



**GOD**  
**UNBOXED**

Job 38 - 42

# What Boxes Do We Have God In?

**God is...**

Nosey  
Cruel  
Faithful  
Loving  
Wrathful  
Conservative  
Powerful  
Generous  
Mean  
Judgemental  
Genocidal  
Imaginary  
Sovereign  
Holy  
Liberal  
Moral  
Kind

# Job Couldn't Understand His Suffering



# **God Answers with Questions...**

## **Lots of Them!**

**Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,**

**“Who is this that darkens counsel**

**By words without knowledge?**

**“Now gird up your loins like a man,**

**And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!**

# Questions from God Job 38-39

- When I created the world. How I did it precisely? (4-7)
- What causes light and darkness? (19-20)
- What are the dimensions of the earth? (18)
- How about the weather? (22-30)
- Stars and clouds? (31-38)
- How about the animals and their endless variety? Do they need you? (38:39-39:8)
- Can you tame them? (9-12)
- Explain just the ostrich? (13-18)
- The horse? (19-25)
- Birds of prey? (26-30)

# Silence Is the Only Answer

Then the Lord said to Job,

“Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty?

Let him who reproves God answer it.”

Then Job answered the Lord and said,

“Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to You?

I lay my hand on my mouth.

“Once I have spoken, and I will not answer;

Even twice, and I will add nothing more.”

- Job 40:1-5

# Job Finally Responds

Then Job answered the Lord and said,  
“I know that You can do all things,  
And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.  
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’  
Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,  
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.”  
‘Hear, now, and I will speak;  
I will ask You, and You instruct me.’  
“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear;  
But now my eye sees You;  
Therefore I retract,  
And I repent in dust and ashes.”  
- Job 42:1-6

# Job Responds...

1. By admitting that God can do all things (42:1-3)
2. With repentance and humility. (42:6)
3. With a commitment to listen to God and not his own reason. (42:4-5)

**How do we respond?**



# **God is Unfathomable**

## **BUT**

**we need to seek contentment with Him and  
to be His Ambassadors.**

**This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3**

**For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in  
accordance with knowledge. Romans 10:2**

# **We Seek Personal Knowledge of God**

**1. Prayer**

**2. Bible**

**3. Fellow Believers**