

## Job 38

1. In this chapter, God speaks to Job of meteorological and astrological wonders. What was His purpose?
2. What did God accuse Job of doing in his speeches?
3. Earlier in the book, Job had asked God to restrain Himself in His dealings with Job (13:21). What does God tell Job to do in verse 3 of this chapter?
4. What method of instruction did God use with Job? (ex. 4, 5, 7, 11, 16... etc)
  - a. Jesus used this method in the Temple (Luke 2:46). What is the purpose of this method of teaching?
  - b. What was God's particular purpose with Job?

Various aspects and attributes of the earth and universe are discussed by God in these chapters. Defenders of Bible inspiration ("apologists"), including many scientists, have cited various texts from this chapter to prove the divine origin of Scripture. While the descriptions are intended to accommodate simple minds, known scientific truths are implied in many of these texts. Though most of us are not scientists, we can and do have some understanding of how God's explanations and claims are scientifically accurate. In the following questions, to the best of your ability, explain how these things are so:

5. Verses 4-7 - What is significant about the earth's size, particularly in relation to the sun and moon?
6. Verses 8-11 - What forces hold the ocean waters in their places?

7. Verses 12-15 deal with light: What is its significance?
  - a. What earth function is illustrated by the “clay turning under the seal”?
8. Verse 16 speaks of ocean springs and trenches - Were these facts knowable by mere human knowledge in Job’s day?
9. Verses 19-21 - What does God ask Job to explain?
  - a. How does God chide Job in verse 21?
10. Verse 22 - What did God ask Job to explain regarding snow and hail? (What do we now know?)
11. Verse 25 speaks of the way of the thunderbolt. Job had earlier referenced this in 28:26, but what did God challenge Job to know about it? (What do we now know?)
12. Verses 28-29 - What did God challenge Job to know about dew and frost? (What do we now know?)
13. Verses 31-33 - Job had earlier discussed the constellations (chap. 9), but what does God here ask him?
14. Verse 38 speaks of some elements sticking together. What do we now know about this action?
15. Verses 39-41 - What did God challenge Job to know and do?