



The Gospel According to Job

October 11: Job 39

The Witness of God's Creatures
A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

What is the substance of God's speech to Job in chapter 38?

Why does God spend so much time with Job about creation?

What does creation reveal about God?

1. Creation reveals a God who is not like us.
2. Creation reveals a God of order and beauty.
3. Creation reveals a God who is personal.
4. Creation reveals a God who is the beginning and the end.

Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Job 39:1-4

What kind of questions does God ask? What are the implied answers?

How has God made the mountain goat unique?

Job 39:5-8

How has God made the donkey unique?

Job 6:5 Does the wild donkey bray when he has grass, or the ox low over his fodder?

Job 39:9-12

How has God made the wild ox unique?

^{LXX} **Job 39:9** And does the unicorn wish to serve you or to sleep by your trough?

^{KJG} **Job 39:9** Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

Are all animals easy for humanity to domesticate? What does this say about God?

Job 39:13-18

How has God made the ostrich unique?

^{LXX} Job 39:13 As its wing delightfully spreads, should you imagine it is a stork, or even an ostrich?

^{KJG} Job 39:13 *Gavest thou* the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?

Job 39:19-25

How has God made the horse unique?

Genesis 47:17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.

Both the ostrich and the horse laugh. What does this behavior mean?

Psalms 37:13 But the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming.

Job 39:26-30

How has God made the hawk unique?

How do we know this section of questioning is ending?

What topic has God covered in this first interrogation?

What is the rhetorical purpose of this extended questioning?

What change does God want for Job?

Colossians 1:16-17 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.