



Lesson For Job

- “The Lord has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all” (Psalms 103:19)
- Rules extend over all things.

God’s Right to Claim Universal Rule and Direction

- **Basis of His creative power.**
 - Genesis 1:1
 - Psalms 33:6-9
 - Psalms 104:1-8
 - Psalms 148:5-6
 - Colossians 1:16-17

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- **Jehovah claims His control, rule, and direction of the universe.**
 - John 1:1-3,14
 - Hebrews 1:2
 - Revelation 4:11

God’s Involvement in the Processes of Nature

Job’s bewilderment ... Job 9:22-24
Confident to question God. Job 27:11

- God’s answer.** Job 38:4-38
- Could any man answer these questions?
 - Questions men have pondered for centuries!

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- **Control and government of the sea (verses 8-14).** cf. Psalms 104:1,5-9; Jeremiah 5:22 God not only created the sea and set bounds about it, but he continues to control its activities. cf. Jeremiah 31:35
- **The bringing forth of the dawn.** (verses 12-15)
- **The dwelling of light.** (verses 19-21)

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- **Snow and hail (verses 22-24).**
 - God says that the treasures of the snow and hail are His arsenal which He has “reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war.”
- **Rain, lightning, and thunder (verses 25-30)**

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- The heavenly bodies (verses 31-33).
- The clouds and rain (verses 34-38) cf. Psalms 135:6-7; Job 36:27-28; 37:11-12

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- The lioness and her whelps (38:39-40).
- The raven. (verse 41) God has made provision for man and the raven. *"I know every bird of the mountains."* (Psalms 50:11) – Not even one sparrow is forgotten before God. (Luke 12:6; Matthew 10:29)
- The wild goats (39:1-4)
- The wild ass and the swift ass (39: 5-8)

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- The wild ox (39:9-12) Because of its nature it was never tamed or used to serve man. Now extinct, it was large, strong, and wild.
- The ostrich (39:13-18)
- The horse. (39:19-25)
- The hawk and the eagle. (39:26-30)

The Final Word – Jehovah speaks Job 38 - 41

In the book these problems seem to be solved:

1. The traditional position is refuted: **all suffering is not punitive**; it cannot be traced to the sin of the individual sufferer.
2. **God can trust man** to serve Him for righteousness' sake, and not simply for the pay that might be involved.
3. **Man can trust God when he cannot see.** For though he cannot know why he suffers, he may know that God cares, and that He rules in the universe, and that in all His ways there is purpose. God does not arbitrarily inflict suffering, nor is God disinterested in the suffering of the righteous.

Conclusion:

- No matter how often we may be told a thing, some things can be learned only in the school of affliction.
- After his experience in the crucible of suffering, and after God had spoken to him, Job could say, ***"I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee: Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."*** (42:1-6)

- God's care for these and all other creatures, through purpose and law in the inanimate world and instill instinct in the animate creation, displays His forethought and foresight – PROVIDENCE!
- He teaches Job that back of his creation there is purpose; and though Job may not fully understand, he had to admit, ***"I know that thou canst do all things, And that no purpose of thine can be restrained."*** (Job 42:2)