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Job Sermon Series
Supports Session 6: Power Displayed
Sermon Title: "I Have a Question for You"
Passage: Job 38:1-3

Connection to Job 40

Job talks with his friends about understanding the actions of God in the midst of his life circumstances; however, in Job 38, God Himself directly questioned Job. God listed a series of questions out of a whirlwind in order to prove His wisdom and power to Job.

Introduction/Opening

A person can quickly discover his or her faults when confronted with someone who has incredible talents and abilities. Someone may think they are a decent athlete until they compare themselves against an elite athlete. When we compare ourselves against achievements that are almost impossible to duplicate, we realize our insufficiencies.

Job was confronted by God out of a whirlwind about whether he was able to accomplish the same mighty acts as God. Job's insufficiency was revealed when compared against the almighty nature of God.

Outline

- I. God's always provides an answer (v. 1).
A whirlwind is not where believers expect God to provide answers. Job's answer was provided out of something normally confusing and distracting. God has the ability to answer believers in the most strange and difficult circumstances in whatever manner He chooses due to His sovereignty over all creation.

Believers must rely on the power of God who always provides an answer and who answers in a manner and time of His choosing. God provides answers as easily in the whirlwinds of life as in the peaceful times.

- II. Welcome God's confrontation (vv. 2-3).
 - a. God confronts Job and asks, "Who is this who obscures my counsel with ignorant words?" Often believers default to personal opinions regarding what is true or false about the nature of God, His will, or actions. To live pleasing lives before God, believers must root our conclusions about God from Scripture. Furthermore, believers

who desire to instruct others about living a pleasing life before God must take extra care to root their conclusions in Scripture alone and not personal opinion.

- b. God confronted Job when He instructs him to “get ready to answer me like a man” (v. 3). God did not intend to communicate that only adults can hear something life changing from God. This was a call for Job to prepare well for the seriousness of hearing from God. Believers run the risk of not growing as much as we should when we fail to take the task of listening to God seriously. Hearing from God takes intentional preparation, consistent attention, and commitment to practice spiritual disciplines.
- c. Finally, God’s confronts Job by saying, “When I question you, you will inform me” (v. 3). The confrontation of God in this verse and those that follow can seem intimidating, but they are an act of God’s mercy. When God confronts us, we should understand God is using confrontation to bring us to repentance and alignment with His will for our lives. Even though God’s confrontation can be uncomfortable, followers of Jesus should embrace His confrontation and use it for the purpose of greater sanctification.

Conclusion

In the verses that follow, God revealed His power and competency to care for Job by asking whether Job was able to accomplish things that only God alone is capable of doing. God’s questions reveal that He is capable and competent of handling anything Job encountered. God’s questions should give us a sense of awe and comfort in God’s power.

God’s questioning should teach us reliance and trust, leading us to conclude that God alone is the only Source of true answers and sovereignty in all circumstances. Followers of Jesus should never fear when God confronts us with these uncomfortable questions. Being confronted with personal inadequacies and insufficiencies is never enjoyable. However, in those moments when God questions and convicts, we must remember God’s power is always in play, even when our lives feel out of control. Believers in Jesus should welcome His confrontation as a sign of love and compassion and take His instruction seriously. God’s confrontation, while uncomfortable, should be a welcomed encounter for believers to know that God is at work in our lives.

How is God confronting us to change in our lives? What answers is God trying to provide us? As God questions us, may we welcome the Holy Spirit’s conviction and discover afresh that Christ alone is all we need.

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