

Job 40

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The Lord Continues: Will You Condemn Me?

- 1** Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,
- 2** Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.
- 3** Then Job answered the LORD, and said,
- 4** Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.
- 5** Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.
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- 6** Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
- 7** Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.
- 8** Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?
- 9** Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?
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- 10** Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.
- 11** Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.
- 12** Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

- 13 Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret.
- 14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.
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Behold Behemoth

- 15 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.
- 16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.
- 17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.
- 18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.
- 19 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.
- 20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.
- 21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.
- 22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.
- 23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.
- 24 He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Confess — יָדָה (Yadah)

To confess, praise, give thanks

The Hebrew **yadah** (יָדָה) means to confess or give thanks—acknowledging truth openly. 'He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy' (Proverbs 28:13).

Glory — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Justify — צָדַק (Tsadaq)

To be righteous, declare righteous

The Hebrew **tsadaq** (צָדַק) means to be righteous or to declare righteous—a legal verdict of innocence. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Save — יָשַׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 40:1 **References Lord:** Job 38:1; 40:6

Job 40:2

Parallel theme: Job 3:20; 9:3; 33:13; Isaiah 40:14; 50:8; Ezekiel 18:2; Matthew 20:11; 1 Corinthians 2:16. **References God:** Job 3:23; 27:2

Job 40:4 **Parallel theme:** Job 21:5; 29:9; 42:6; Genesis 18:27; 32:10; Judges 18:19; Ezra 9:6; Proverbs 30:32; Isaiah 6:5; Luke 18:13

Job 40:5 **Parallel theme:** Job 33:14; Psalms 62:11

Job 40:6 **References Lord:** Job 38:1

Job 40:7 **Parallel theme:** Job 38:3; 42:4

Job 40:8 **Righteousness:** Job 32:2; Romans 3:4. **Parallel theme:** Job 10:3; Isaiah 28:18

Job 40:9 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 89:13

Job 40:10 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 93:1; 149:4; Isaiah 59:17

Job 40:11 **Judgment:** Daniel 4:37. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 2:17; Nahum 1:6

Job 40:12 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 63:3. **Evil:** Malachi 4:3

Job 40:13 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 2:10

Job 40:20 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 104:14; 104:26

Job 40:23 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 13:10