

God's First Response: God Rules Over Creation Part 2

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A) The Lord's First Confrontation with Job

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: (38:1)

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Dress for action like a man; / I will question you, and you make it known to me. (38:2-3)

B) The Lord's 1st Explanation: Sixteen Examples from Creation 38:4-39:30

1. Earth	(38:4-7)	5. Light and Darkness	(38:19-21)
2. Sea	(38:8-11)	6. Weather	(38:22-30)
3. Sun	(38:12-15)	7. Stars	(38:31-33)
4. Oceans	(38:16-18)	8. Floods	(38:34-38)

NOURISHMENT

9. The Lion: Can You Feed the Lion? (38:39-40)

- “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, / or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens / or lie in wait in their thicket?

10. The Raven: Can You Provide for the Raven? (38:41)

- Who provides for the raven its prey, / when its young ones cry to God for help, / and wander about for lack of food?

PROCREATION

11. The Goat and the Deer: Do You Know How to Birth and Raise Their Offspring? (39:1-4)

- “Do you know **when** the mountain goats give birth? / Do you observe the calving of the does?
- Can you number the months that they fulfill, / and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch, bring forth their offspring, / and are delivered of their young?
- Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open; / they go out and do not return to them.

FREEDOM

12. The Wild Donkey: Do you Know How to Protect the Donkey? (39:5-8)

- “Who has let the wild donkey go free? / Who has loosed the bonds of the swift donkey, to whom I have given the arid plain for his home / and the salt land for his dwelling place?
- He scorns the tumult of the city; / he hears not the shouts of the driver.
- He ranges the mountains as his pasture, / and he searches after every green thing.

13. The Wild Ox: Can You Tame the Ox? (39:9-12)

- “Is the wild ox willing to serve you? / Will he spend the night at your manger?
- Can you bind him in the furrow with ropes, / or will he harrow the valleys after you?
- Will you depend on him because his strength is great, / and will you leave to him your labor?
- Do you have faith in him that he will return your grain / and gather it to your threshing floor?

UNIQUENESS

14. The Ostrich: Do You Understand Its Oddity? (39:13-18)

- “The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, / but are they the pinions and plumage of love?
- For she leaves her eggs to the earth / and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them / and that the wild beast may trample them.
- She deals cruelly with her young, as if they were not hers; / though her labor be in vain, yet she has no fear, because God has made her forget wisdom / and given her no share in understanding.
- When she rouses herself to flee, / she laughs at the horse and his rider.

STRENGTH

15. The War Horse: Do You Give Them Their Strength? (39:19-25)

- “Do you give the horse his might? / Do you clothe his neck with a mane?
- Do you make him leap like the locust? / His majestic snorting is terrifying.
- He paws in the valley and exults in his strength; / he goes out to meet the weapons.
- He laughs at fear and is not dismayed; / he does not turn back from the sword.
- Upon him rattle the quiver, / the flashing spear, and the javelin.
- With fierceness and rage he swallows the ground; / he cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
- When the trumpet sounds, he says ‘Aha!’ / He smells the battle from afar, / the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

FLIGHT

16. The Hawk and the Eagle (Vulture): Are You Able to Control Their Flight? (39:26-30)

- “Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars / and spreads his wings toward the south?
- Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up / and makes his nest on high?
- On the rock he dwells and makes his home, / on the rocky crag and stronghold.
- From there he spies out the prey; / his eyes behold it from far away.
- His young ones suck up blood, / and where the slain are, there is he.”

A¹) The Lord’s Second Confrontation with Job

And the Lord said to Job:

“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? / He who argues with God, let him answer it.”

C) Job’s First Response to God

Then Job answered the Lord and said:

“Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? / I lay my hand on my mouth.
I have spoken once, and I will not answer; / twice, but I will proceed no further.”

Summary

1. God Feeds the Lion and Raven
2. God Knows When and How the Goat and Deer Give Birth
3. God Controls the Wild Donkey and Ox
4. God Gives Oddity Yet Speed to the Ostrich
5. God Empowers the Horse for War
6. God Directs the Flight of the Hawk and the Eagle

60 Questions Asked by God

Creation

1. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
2. Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
3. Or who stretched the line upon it?
4. On what were its bases sunk,
5. or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Seas

6. “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

Sun

7. “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
8. and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out

of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

Oceans

9. “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
10. or walked in the recesses of the deep?
11. Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
12. or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
13. Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.

Light

14. “Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
15. and where is the place of darkness, that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home?
You know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!

Snow

16. "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,

Hail

17. or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war?

Lightening

18. What is the way to the place where the light is distributed,

Wind

19. or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?

Rain

20. "Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain
21. and a way for the thunderbolt, to bring rain on a land where no man is, on the desert in which there is no man, to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground sprout with grass?
22. "Has the rain a father,
23. or who has begotten the drops of dew?

Ice

24. From whose womb did the ice come forth,
25. and who has given birth to the frost of heaven? The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

Stars

26. "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades
27. or loose the cords of Orion?
28. Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season,
29. or can you guide the Bear with its children?
30. Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?
31. Can you establish their rule on the earth?

Floods

32. "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that a flood of waters may cover you?
33. Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are?'
34. Who has put wisdom in the inward parts
35. or given understanding to the mind?
36. Who can number the clouds by wisdom?
37. Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods stick fast together?

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38. "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
39. or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in their thicket?

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