

Faith In The Storm part 26

Job 39:1-30

The Title Of The Message: Mysteries & Majesties

The Key Phrase: Do You Know

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Verses 1-12 The Wild Ones

Job 39:1-4 NKJV - "Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young? Or can you mark when the deer gives birth? 2 **NKJV** - Can you number the months that they fulfill? Or do you know the time when they bear young? 3 **NKJV** - They bow down, They bring forth their young, They deliver their offspring. 4 **NKJV** - Their young ones are healthy, They grow strong with grain; They depart and do not return to them.

Do you know the time... Earlier in chapter 38 God told Job to get ready like a man, I will question you! But that really is all Job can do, God started with the creation of the earth, the space, the stars, the sun, the moon, then he brought it down to the earth, and asked him about the

thunderbolts, the rain, water, the seas, the wind, snow and hail, lightning, and clouds and then asked if he could provide food for the lion, bear, or the raven. Now God continues by asking Job if he knew when the wild mountain goats and deer, when they give birth, or the number of months they fulfill or the fact that from the moment of birth, these animals have a few hours or minutes to get up and start walking, unlike human babies have to be encouraged and trained to walk, as these animals grow they gain strength by eating grain, and then when old enough they leave on their own to have their own families. Note this the God has lowered the threshold of understanding and even this is too much for Job to know, he may have been able to assess when some of these things happen but what God is doing is getting Job to open his eyes to how intricate life is and the wisdom of how it all works together. Job didn't know the principles behind this natural order but he could not deny the wisdom and order in which it functions, this should cause Job and us to see the wisdom and order God has in making this world operate and in the way He governs it, and it should force us to think about God when things happen in our lives that we just don't understand, and what I mean by that is this we should like Job ask ourselves should I deny God wisdom and power or should I trust in Him without having to have answers? Knowing that He does all things in order according to His purposes and plans. After all God was the One who designed and engineered the growth and maturity of the natural order. Something Job knew nothing about.

Psalm 119:27 (NKJV) Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.

Job 39:5-8 NKJV - "Who set the wild donkey free? Who loosed the bonds of the onager, 6 NKJV - Whose home I have made the wilderness, And the barren land his dwelling? 7 NKJV - He scorns the tumult of the city; He does not heed the shouts of the driver. 8 NKJV - The range of the mountains is his pasture, And he searches after every green thing.

Who set the wild... Notice that Job wasn't the one who could do anything like setting free or loosing the wild donkey, that was something only God could do the Onager is just another name for wild donkey, This particular donkey was admired for its freedom and its ability to survive in even in the harshest conditions.

So when we see in **Genesis 16:12** how Ishmael Abraham first son, would become a wild donkey of a man, it's actually a compliment and speaks of how he will eventually adapt and survive and kick loose his restraint, becoming a nation himself.

Job 39:9-12 NKJV - "Will the wild ox be willing to serve you? Will he bed by your manger? 10 NKJV - Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes? Or will he plow the valleys behind you? 11 NKJV - Will you trust him because his strength is great? Or will you leave your labor to him? 12 NKJV - Will you trust him to bring home your grain, And gather it to your threshing floor?"

Will the wild ox... the NKJV goes on to speak of the wild ox, but we've seen oxen tamed and in captivity, but here God ask the question will the wild ox be willing to serve you? Ox is a poor translation, and the KJV also has a poor translation as they call it a Unicorn! This animal is known as an Aurochs, they have been extinct since 1627 this animal was huge but it was still a little smaller than the hippo, it has been described as fearsome and mighty and this is why God ask Job will this beast lay by your feeding trough? Are you able to hold it with ropes and use it to plow your fields? Can you even trust him for the work or to haul your grain home? It would be like trying to use a rhino for domestic work! Who says God doesn't have a sense of humor I wonder if it made Job crack a smile kind of like kids do when they get scolded with silly things?

Verses 13-18 The Entertainment

Job 39:13 NKJV - "The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, But are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork's?"

The wings of the ostrich... If that made a smile on Job's face this would not only make him think but make him chuckle, God speaks of the ground wings of the ostrich but Job maybe you can explain why a bird with wings can't fly? An ostrich is one weird looking bird, and does some crazy things.

Job 39:14-15 NKJV - For she leaves her eggs on the ground, And warms them in the dust; 15 NKJV - She forgets that a foot may crush them, Or that a wild beast may break them.

For she leaves her eggs... Or maybe you can explain why this bird lays eggs on the bare ground and forgets that they can be stepped or broken because they are out in the open?

Job 39:16-17 NKJV - She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers; Her labor is in vain, without concern, 17 NKJV - Because God deprived her of wisdom, And did not endow her with understanding. 18 NKJV - When she lifts herself on high, She scorns the horse and its rider.

She treats her young harshly... Maybe you can explain why she's so stupid or why God left this bird without wisdom? What this shows Job is that God in His wisdom and grace has created birds that are useful and others for his and our entertainment. Job and we need to remember that He is the One who gives wisdom as He sees fit. So why did God bring up the ostrich? I like what Mason's perspective on this...

It was through wonderful and strange examples like the ostrich that God both taught and entertained Job. "Get used to My absurdity, and live by faith rather than by sight. Be like the ostrich: though you cannot fly, you can still flap your wings joyfully!" (Mason)

Verses 19-25 The Warriors

Job 39:19-20 NKJV - "Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? 20 NKJV - Can you frighten him like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror.

Have you given the horse... God ask Job have you given the horse strength of course Job would have to say no, he had no strength to add to the horse, can you even make anything like the horse? Its majestic and strong, He's not easily frightened, The horse is something to really look at! But even the most well trained horses can get a little attitude and buck some of the most experience riders showing us that it isn't under our complete control as with any domesticated animals.

Job 39:21-25 NKJV - He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; He gallops into the clash of arms. 22 NKJV - He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; Nor does he turn back from the sword. 23 NKJV - The quiver rattles against him, The glittering spear and javelin. 24 NKJV - He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded. 25 NKJV - At the blast of the trumpet he says, 'Aha!' He smells the battle from afar, The thunder of captains and shouting.

He paws in the valley... Notice the description God gives the horse, He describes it as a fearless warrior, Job couldn't explain why the horse has a warrior like spirit, that sits willing to go head on onto battle not regarding itself, the horse is really a good description of the strength, might, wisdom, and warrior like heart of the Lord.

Verses 26-30 The Sky Riders

Job 39:26-27 NKJV - "Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, And spread its wings toward the south? 27 NKJV - Does the eagle mount up at your command, And make its nest on high?

Does the hawk fly... God tells Job to turn his attention to the hawk, tell me Job does the hawk fly by your great wisdom, I'm sure Job looked to the sky and marveled at the way birds flew but he had no idea of how it

worked, how can birds fly? In Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them ***have dominion over*** the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Even though we may been given dominion over the animals of the earth God wanted Job to see how little authority man has over the animal kingdom, and over nature, so that he could start to understand how little control he had over the mysterious circumstances of his own life. Something we all need to consider, we don't have any control over the mystery of life and the things that actually come at us, but we do have control over our own actions, again am I going to complain, am I going to quit, am I going to trust in myself or am I going to trust in the Lord who does have control over all these things and even knows the mysteries and majesties of life especially my life altogether?

Job 39:28-30 NKJV - On the rock it dwells and resides, On the crag of the rock and the stronghold. 29 NKJV - From there it spies out the prey; Its eyes observe from afar. 30 NKJV - Its young ones suck up blood; And where the slain are, there it is.”

On the rock it dwells... Again God asked Job about the Eagle but he finds himself without words, we may know about these things and have information about them but we can never truly control them, or command them.

In these chapters it might seem like God was being hard on Job, but we need to compare what God said with Job, his words, his tone, and with what his friends said about Job, and even thought God should say about Job, God isn't here to judge Job, or to correct him for sin, God still knows Job is upright, that he shuns evil, and that he's blameless but that being said Job lost his perspective in that he brought God down to his level, something people constantly do, so God comes at Job as a loving teacher, powerful and clear, yet engaging and funny, probably what the

most important thing to Job was that God was speaking to him and was with him again and nothing else really mattered during this time.

What we also find in these chapters is that satan was wrong again, he was wrong about Job's inner reasons for being righteous, that in itself speaks volumes and shows that he can only make educated guesses and can't actually read the mind, but it also shows that Job's friends were wrong about his outward behavior as a reason for his suffering, God may not have indicted him, but He didn't say he was innocent either, something both sides expected, at the same time God didn't charge him with a list of sins saying that he was guilty and that's why he was being punished.

Even though God doesn't give Job an answer to his suffering it doesn't mean that He didn't answer Job, sometimes we focus on the wrong thing for Job and his friends they expected some sort of reason for all of this, but God's answer is that He is the answer to our problems, and it doesn't mean we will be delivered from them but it does mean that God has said and promised that He will be with us in the midst of these things.

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV) Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

"One thought, and one only, is brought into the foreground. The world is full of mysteries, strange, unapproachable, overpowering mysteries that you cannot read. Trust, trust in the power, and in the wisdom, and in the goodness of Him, the Almighty One, who rules it." (Bradley)

Application:

- 1. In comparison to the Lord, we know nothing, even about the simple things in nature**

- 2. With all of the mystery and majesty that surrounds us, when things don't seem to make sense, all we have to do is keep our eyes on the Lord.**

- 3. When things seem unbearable and hard, and we can't find any answers know that Jesus is our answer.**