

# Sunday Morning Worship March 22

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## Summary

### Where Were You? Trusting God's Wisdom in Suffering

#### Scripture References

Job 38:1–11; 1 Corinthians 1:27; Romans 1; Psalm 139:13–16; Ecclesiastes 3:11; 1 Corinthians 8:6; John 1:1–3; Genesis 1:1–2; Galatians 4:4; Romans 8:19–22

#### Introduction

- The preacher invited the congregation to open to Job 38, reading verses 1–11 to frame the sermon.
- Prayer acknowledged God's sovereignty and the Word's power to “equip, challenge, and correct.”
- Historical voices (Stephen Charnock, Thomas Watson, John Flavel) were quoted to illustrate the church's long-standing awe over God's craftsmanship in creation.

#### Key Points / Exposition

##### 1. God's Eternal Wisdom Displayed in Creation

- Job 38:4–11 uses building imagery—foundations, measurements, cornerstone—to highlight divine precision.
- Three “realms” God drew to Job's attention:
  - Land (vv.4–6) – unseen foundations, exact measurements.
  - Heavens (v.7) – “morning stars” and “sons of God” rejoicing at creation.
  - Sea (vv.8–11) – clothed with clouds, given limits, bars, and doors.
- Creation testifies that nothing is accidental; God also created the governing laws (gravity, thermodynamics, seasons).
- Psalm 139 underscores intimate craftsmanship even in the womb—every day ordained.

##### 2. Man's Creaturely Ignorance

- Ignorance = absence of knowledge; stupidity = refusal to use knowledge. Job and friends operated from the former but drifted toward the latter by misreading creation.
- Perspective matters: God stands outside time and space; we live “in the forest,” unable to see its edges (Eccl 3:11).

- “Where were you?” (v.4) confronts human limitation—Job was not present at creation, thus lacks comprehensive understanding.

### 3. The Folly of Demanding Explanations

- God's three authoritative statements:
  - “When I laid…” (v.4)
  - “When I prescribed limits…” (v.10)
  - “And I said…” (v.11)

These reveal sovereign initiative, power, and right to command.

- 1 Cor 8:6; John 1:1–3; Gen 1:1–2 confirm Father, Son, and Spirit present and active in creation—none other.
- Suffering tempts believers to interrogate God, yet faith begins where explanation ends.
- Christ's redemptive work parallels creation's order: the One who set sea boundaries also bore the flood of divine wrath for us (Gal 4:4; Rom 8:19–22).

### Major Lessons & Revelations

- God's wisdom is limitless, purposeful, and eternally prior to ours.
- Humanity's knowledge is partial; humility is the proper response.
- Creation itself serves as courtroom, jury, and evidence that God alone is qualified to rule and explain.
  - Trust, not accusation, is the fitting posture during pain—salvation and daily life alike depend on God's wisdom.

### Practical Application

1. Adopt a posture of humble submission—begin prayers with confession of limitation.
2. When trials arise, replace “Why, God?” with “What would You teach me about Yourself?”
3. Study creation (science, nature, Scripture) as a lens to worship, not as ammunition for self-justification.
4. Memorize key passages (Job 38; Psalm 139) to recalibrate perspective in suffering.
5. Practice silence before speaking in hardship; seek godly counsel grounded in God's revealed Word.

### Conclusion & Call to Response

The sermon climaxed with the reminder: if we trust Christ for salvation, we must trust Him in suffering. Believers were urged to bow before the Creator who “made all

things, rules all things, and in Christ is redeeming all things.” An invitation followed for anyone needing prayer, counsel, or to confess Christ.

## **Prayer**

- Thanksgiving for God's eternal presence— “You were there, You will always be there.”
- Praise for redemption accomplished by Christ and applied by the Spirit.
- Petition for hearts that obey the Word, rest in God's higher ways, and glorify Him amid both blessing and pain.

## **References & Resources**

- Stephen Charnock, “The Existence and Attributes of God.”
- Thomas Watson, “A Body of Divinity.”
- John Flavel, “The Mystery of Providence.”
- Hymn: “Victory in Jesus” (closing congregational song).