

Job 40:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,

Analysis

"Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said." After the first divine speech (chapters 38-39), God continues. The repetition of "the LORD answered" emphasizes that Yahweh Himself speaks—this is divine revelation, not human philosophy. The conjunction "moreover" (va, ו) indicates continuation. Job sought answers from God (23:3-5); now God graciously responds, though not with the explanations Job expected. The verse reminds readers that God condescends to engage with human questions, even when His answers reframe the entire discussion.

Historical Context

In ancient Near Eastern cultures, deities rarely explained themselves to humans. Yahweh's extensive speeches to Job demonstrate His unique willingness to engage with His creatures. This self-revelation distinguishes biblical faith from pagan religions where gods remained distant and arbitrary. God's continued speech shows patience with human questioning.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's willingness to engage Job's questions demonstrate His character?
2. What questions have you brought to God that He answered differently than you expected?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּעַן	יְהוָה ה	אֶת	אֵי וּב	וַיֹּאמֶר:
answered	Moreover the LORD	H853	Job	and said
H6030	H3068		H347	H559

Additional Cross-References

Job 38:1 (References Lord): Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

Job 40:6 (References Lord): Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,