Part 50 — The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job The Creator's Confrontation of Job- Part 3- WHO not WHY

Job 1:21 The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

- 1. God <u>answers</u> His people in His own time, not ours verse 1
- 2. God <u>addresses</u> His own people on His own terms verse 2
- 3. God <u>censures</u> His own people justly by His own determination verse 3
- 4. God accuses His own people via His own testimony verse 4

Job 38: ² "Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge?

NET: The demonstrative pronoun is used here to emphasize the interrogative pronoun The referent of "counsel" here is not the debate between Job and the friends, <u>but the</u> purposes of God,

Job 42:7the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because **you have not spoken of Me what is right** as My servant Job has.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ No wonder, **for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light**. ¹⁵ **Therefore it is not surprising** if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

3. God censures His own people justly by His own determination.

³ "Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!

The girding of the loins:

Quote: To gird up the loins, is a phrase which has allusion to the mode of dress in ancient times. The loose flowing robe which was commonly worn, was fastened with a girdle when men ran, or labored, or engaged in conflict;

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

Proverbs 16:11-12 A just balance and scales belong to the Lord; All the weights of the bag are His concern.

12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts,
For a throne is established on righteousness.

4. God accuses His own people via His own testimony.

Job 38: 4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding,

Net: The verb is the imperative; it has no object "me" in the text.

1 Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Psalms 138:2 I will bow down toward Your holy temple

And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth;

For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.

(King James Version:)

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

NET: The MT (Masoretic Text) reads, "for you have made great over all your name your word." If retained, this must mean that God's mighty intervention, in fulfillment of his word of promise, surpassed anything he had done prior to this. However, the statement is odd and several emendations [changes] have been proposed:

Some read, "for you have exalted over everything your name and your word," while others suggest, "for you have exalted over all the heavens your name and your word." The translation assumes an emendation of "your name" to "your heavens" (a construction that appears in Pss 8:3 and 144:5). The point is that God has been faithful to his promise and the reliability of that promise is apparent to all.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds **were prepared by the word of God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Job 38: ⁵ **Who** set its measurements? Since you know.

Or **who** stretched the line on it?

⁶ "On what were its bases sunk?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ When the morning stars sang together

And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ "Or **who** enclosed the sea with doors

When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;

⁹ When **I made** a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ And **I placed** boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors,

¹¹ And **I said**, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop'?

¹² "Have you ever in your life commanded the morning,

And caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³ That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,

And the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴ "It is changed like clay under the seal;

And they stand forth like a garment.

¹⁵ "From the wicked their light is withheld,

And the uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶ "**Have you** entered into the springs of the sea

Or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷ "Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

Or **have you** seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸ "Have you understood the expanse of the earth?

Tell Me, if you know all this.

¹⁹ "Where is the way to the dwelling of light?

And darkness, where is its place,

²⁰ That you may take it to its territory

And that you may discern the paths to its home?

²¹ "You know, for you were born then,

And the number of your days is great!

²² "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,

Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,

²³ Which **I have reserved** for the **time of distress**,

For the day of war and battle?