

# **The God of Nature**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Job 38-39.
- B. Job has begun to waver with his commitment to God because of his hardships.
- C. At this point God Himself begins to speak.

## II. God spoke out of a great wind.

- A. Despite this, Job darkened the light by ignorant complaints.
- B. God challenges Job in response.
  - 1. With regard to His creative wisdom.
  - 2. With regard to His providential care of the animal creation.
  - 3. With regard to His restraint of evil forces in the world.
- C. God's introduction regarding the foundations of the earth.
  - 1. Man was not even in existence when God created the world.
  - 2. There is a hint that someone assisted Him in this work--the Word. (John 1)

## III. God is creative in wisdom.

- A. God challenges Job with how the suspension of the universe happened.
- B. God challenges Job with the control of the oceans.
- C. God challenges Job with regard to the secret processes of the earth.
- D. God challenges Job with regard to the mystery of common things.
- E. God challenges Job concerning the heavens.

## IV. God preserves the animals. God gave animals the instincts that make them who they are.

## V. Job is silenced.

- A. Sometimes, our troubles bring us to a place where we stop complaining.
- B. What God wants is that Job will trust Him so that He can restore him.

**Application questions:**

1. Why was it necessary that God challenge Job?

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2. Which challenge stands out to you personally? What strikes you about it?

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3. How have you complained about circumstances you have faced in the past? What attitude should believers have when they face hard times in light of this passage? Explain.

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