Job Chapters 38-42
The LORD Answers Job

In response to Job’s demand in chapter 31:35 the LORD himself answers Job from a storm. Prof EHWendland has a summary of the LORD’s discourse in his Bible. He writes:

“God’s discourses:
1. A rejection of Job’s accusation
2. A revelation of God’s wisdom in his work of creation
3. A reprimand of Job’s arrogance
4. A moral annihilation of him who blasphemes against God

Job learned humility before God. He learned the nature of sin; rebellion against God. God refined and purified Job’s faith as by fire.”

Questions for Review

Chapter 38 and 39-The LORD’s first discourse

With the exception of 39:13-18 this first discourse is question after question. We can imagine Job trembling before the LORD as Job has no answer.

1. List some of the striking components of the first section of this discourse, Job 38:1-38. Include the magnitude of God’s power and wisdom.

2. What’s especially striking about vv 8-11? Of whom are we reminded?

3. On what does the LORD focus in 38:39 – 39:30? Again list some aspects that especially catch your attention.

4. According to 39:13-18 what are some noteworthy characteristics of an ostrich? I have watched ostriches in the wild. This is an incredibly accurate description!
5. Summarize in one sentence the LORD’s point to Job in this first discourse.

6. What’s Job’s response to the LORD’s first discourse?

7. Where does the LORD set the bar if Job wants to be able to demand answers from God?

8. What’s the point of vv 15-24?

9. What type of creature may this be?

10. What type of being could be described here?

11. What changed Job’s perspective on God and what effect did it have on Job?

12. What do we learn about the LORD from the way he addressed Job and the three friends?

13. What guidance does this provide for our Christian lives here on earth?

14. Mention some ways the study of Job has increased your understanding of the LORD and the manner in which he deals with his people.