

## The Creation Speaks of God – Job 38-39

1. We need to wrap up our study of Job in the next few weeks. We will also have one or two special event Sundays you will hear more about later.
2. (Review) This is the first account of Creation and it is the only detailed account given to us by God. It reveals a lot about the character of God. It also gives us signs of inspiration with information that was not available to the people of Earth when this book was written...nor would it be for 1000s of years.
3. **Job 38:34,35,37**. As we mentioned last week, there is a balance in our world – electrical and water – that hangs upon a knife’s edge and demands precision. No life can exist without it. We may not be the only planet God has in the universe...but we are the only one we have and the balance we have here is beyond the possibilities of chance.
4. Then, as God speaks of laying down His creation, He shows us a part of His personality that I find endearing and wonderful: He loves His creatures. **Job 38:39-41** and **39:1-4**. (“Daddy, there’s a duck”) Everything eats. (snake, alligator snapping turtle, deep sea bioluminescence, woodpeckers)
5. We also see instinct here. Who taught the bees their dance? How does a mountain goat know how to be a goat? Who taught the birds their migration patterns? **Job 39:13-18**. It is not the parenting skill of birds that accounts for their variation and survival. It was designed that way.
6. **Job 39:26-30**. God spends a lot of time on birds here. I like that.
7. God steps in here to remind Job of the two most important facts in the universe: there is a God, and you are not Him. **Job 40:1,2**.
8. Job chapters 40 and 41 give us some serious puzzles to figure out. If we read it as translated in most versions, we see dinosaurs here. Creationists use these to argue for a young earth...and I won’t fight them. Christians who believe that God created us over time in a

process see other animals here. I won't fight them, either. My point here is that we can get lost in those arguments and lose the one God is making: He is more powerful than the most powerful animals on the planet. We cannot tame and defeat them in battle, why would we think we could out argue God and win in a court of law?

9. It is rather like arguments about the Ark and the Flood. When we get into trying to figure out the square footage needed for a cheetah (or what forebear of great cats was around back then), we have lost the point – as Christians did, by the way, when the Noah movie was made several years ago.
10. The point of the story is the point of the story. When we get lost in details and arguments about them, we fall into the same trap that got us kicked out of Eden. We lose the beauty of the garden and the opportunity to walk every evening in the garden with God because we are arguing over a tree and whether or not IT (singular, one) is just and right.
11. **Micah 6:8**. Remember the two laws of the universe and live accordingly.