



# Job: How Small is Your God?

Part 1 of 4

**JOB 38:1-38**

**God takes  
the mike!** 

- if you could ask God one question...
- God's questions to us (vv. 1-3)

**EARTH** | the universe God made is ordered and good (vv. 4-7) <sup>1</sup>

**SEA** | evil has a limited place in God's world today (vv. 8-11) <sup>2</sup>

**DAWN** | Sunrise tells us that evil will one day be destroyed (vv. 12-15) <sup>3</sup>

**OCEAN DEEP** | The place of the dead is known to God (vv. 16-18) <sup>4</sup>

**LIGHT & DARKNESS** | Good and evil are under God's control (vv. 19-21) <sup>5</sup>

**WEATHER** | God's ways are very varied (v. 22-30, 34-38)

➤ God keeps snow and hail for times of trouble (vv. 22-24)

➤ God sends rain to water the desert (vv. 25-27)

➤ God is the creator of water in its different forms (vv. 28-30)

➤ God sends rain to water the dry ground (vv. 34-38)

**STARS** | God is sovereign over all spiritual powers (vv. 31-33)

➤ humble ourselves before God

<sup>1</sup> John C. Lennox: *God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?* (2009).

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 57:20-21; Psalm 107:23-27; Luke 21:25; Revelation 21:1; 13:1

<sup>3</sup> John 3:19; Romans 13:12; Luke 1:78; Revelation 20:10; 22:5

<sup>4</sup> Revelation 1:18

<sup>5</sup> John 1:5; 8:12; Ephesians 5:8; Genesis 1:3-4

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<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup> "Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?

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

<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

<sup>5</sup> Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—

<sup>7</sup> while the morning stars sang together and all the angels<sup>[a]</sup> shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup> "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb,

<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness,

<sup>10</sup> when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place,

<sup>11</sup> when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther;

here is where your proud waves halt'?

<sup>12</sup> "Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place,

<sup>13</sup> that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it?

<sup>14</sup> The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment.

<sup>15</sup> The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken.

<sup>16</sup> "Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?

<sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness?

<sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth?

Tell me, if you know all this.

<sup>19</sup> "What is the way to the abode of light?

And where does darkness reside?

<sup>20</sup> Can you take them to their places?

Do you know the paths to their dwellings?

<sup>21</sup> Surely you know, for you were already born! You have lived so many years!

<sup>22</sup> "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow

or seen the storehouses of the hail,

<sup>23</sup> which I reserve for times of trouble, for days of war and battle?

<sup>24</sup> What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed,

or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth?

<sup>25</sup> Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm,

<sup>26</sup> to water a land where no one lives, an uninhabited desert,

<sup>27</sup> to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass?

<sup>28</sup> Does the rain have a father?

Who fathers the drops of dew?

<sup>29</sup> From whose womb comes the ice?

Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens

<sup>30</sup> when the waters become hard as stone, when the surface of the deep is frozen?

<sup>31</sup> "Can you bind the chains<sup>[a]</sup> of the Pleiades?

Can you loosen Orion's belt?

<sup>32</sup> Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons<sup>[a]</sup>

or lead out the Bear<sup>[a]</sup> with its cubs?

<sup>33</sup> Do you know the laws of the heavens?

Can you set up God's<sup>[a]</sup> dominion over the earth?

<sup>34</sup> "Can you raise your voice to the clouds and cover yourself with a flood of water?

<sup>35</sup> Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, 'Here we are'?

<sup>36</sup> Who gives the ibis wisdom<sup>[a]</sup> or gives the rooster understanding?<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>37</sup> Who has the wisdom to count the clouds?

Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens

<sup>38</sup> when the dust becomes hard and the clods of earth stick together?