

Chapter 39

39:1

It's hard to be where they are to observe and answer in any regard. They live high on rocky steeps.

39:3

They go down on their elbows (knees) to bear their young.

39:4

God designed these animals to "just know" when it's time to leave the home.

39:7

The wild donkey has "city folk" jokes. This great God pets His animals and spins the constellations.

39:9

We have a large bovine that Job is being challenged to domesticate.

39:13

A male's mating call given not by Job, but God. The type of the word and the mode of the sentence (question or statement) are not constant between the myriads of versions. However, the point of the verse is Job's inability to manage or program the wild animals, and thus...Job should probably allow God to make the arrangements for both the unseen and the visible.

39:14

Who is responsible for getting the male ostrich to incubate the young? Not Job.

39:21

This is to show that God designed the strong horse, and Psalm 147 stresses that God does not fear His creation.

39:28

Begins with the goat in the high places of the tall rocks and ends with the eagle in the same way.

Chapters 40-41

40:1-5

Moreover the LORD answered Job, More answering (see 38:1). **and said:**

3 Then Job answered the LORD and said: Job answers thusly in chapter 42, but there is a grand difference between Job's responses.

4 "Behold, I am vile; Job is saying that he is weightless or worthless or insignificant. Job 7:6 speaks of "swiftness" and is the same word as **vile** here, and Job is merely saying "You're blowing me away!" This is no different than a person under duress and simply giving the desired answer for reprieve. Job 9:3 records Job's theory in that when God confronts you, you will indeed have nothing to say. It is fulfilled here. 9:25 further uses the idea of "swiftness" as the usage of this word behind **vile**. He is not being allegorical here. He is standing in front of a tornado and is about to be literally decimated. At least Job is afraid of God.

However, because his response is herein anemic, God stays with the interrogation. After all, creation is a showcase of God's character. If all the trueness of God is creation-wide in its swath, then we have no problem believing that mankind and his myriad problems are also in God's kind Providence. If none of this is God's doing, then we are an accident and the very most we can do is...hope. No wonder creation is under attack.

What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. 5 Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further." An old Hebrew way of saying "I already said too much." At least Job knows he's mortal. So, he's aware of God's bigness; he's aware of his own smallness; he was willing to be quiet...but there has been no repentance. How do we know? God goes back to the same methodology until he gets the desired response as in chapter 42. In other words, it's possible to have a change of mind about mostly everything, yet still have a wrong attitude about God. He was what many would call "poor in spirit," yet he was not repentant. 2 Corinthians 7:10 speaks of two types of sorrow, and only one of them is repentance. So not everything that looks like sorrow is repentance.