

Sunday Morning Worship March 15

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Summary

God Speaks From the Whirlwind

Scripture References

Job 38:1–3; Romans 11:33–36; Jude 24–25; Genesis 15; Genesis 1:1; Psalm 19:1; Psalm 46:10; Romans 1:21–22; 1 Corinthians 8:1; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 3; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew 10:29; Isaiah 42:8; Revelation 22

Introduction

- Service opened with hymns exalting Christ's incarnation, crucifixion, and victory.
- Congregation confessed the Nicene Creed, anchoring hearts in historic orthodoxy.
- Two doxologies (Romans 11 & Jude) read, preparing listeners to marvel at God's wisdom.
- Pastor announced today's text—Job 38— “finally” reaching God's direct answer to Job after 36 chapters of human speech.

Key Points / Exposition

1. The Lord Appears in Power

- “Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind” (38:1).
- Yahweh's covenant name recalls His self-revelation to Moses (Exodus 3), signalling promise-keeping fidelity.
- The sudden storm silences every other voice; what terrifies humans is a mere “microphone” for God.
- Creation itself testifies that the chaos man cannot harness is effortlessly governed by the Creator.

2. The Lord Rebukes Human Wisdom

- Question: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?” (38:2)
- Job, swayed by friends' flawed theology, slipped from “desiring” to “demanding” an explanation, clouding divine purposes.
- Human reasoning meets its limits— “Where reason cannot wade, faith must swim” (Thomas Watson).

- Paul's diagnosis (Romans 1:21-22): knowing God yet failing to honor Him darkens the mind and births folly.

3. The Lord Calls for Humble Readiness

- “Dress for action like a man” (38:3) = gird your loins; assume the posture of a soldier/student under correction.
- Tables turn: Job will not interrogate God; God will interrogate Job—exposing creaturely smallness.
- Masculine charge: accept responsibility, receive discipline, then lead family and community in truth (Eph 6:4; 1 Tim 3).
- Knowledge must not puff up; it must equip for service and defense of the faith (1 Cor 8:1; 1 Pet 3:15).

Major Lessons & Revelations

- God still speaks—primarily through His inspired, preserved Word by His Spirit.
- Divine sovereignty encompasses suffering and blessing; neither negates His goodness.
- True wisdom begins with awe; any view of life that centers on self inevitably darkens counsel.
- Correction from God is grace, positioning believers for greater usefulness.

Practical Application

1. Cultivate Awe: Meditate on Scripture and creation daily until silence and wonder rise in the soul.
2. Submit Thoughts: Filter every impulse, complaint, and plan through God's Word (Rom 12:2).
3. Study Diligently: “Study to show yourself approved” (2 Tim 2:15); refuse sloppy talk about God.
4. Engage Community: Share gained insight—family altar, small groups, and conversations—so others avoid Job's pitfalls.
5. Stand Ready: Gird spiritual “loins” for action; defend truth, correct error, serve the suffering.

Conclusion & Call to Response

The sovereign, promise-keeping Yahweh who rode the whirlwind has most clearly spoken in His Son. Christ drank the cup of wrath, rose, and now offers forgiveness and adoption. Whether suffering or thriving, believers are summoned to bow, listen, and join His redemptive purposes. The pastor invited silent reflection, prayer at the altar, and ongoing conversation for any stirred by the Spirit.

Prayer

- Thanksgiving for God's self-revelation, preserved Scripture, and the Spirit's illumination.
- Petition for humility, corrected understanding, strengthened faith, and courage to act.

References & Resources

- Quotation: Thomas Watson, Puritan author.
- Hymns sung: “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery,” “Only a Holy God,” “Before the Throne of God Above,” “Holy, Holy, Holy,” “Turn Your Eyes.”