

I. Correct Me - Job 40:1-5

1. God questioned Job - and ended his speech (**verses 1-2**)
 - “will you correct God?”
 - “answer me”
2. We need not question God
 - we are made in His image, not He in ours
- Rea 3. We need to define the pecking order
 - we do not understand God nor His ways
4. What right do we have to question Him?
5. Contend with the Almighty?
- Rea 6. Discuss 2021 ways of “questioning God”
7. Job’s answer (**verses 3-4**)
 - A. I am unworthy
 - how can I answer you?
 - B. I put my hand over my mouth
 - C. Job regrets his prideful words to God
 - now that he had an audience with God
- Rea 8. If we only knew that God was near we wouldn’t say nor do some things
 - therefore he will remain silent
9. He’d spoken once but now does not feel he should answer (**verse 5**)
10. As believers we must remember God is the sovereign one - we are not
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Contrast the perspective of Job and that of God
 2. We are quick to spout off words about and to God - why is that?
 3. Discuss the idea of shaking our fist at God and saying “strike me down”

II. Question My Justice? - Job 40:6-9

1. Now God speaks to Job (**verse 6**)
 - responding to Job’s arrogance
 - out of the storm
2. Brace yourself (**verse 7**)
 - I will question and you answer
- Rea -emphasis on “I” and “you”
3. Will you discredit my justice? (**Verse 8**)
 - condemn me and justify yourself
 - he has said I don’t deserve this - I’ve been righteous - this is not fair
 - God has a different standard of justice - which we know little of - our ways are not His ways
- Rea -who do you think you are?
4. Do you have an arm like mine? (**Verse 9**)
 - do you have a voice of thunder like God’s?
 - he puts Job in his place
5. If we view God as unfair we are judging the activities of God
- Rea -we are judging God’s justice - or administration of such

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Job was “talking back” to God
2. Our “sense of justice” is flawed - discuss
3. Then... what is “fair?”
4. So many of us do not have a “thankful” attitude but a “victim” attitude
 - or a “rights” attitude
 - so where is our humility?

III. Save Yourself - Job 40:10-14

1. Clothe yourself with glory and honor (**verse 10**)
 - God is challenging Job’s right to stand on the same ground with God
- Rea -to “question” God and His rule is to take a place that does not belong to you
2. Show me your wrath (**verse 11**)
 - bring down the proud
- Rea -it is “justice” to bring down the proud - which God always does in time
- crush the wicked (**verse 12**) - that would make you just
- Rea 3. It is the habit of man to take a place that he does not belong - is not qualified
- scripture teaches that God “resists the proud”
4. Bury the wicked (**verse 13**)
 - bring them to the grave
5. Unless you can and will do these things I will not listen to you (**verse 14**)
- Rea -“then” is the word in this verse that lets us know that God is drawing a conclusion - when you can do all these things, then I will listen to you
- Rea -to “question” is a way of placing yourself on a level playing field with the one you question
- Rea -by bringing these words of accusation Job was taking a place that did not belong to him

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. When you question the call of a referee at a basketball game that means you have already judged it... and believe he is wrong - you have become “judge” - compare James 2 - note the verses about “judging”
2. We are in relationship with God, but we are not allowed to cross some lines
 - Moses questioned God, and also asked to see the face of God, so how does that fit. God can see the heart of man and knows if a person is “judging” or not. He knows if we come to Him in pride, to question his movements, or in humility to learn and to grow. Is it a mean-spirited question or a plaintiff question?
3. We may approach God, but it must be in humility