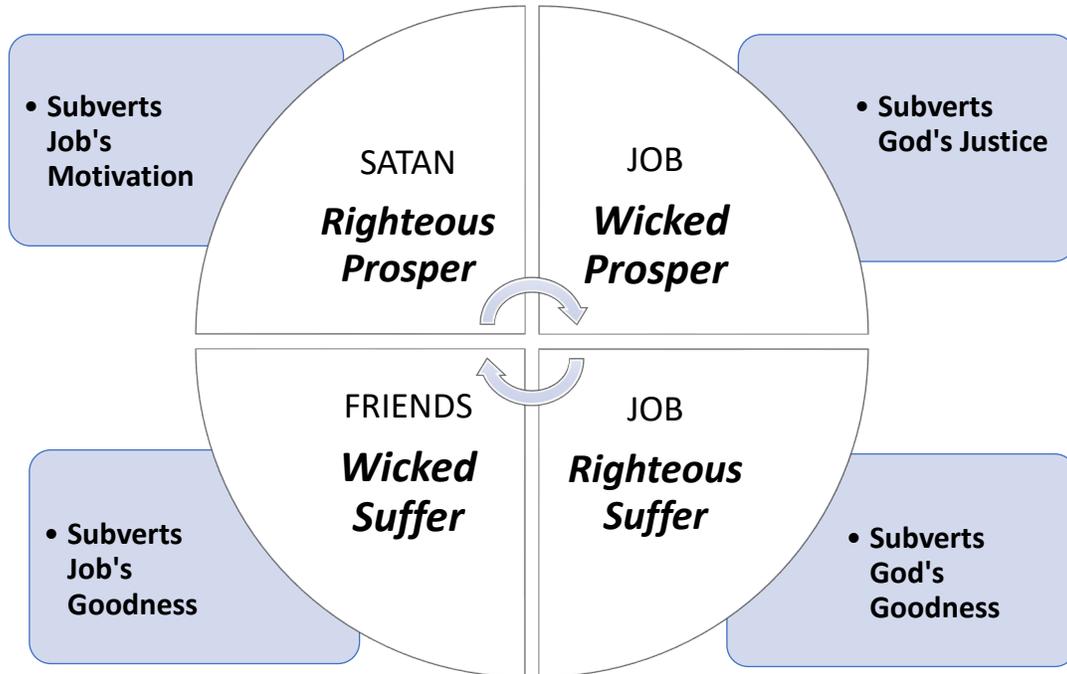


God's Power and Authority

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The Problem of Pain and Suffering: Four Perspectives



Second Creature: Leviathan. (Crocodile-like) (41:1-41:34)

- 1. Unable to be Captured with a Fishhook, Rope, Cord, or Hook (41:1-2)**
 - “Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook / or press down his tongue with a cord?”
 - Can you put a rope in his nose / or pierce his jaw with a hook?
- 2. Unable to be Tamed (41:3-5)**
 - Will he make many pleas to you? / Will he speak to you soft words?
 - Will he make a covenant with you / to take him for your servant forever?
 - Will you play with him as with a bird, / or will you put him on a leash for your girls?
- 3. Unable to be Sold to Merchants (41:6)**
 - Will traders bargain over him? / Will they divide him up among the merchants?
- 4. Unable to be Killed by Weapons (41:7-8)**
 - Can you fill his skin with harpoons / or his head with fishing spears?
 - Lay your hands on him; / remember the battle—you will not do it again!

5. **Unable to be Confronted (41:9-10)**

- Behold, the hope of a man is false; / he is laid low even at the sight of him.
- No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. /

Summary: God is Greater Than Leviathan (41:11)

- Who then is he who can stand before me?
- Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? / Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.

6. **Strength of His Limbs (41:12)**

- “I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, / or his mighty strength, or his goodly frame.

7. **Strength of His Hide (41:13)**

- Who can strip off his outer garment? / Who would come near him with a bridle?

8. **Strength of His Jaw (41:14)**

- Who can open the doors of his face? / Around his teeth is terror.

9. **Strength of His Back (41:15-17)**

- His back is made of rows of shields, / shut up closely as with a seal.
- One is so near to another / that no air can come between them.
- They are joined one to another; / they clasp each other and cannot be separated.

10. **Strength of His Face (41:18-22)**

- His **sneezings** flash forth light, / and his **eyes** are like the eyelids of the dawn.
- Out of his **mouth** go flaming torches; / sparks of fire leap forth.
- Out of his **nostrils** comes forth smoke, / as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.
- His **breath** kindles coals, / and a flame comes forth from his **mouth**.

11. **Strength of His Neck (41:22-23)**

- In his neck abides strength, / and terror dances before him.
- The folds of his flesh stick together, / firmly cast on him and immovable.

12. **Strength of His Chest (41:24)**

- His heart is hard as a stone, / hard as the lower millstone.

13. **Strength of His Character (41:25)**

- When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; / at the crashing they are beside themselves.

14. Strength of His Being (41:26-29)

- Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail, / nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.
- He counts iron as straw, / and bronze as rotten wood.
- The arrow cannot make him flee; / for him, sling stones are turned to stubble.
- Clubs are counted as stubble; / he laughs at the rattle of javelins.

15. Strength of His Presence (41:30-32)

- His underparts are like sharp potsherds; / he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire.
- He makes the deep boil like a pot; / he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
- Behind him he leaves a shining wake; / one would think the deep to be white-haired.

Summary Conclusion: Leviathan is Supreme Over Creation (41:33-34)

- On earth there is not his like, / a creature without fear.
- He sees everything that is high; / he is king over all the sons of pride.”

C¹) Job's Second Reply to God (42:1-6)

Then Job answered the Lord and said:

“I know that you can do all things, / and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, / things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

‘Hear, and I will speak; / I will question you, and you make it known to me.’

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, / but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself, / and repent in dust and ashes.”