



The Gospel According to Job

October 18: Job 40

Job's First Repentance

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Job 40:1-2

What is God's accusation against Job? What does God now expect of Job?

^{NLT} **Job 40:2** Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God's critic, but do you have the answers?

Romans 11:34 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Job 40:3-5

This is Job's first repentance. There will be a second and more thorough repentance (42:1-6). What does Job say about himself? What has he determined to do?

What does the "once...twice" formula mean?

Psalms 62:11-12 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Amos 1:6 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment..."

Why does God's questioning continue?

Job 40:6-7

Job 40:6-7 repeat much of 38:1-3. What does this say about Job's repentance and God's accusation?

Job 38:2 Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

^{ESV} **Job 40:7a** Dress for action like a man...

^{KJV} **Job 40:7a** Gird up thy loins now like a man...

^{NIV} **Job 40:7a** Brace yourself like a man...

Job 40:8-9

How does God further challenge Job?

Has Job accused God of wrongdoing?

Job 9:24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; he covers the faces of its judges—if it is not he, who then is it?

Job 40:10-14

In verse 10, two pair of alliterated word make of four attributes of God that He ordered Job to adopt. What are they?

In these four verses, God gives Job ten imperatives. Overall, what does God demand of Job?

Can Job save himself?

Job 40:15-18

What is Behemoth?

Is God still asking rhetorical questions?

Job 40:19-22

What does it mean that Behemoth is first of the works of God?

Genesis 1:24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.

Job 40:23-24

Why is God detailing the Behemoth and the Leviathan to Job?

Job 41:1-2 Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord?
Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook?