

**GOD'S POP QUIZ  
JOB 38-39**

Part 3 in the series, "Where Is God When It Hurts"

God shows up for one reason: to give Job a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!

**1. BECOME A STUDENT OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_  
Job 38:1-38**

The penetrating message behind every question is the same:  
"\_\_\_\_\_ were you when...?"  
Job 38:4-11

Two Basic Categories:

\_\_\_\_\_ explain how I created the universe  
\_\_\_\_\_ explain how I continually sustain the  
universe

Anytime we find ourselves in the place of questioning and  
accusing God, we are in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. BECOME A STUDENT OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_  
Job 38:39-40:2**

"Job, if you cannot understand how I provide for my creation,  
what makes you think you can understand the  
\_\_\_\_\_ behind your suffering?"  
Job 40:1-2

When we take an honest look at most of our complaining,  
what do we find at the core of our discontent? We are  
doubting God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 6:25-34 "Do not worry"

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## Reflection and Discussion for Small Groups

God speaks to Job “out of the whirlwind.

1.- Since Job has been claiming that God does nothing to stop injustice and evil, how would the Lord’s appearance in a storm be both encouraging and challenging to Job?

God challenges Job to prepare himself for this encounter (Job 38:3).

2.- How does this encounter with God proceed very differently from how Job imagined it might (see 9:14-20; 13:20-28)?

In Job 38:4-7, God describes the creation of the earth.

3.- How has Job spoken of the earth in his protest against God’s supposed unjust treatment of him? (See chapters 3 and 9.) How is God’s account of creation very different from Job’s? How do these differences help to refocus Job and quell his complaint?

In Job 38:8-11, the Lord speaks of containing the sea.

4.- How is God’s self-portrayal different from Job’s portrayal of him? How is Job supposed to think about God differently because of these verses?

Continue reading through chapter 38, you will find 34 questions in total.

5.- Regarding all of the questions God asks, what repeated answer is implied by each one? What are the implications of this answer?

In Job 38:39-41 the first animals God describes are lions and ravens.

6.- When God tells Job that only he cares for these animals, what is he implying about the complex nature of his creation, as well as his goodness toward everything he has made? How does this form an answer to Job’s protest against God?

Read through the Lord’s questions about the rest of the animals in chapter 39.

7.- What is the implied response to each one? What is Job supposed to learn from this rhetorical exercise?

Take a moment now to reflect on some key things that the Lord may be teaching you—and perhaps to highlight and underline these things to review again in the future.

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