



MZBMP

Title: [The Dialogue *cont'd.*] The LORD's Second Speech – Behold, now Behemoth

Text: 40:6-24

6 “Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.
8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?”

Introduction:

1. The LORD speaks once more “out of the whirlwind.” – in power and majesty invoking fear.
2. The LORD continued His challenge to Job (vv.7-14) – God has power to abase the proud.
3. The LORD describes Behemoth (vv.51-21)

I. The LORD's Has Power to Abase the Proud (vv.7-14) [Pro. 6:17; 8:12-13; 21:4; 1 Tim. 3:6]

- A. (v.8) God's justice and power is perfect – can Job (or anyone) discredit God by claiming that they were mistreated by God? (see, Job 27:1).
- B. (v.9) Job can you save or judge the world like God? No.
- C. (vv.10-13) Job can you abase (or humble) the proud? No. (abase, crush, and bury them?) No.
- D. God's verdict: Job if you have power – you can save yourself. BUT he cannot. (Ps. 89:48).

II. The LORD Describes Behemoth (vv.51-21)

- A. Behemoth – literally means “beasts” – intending here the plurality of the majesty of his nature.
- B. It was a created animal (Ps. 49:12), it eats grass, it has a naval (so it isn't a dinosaur – nor hatched from an egg) but was birthed into existence. It has enormous strength. It can only be controlled by God. It is undisturbed by anything else. (It appears to me that this is a huge and powerful elephant).
- C. Behemoth represents:
 - C.1. Pride. (Sin) or the sinful nature – which only God can control.
 - C.2. A picture of many beasts – perhaps it can represent the Abomination of Desolation – as Daniel 2 portrays the Antichrist as a mixture of many beasts (cf. Dan. 7:7, 19, 23; Rev. 13:1).

Conclusion:

1. When we face life's trials, troubles, and temptations – WE are inadequate to save ourselves – we must call upon the LORD, turn to Him or trust in Him. (Deut. 31:6; Isa. 12:2; 41:10; Matt. 19:26; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Eph. 3:16, 20).
2. We are weak but HE (God) is strong! (Ps. 127:1; Jn. 3:27; 15:5; 2 Cor. 3:5).
3. The book of Job is God's exposition of the sin of pride – Job had pride concerning his self-righteousness. Job's friends had pride that they were right in their mistaken assumption of Job's sin and divine judgment of God against Him. Behold now Behemoth – look at this proud animal.
4. As God exposes sin (pride) this offers people a choice – repent or remain.
5. God's words can break the rocky-layers of pride (Dr. Matthew R. Strouse) – Jer. 23:29 “Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”