

Job 38:1-11

- ¹ Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³ Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
⁴ Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸ Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
⁹ when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹ and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed”?

Who is the Creator?

Why is knowing God as Creator so important? Job was a righteous man who wanted God to reveal Himself. Job was going through some terrible trials: his entire family died, his wife forsook him and he was afflicted by Satan to the point that he desired death but it was not given. In his suffering, Job questioned where God was. Let’s look at a few verses to see some of God’s response to Job.

1. Read Job 38:1-11 and put a triangle over the **Lord** (including any pronouns).

Reflect: What did you learn about the Lord? What did God do?

2. Read Job 38:1-11 again and underline the words **who, what, when & where**.

Reflect: How does God use creation to remind us of His power?

In Job’s suffering, God’s response was “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?” He reminded Job of His great power and might as Creator. When we feel like we need to know more or we need the LORD to be more obvious, creation reminds us that God laid the foundations of the earth and set the very limits of the sea. Therefore, our problems are never too great for our mighty Creator!