

## God Answers Job

Then the Lord answered Job out of the storm. He said:

"Who is this that darkens my counsel  
with words without knowledge?  
Brace yourself like a man; I will question you,  
and you shall answer me.  
"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?  
Tell me, if you understand.  
Who marked off its dimensions?  
Surely you know!  
Who stretched a measuring line across it?  
On what were its footings set,  
or who laid its cornerstone—  
while the morning stars sang together  
and all the angels shouted for joy?"

The Lord said to Job:

"Will the one who contends with the  
Almighty correct him?  
Let him who accuses God answer him!"

Then Job answered the Lord:

"I am unworthy—how can I reply to you?  
I put my hand over my mouth.  
I spoke once, but I have no answer—  
twice, but I will say no more."

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm:

"Brace yourself like a man;  
I will question you,  
and you shall answer me.  
"Would you discredit my justice?  
Would you condemn me to justify  
yourself?"

Job 38:1-7; 40:1-8