

# **WHAT DO YOU KNOW?**

## **Job 38-39**

**How much do you know when God examines your knowledge?**

### **I. GOD'S RESPONSE TO JOB** (38:1-2)

#### **A. ANSWERING HIM (1)**

1. God would be no longer silent
  - a. Job had lots of questions - See 7:17-21, 10:2-3, 18 and 31:35
  - b. God's particular focus now was to provide Job with divine revelation
2. God answered in an unexpected way
  - a. God bursts excitedly and powerfully upon the scene
  - b. Elihu had indicated that men should fear Him (37:24) and God shows up fearsomely
  - c. Job had been thinking of a somber courtroom setting (see 31:35) but got a stormy whirlwind

#### **B. ACCUSSING HIM (2)**

1. A Rebuke: Darkening counsel
  - a. The idea could be that Job was making God's plans seem sinister or devilish
  - b. With his ignorant verbiage, Job was clouding up God's divine dealings
  - c. Clouded or mucked up thoughts about God and His purposes
2. The Reality: Speaking without knowledge
  - a. An ignorance of God's designs
  - b. A presumption the knew all about God's works and ways and that he had all the facts at his disposal [See LaytonTalbert, "Job," p. 201]

### **II. GOD'S CHALLENGE FOR JOB** (38:3 -39:30)

#### **A. AN EXCITING INVITATION (38:3)**

1. Get ready! "Gird up your loins"
  - Give this your best shot
2. Teach me. "You instruct Me"
  - Go ahead, put your tiny head against God's vast intellect!

#### **B. A QUALIFYING EXAMINATION (38:4-39:30)**

1. Certification: A praxis exam
2. Investigation ... Oh, one more thing
  - a. The test topic will be about knowledge and not about ethics or justice
  - b. God was going to ignore the topic of justice and suffering that all five previous speakers thought was so important!

[3] Interrogation

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3. Interrogation (38:4-39:30)  
 - 51 total questions follow ....!!!

## SCIENCE TEST

### PART ONE: Geo & Astro Physics (38:4-38)

1. Cosmology (4-7) Where you there to observe creation?
2. Oceanography (8-11) Who contained the sea?
3. Meteorology (12-15) Have you ever commanded the morning sun?
4. Geology (16-18) Do you know about things below the earth?
5. Spectroscopy (19-21) Where are light and dark separated?
6. Meteorology (22-30) What do you know about snow, hail, wind, floods, thunder, rain, dew ice and frost?
7. Astronomy (31-33) Can you control starry constellations
8. Meteorology (34-38) Do you direct the rain and lightening?  
 Can you count clouds or cause rain?

### PART TWO: Zoology (38:39 - 39:30)

9. Dietary (38:39-41) Do you feed lions and ravens?
10. Gestation (39:1-4) What can you tell me about goat and deer birthing?
11. Instinct (39:5-8) What makes the wild donkey wild?
12. Domestication (39:9-12) How do you tame a wild ox?
13. Parenting (39:13-18) Why are ostrich moms so weird?
14. Fitness (39:19-25) How do you train a battle horse?
15. Flight (39:26-30) Are you able to equip hawks and eagles for survival?

### SCORING:

1. 7 points per question
2. 13 to 15 right > "A"
3. 12 right > "B"
4. 11 right > "C"
5. 10 right > "D"
6. Less than 10 right > "F"

### III. GOD'S LESSONS FOR US (Application)

#### A. BE HUMBLE

- We must not presume to fully know God's ways

#### B. BE CAREFUL

1. Don't let questions become complaints
2. Question: "God, why would you do this to me?"
3. Complaint: "God, how could you do this to me?"

#### C. TRUST GOD

1. Because our ideas of how things ought to work will always be naïve and simplistic
2. Therefore we must trust in a God whose plans and purposes remain undisclosed

### CONCLUSION:

#### **What do we know?**

*We know that an all-wise God compassionately cares for His creation and its creatures and therefore He certainly cares for us!*

For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

- Matthew 6:25-26

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