

The Nature of God

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Job 40-41.

B. Job felt that he was being unjustly treated, which we have all felt.

II. Job is shown where he was wrong when he thought he was right.

A. Job is challenged whether he can handle the moral government of earth.

1. The proud cannot be stopped.
2. This is the problem that Job has as well.

B. Two supernatural beasts appear as symbols.

1. The Leviathan pictures a dragon. (Isaiah 24)
2. The behemoth pictures many beasts.
3. The dragon and the beast represent a satanic power that we all labor and struggle against--particularly the flesh. (Revelation 13)
4. The question Job is posed is whether he is able to handle the enemy within and the enemy without.
5. The enemy within is an independent spirit that claims not to need God.
6. There is a world system insisting that we conform to its ways.
7. God challenges Job saying that if he cannot handle the Leviathan, how can he handle Him?
8. Behind Job's struggle lays an intense satanic struggle, and now he is given a hint at the source of his illness.

C. The result.

1. Job acknowledges God's sovereignty.
2. When Job understands himself, he finds God.
3. The inner eye of Job's heart sees his condition and he repents.
4. The problem is never in others or in God--it is always in us.

5. We are unequipped to handle the problem. All we can do is put it back in God's hands.
6. God has shown Job love because He brings him to the point necessary for healing.

Application questions:

1. What two enemies are presented in Job and what do these enemies symbolize?

2. Why was it necessary that Job be challenged by God with his inability to battle these enemies?

3. Share your testimony: how has God helped you to overcome these enemies and how does He continue to help you when you reach out to Him?
