years! ²² "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail, ²³ which I reserve for times of trouble, for days of war and battle? ²⁴ What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed, or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth?

I go far

the places
you could
ever go.

³⁹ "Do you hunt the prey for the lioness and satisfy the hunger of the lions?

⁴¹ Who provides food for the raven when its young cry out to God and wander about for lack of food?

Job 39

¹ "Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn?

⁵ "Who let the wild donkey go free? Who untied his ropes?

I _____
_____ of
things that
you could
not take
care of.

I have
_____ that you
just don't
have.

Job 40

¹⁵ "Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. ¹⁶ What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! ¹⁷ His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. ¹⁸ His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. ¹⁹ He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword

²⁴ Can anyone capture him by the eyes, or trap him and pierce his nose?

Job 41

¹ "Can you pull in the leviathan with a fishhook or tie down his tongue with a rope? ² Can you put a cord through his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook? ³ Will he keep begging you for mercy? Will he speak to you with gentle words? ⁴ Will he make an agreement with you for you to take him as your slave for life? ⁵ Can you make a pet of him like a bird or put him on a leash for your girls?

⁸ If you lay a hand on him, you will remember the struggle and never do it again! ⁹ Any hope of subduing him is false; the mere sight of him is overpowering. ¹⁰ No one is fierce enough to rouse him. Who then is able to stand against me? ¹¹ Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.

We expect God to _____.

God expects us to _____.

Job 42

¹ Then Job replied to the LORD: ² "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. ³ You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ⁴ "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' ⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

- **God has skills I don't have.**
- **God goes far beyond the places I could ever go.**
- **God takes care of His creations.**
- **God's in control of the stuff that's out of my control.**

"I can _____ no matter what."

Further Reading:

Job 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 ~ Genesis 1, 2 ~ Psalm 19

I
_____ **stuff that is out of your control.**