

Job Understands and Is Blessed

Key Verse: *“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You.”*
—**Job 42:5, New King James Version**

Selected Scripture:
Job 42:1-6, 10-17

IN TODAY’S LESSON, OUR

Key Verse pinpoints the moment of Job’s profound enlightenment regarding the ways of Jehovah. From the time of his first being stricken with afflictions, through the early days of silent mourning, to the hours of philosophical debate with his would-be comforters, Job at last encounters

God. Beginning in chapter 38, God dramatically answers Job from out of a whirlwind, causing all debate and human reasoning to cease: “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?” (Job 38:2, *NKJV*) That moment must have been both terrifying and thrilling for Job!

God’s words left Job with no answer: “Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.” (vss. 3,4, *NKJV*) In subsequent verses, God’s inquiries as to where Job was when the earth was created, the oceans were tamed, and flora and fauna were made, rendered him speechless. (vss. 5-41) Job now grasped the fact that God is beyond human comprehension. God informs us further: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than

your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”—Isa. 55:8,9, *NKJV*

David, speaking of Jehovah’s omniscience wrote, “O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.” (Ps. 139:1-6, *NKJV*) Speculate as we may, much about God remains beyond human comprehension.

We had, in time past, heard of God by hearing of the ear, but were often misled in our apprehension of the character of our Creator. Some spoke to us out of their human speculations and prejudices. Others wished to teach us creeds of men as the authoritative explanation of God’s nature and plans. (See Mark 7:5-13) None of these could adequately inform our understanding of God. It was when we turned to God’s Word, the Holy Bible, that we at last could see him for who he really is. “God is love.” “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”—I John 4:8; 1:5

Job was richly blessed by God. (Job 42:10-16) All that he had lost was restored two-fold. His sheep, camels, oxen and donkeys were doubled. Curiously, though he had lost ten children, he did not receive twofold more. Seven sons and three daughters were granted to him after his restoration. This, we believe, is no mistake. Here, in exquisite harmony with the Scriptures, is a beautiful confirmation of the resurrection of the dead. Job did not have twenty children after his ordeal. In the resurrection, however, he will. The ten children who earlier died will return from the grave and be united with their second set of siblings, as well as with their mother and Job, their father. May we, by God’s grace, continue to grow in our understanding of him, and thus be blessed. ■