

Part 53 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
The Creator’s Confrontation of Job- Part 6 - WHO not WHY

Admission vs. Repentance

Job 40:1-6

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God’s CREATION- is THE KEY WITNESS in God’s case.

Job 10:8-14 **You** hands fashioned and made me altogether,
And would You destroy me?

⁹ Remember now, that **You** have made me as clay;
And would **You** turn me into dust again?

¹⁰ 'Did **You** not pour me out like milk

And curdle me like cheese;

¹¹ Clothe me with skin and flesh,

And knit me together with bones and sinews?

¹² '**You** have granted me life and lovingkindness;

And **Your** care has preserved my spirit.

¹³ 'Yet these things **You** have concealed in **Your** heart;

I know that this is within **You**:

¹⁴ **If** I sin, then **You** would take note of me,

And would not **acquit me of my guilt.**

Legal terms

¹⁵ '**If** I am wicked, woe to me!

And **if** I am righteous, I dare not lift up my head.

I am sated with disgrace and conscious of my misery.

¹⁶ '**Should my head be lifted up, You would hunt me like a lion;**

And again You would show Your power against me.

¹⁷ '**You** renew Your witnesses against me

And increase **Your** anger toward me;

Hardship after hardship is with me.

¹⁸ '**Why then have You brought me out of the womb?**

Would that I had died and no eye had seen me!

Chapter 40:

God demanding first an answer from Job verses 1-2

Then Job's answer being refused and rejected in verses 3-5

Then the censuring and reprimand delivered in verses 6-14

Job 40: ¹ **Then the Lord said to Job,**

² "Will the **faultfinder contend** with the Almighty?

Let him who **reproves God answer** it."

Some versions have "corrects" here

Job 38:1-2 ¹ **Then the Lord answered Job** out of the whirlwind and said,

² "**Who is this** that darkens counsel

By words without knowledge?

Job 40: ¹ **Then the Lord said to Job,**

² "Will the **faultfinder contend** with the Almighty?

Let him who **reproves God answer** it."

³ **Then Job answered the Lord and said,**

⁴ “Behold, I am **insignificant**; what can I reply to You? ”

“**Completely unworthy**”

I lay my hand on my mouth.

(Job 29:9, 21:5)

NET: Throughout the book of Job exchanges between speakers are stated as “[someone] answered and said.” However, when the Lord speaks, the formula is usually just “he said.” The rhetorical function in Job is likely to show that God initiates and others respond to him. The text only describes the Lord as “answering” when he responds to Job in [38:1](#); [40:1](#), [6](#). That God “responds” to Job shows his merit.

Matthew 18:1-4 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, ³ and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and **become like** children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever then humbles himself as this child, **he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Job 40: ⁵ “Once I have spoken, and I will not **answer**; *legal term*
Even twice, and I will add nothing more.”

Luke 18:9-14 And He also told this parable to some people **who trusted in themselves that they were righteous**, and viewed others with contempt:

¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.¹² **I fast** twice a week; **I pay tithes** of all that **I get.**'

¹³ **But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but** was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

¹⁴ **I tell you,** this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who **exalts himself** will be **humbled**, but he who **humbles himself will be exalted.**"

Job said this:

- * I am **insignificant**
- * What can I reply to you
- * I will not answer
- * I will add nothing more
- * I lay my hand on my mouth.

There is **no true repentance** without a corresponding change of **actions**.
Change + actions = True Repentance.

Job 40: ⁶ **Then the Lord answered Job** out of the storm and said,

⁷ “Now gird up your loins like a man;

I will ask you, and you instruct Me.

⁸ **“Will you** really annul **My judgment?**

Will you condemn Me that you may be justified?”

Reminds me of Romans 9 again, no need to go there I will read them:

Romans 9:19-20 You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?” ²⁰ On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it?