

EPISODE NO. 13

Job 38:1-21

Yahweh Spoke to Job

1 Then, out of the storm, Yahweh answered Job, saying: 2 “Who is this that makes My purpose unclear with presumptuous words!? 3 Be strong like a man! I will now ask YOU some questions, and you must answer ME!

4 "Where were YOU when I laid the foundations of the earth!? Tell Me, if YOU really understand! 5 Who marked off how big it should be!? Surely YOU know!? Who stretched the line over it!? 6 Upon what pedestal was the earth set!? Who put its cornerstone in place!? 7 Who did all this while the morning stars sang together!? Who did this while all the angels shouted with joy!?

8 “Who shut the doors to contain the ocean, when it broke through to be born!? 9 That was when I made the clouds to be like a covering for the ocean. And, I wrapped the sea in thick darkness. 10 That was when I put limits on the sea. And, I set its doors and bars in place. 11 I said to the ocean: ‘You may come this far, but no farther! This is where your proud waves must stop!’

12 “Job, have YOU ever given a command for morning to begin!? No. Or, have YOU shown the dawn where its place was!? 13 . . . so that the dawn would take hold of earth by its edges, and it would shake evil people out of it!? No. 14 At dawn, the earth changes — like clay being pressed under the seal. The hills and valleys stand out like the folds in a robe. 15 Light is withheld to evil people. Their arm is raised to do harm, but it is broken.

16 “Have YOU ever gone to where the sea begins!? No. Or, have YOU searched in the valleys, walking on the ocean floor!? No. 17 Have the gates of death been opened to YOU!? No. Or, have YOU seen the gates of the deep darkness!? No. 18 Do YOU understand the broad expanse of the earth!? No. Tell Me, if YOU know all these things!

19 “What is the path to where light lives!? And, where does darkness dwell!? 20 Can YOU take it to its territory!? No. Do YOU know the way to its home!? No. 21 Surely YOU know, since YOU were already born when all this happened!? Have YOU lived that many years!? No."