

DESPICABLE ME!

Job 40-41

**This morning we'll see what God wants to teach a despicable Job
and despicable people like us.**

I. JOB'S CONFESSION (40:1-5)

A. GOD'S RESPONSE (1-2)

1. A Question for Job
 - Will you contend with the Almighty?
2. His Characterization of Job
 - a. Faultfinder: A complainer
 - b. Reprover: One who thinks they know how to set things right, an arguer

B. JOB'S ANSWER (3-5)

1. I am insignificant: Despicable! (4a)
2. I am dumbfounded: What can I say? (4b)
3. I'll be silent (4c-5a)
4. I will add nothing more (5b)
 - a. Indicating that he would not repeat himself, but not that he had said too much (Roy Zuck, p.176)
 - b. Interestingly, he is intimidated but not recanting ...
 - c. Shouldn't there be more for him to add, other than simply saying he's despicable?

II. GOD'S CONCERN (40:6 – 41:34)

A. GOD'S INTEROGATION (40:6-9)

1. The Offer: Ok, you instruct Me (6-7)
2. The Object: God's justice and authority (8-9)
 - a. Justice (8)
 - 1) Will you really annul My judgment?
 - 2) Will you condemn Me to justify yourself?
 - See 7:19-21, 10:1-7, 23:2, 24:1, 30:20-21, 33:13, 34:17 and 35:2
 - b. Authority (9)
 - Do you have the strength and power of God?

B. GOD'S CHALLENGE (40:10-14)

1. Dress in majesty (10)
2. Judge with authority (11-13)
 - a. See if you can humble the proud by looking at them (11-12a)
 - b. See if you can tread down the wicked and bury them (12b-13)
3. Save yourself! (14)
 - a. If you can change the proud and destroy the wicked, then you can save yourself
 - b. You don't need God if you can judge and act like this
 - c. You won't have to worry about condemning Me, you can ignore Me! *Over please >*

4. Job's response: None

- He could have said, I cannot manage Your creation and should not question Your justice

C. GOD'S OBJECT LESSONS (40:15-41:34)

1. Recognize: If Job can't save himself then he needs a Savior who is the creator he's condemned

2. Look: Can you make a hippopotamus (Behemoth)? [40:15-24]

a. I made a Behemoth just like I made you (15)

b. I made a powerful creature (16-18)

c. I made a creature that only I can approach (19)

d. I made his provisions and gave him protection (20-24)

3. Think: Can you manage a crocodile (Leviathan)? [41:1-34]

a. He is uncatchable (1-2, 7)

b. He is untamable (3- 6)

c. He is unnerving (8-11)

1) The croc (8-10a)

- One fight is enough! (8); One look is enough! (9), One poke is too much! (10a)

2)The questions (10b-11)

- Who is brave enough to stand before God? (10b)

- And to whom is God indebted? (11)

d. He is unconquerable (12-17)

e. He is unbelievable (18-21)

f. He is unflinching (22-25)

g. He is unboundable (26-29)

h. He is "undeterable" (30-32)

i. He is unafraid (33-34)

CONCLUSION:

Job says the right things about himself (I'm despicable - 40:4) ... but not about God

- He needed to confess:

1. That God is just and righteous, not condemnable (40:8)

2. That God alone can save (40:14)

3. That God is powerful and creative (40:15- 41:34)

What we say about ourselves is the beginning of contrition (40:3-5) but what we say about God is it's conclusion.

- God wants us to acknowledge His justice, authority, salvation and creativity.

We should know that we are despicable but that God is delightful.

Feel free to use these notes for personal study.

If you wish to use them for any other purpose please seek permission from Pastor Circle.