

Passage: Job 29-42

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Discovered:

- Job: • wishes for when God was present, when I was honored & blessed for my righteousness, but now I am laughed at by those younger than me.
• I cry out for God but He does not answer. I am tossed about as if in a storm.
• Are we not God's creation? If I have sinned, let me face my punishment.
- Job's friends had no more responses, but Elihu became angry @ Job for declaring his righteousness and at his friends for declaring Job wrong without proof.
 - Elihu: you say you are blameless, but that God is against you. (contradict much?)
 - God can speak through dreams, sickness. He does these things to be instructive, teach, bring people to God.
 - Job declares himself innocent yet he walks with the wicked. Even reminds Job that he himself said there was no profit in being righteous.
 - God does not do wicked - shows impartiality - sees all our steps.
 - It is up to Job to make things right.
 - God does not turn from the righteous, but opens the ears of the wicked that they may learn & prosper.
↳ Those that do not listen will die by the sword & lack wisdom.
 - God is to be exalted, His majesty unmatched. Stop & consider the wondrous works of God.

The Lord speaks to Job through a storm.

- ↳ asks Job rhetorical questions about His nature, His character, His power.
- ↳ Can you create the inanimate? the world, the weather, the universe?
- ↳ Do you care for, provide for, create life for animals?

Will you continue to blame me? - God

- Job answers: I will be silent for I am insignificant before You!
- God: you do not compare to me. Can you run the universe? Can you control the mighty beast: Leviathan? (unknown animal) Can you stand before me?
- Job eagerly admits he does not understand God. I know You can do great things, I've seen them, but did not understand.
- Lord was angry at Job's friends, their lies, told them to repent to Job & Job would pray for them not to be punished fully.
- Lord blessed Job twice over what he originally had & lived another 140 years.

Help me to remember:

Struggles are not just a consequence. They can also be used to instruct, steer me to the right path.

Lord, I ask that

I listen when You are trying to teach me, bring me closer to You
Open my heart, eyes & ears to You.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...
Your majesty, the universe rests in your hands.