

PREFACE

"I give thanks to God for all these messages from the book of Job which started from chapter 3, then chapters 32, 38-41 and 42. This book is not easy to understand. As pastor preached from chapter 3, he told us that this book is very complicated. Thank God for the Spirit of God helping him to show the secret of this book in such a manner in these days. I felt as many brethren have said, that this book has really become lovelier. When I read the arguments between Job and his 3 friends, I could not understand. Today, I was shown the purpose of the Holy Spirit in giving us this book. All the persons in this book were not Jews. Still, in those days, the Gospel was brought to them. Even in the time of Abraham, there was Melchizedek, a priest that was worshipping the true and living God. Pastor gave us a beautiful picture of the Gospel. From chapter 3, pastor also showed man-ward religion and how Job only justified himself but not God and how in chapter 3 he was spiritually suicidal. In chapter 23, after the arguments and fight with his three friends, he realised that God was looking upon him and he had that hope in Him. He could say, 'Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.' (Job 23:12). So, I can see the three friends were giving much trouble, being miserable comforters to Job. But I marvel to see the trust that Job had in God. In such a crisis, he was looking forward to see God. As he had that desire to see God, God sent Elihu to prepare Job's heart before God confronted Job (as shown in chapter 32). Today, pastor expounded it very marvellously using the answers of God and Elihu. Pastor said that there was no difference between the arguments of Elihu and God though they varied in style and form. The substance in both arguments was similar. Elihu's answer was to show God's providence and His creation relating to God's attributes whereas God's answer was to show His own attributes from the wondrous works of creation and providence. I must understand that what I am receiving all these days is really the counsel of God from the Word of God. There are so many things in creation attesting to the existence of God yet people in the world will not give glory to God. We cannot even understand how wonderfully and fearfully we are made. We do not understand His words with our finite minds. Though I had read the book of Job so many times, yet I cannot understand it. I felt that God has concealed His truth from me. I was also very surprised how pastor spoke much on the animals that God mentioned. Like the ostrich, it feels that it is as nice as the peacock because it cannot see its own wings as its head is always buried in the ground. We are like ostriches; we always think we can be like pastor to convey his messages. I was more excited when pastor unfolded the mystery of these two beasts – leviathan and behemoth. The leviathan represents Satan. Thank God for giving pastor so much light. Even Matthew Henry and the Reformers refrain from commenting on these things. I felt that our pastor is like Elihu preparing Job to meet God. He is like John the Baptist before the second advent of Yeshua Christ. I cannot find such exposition anywhere else. Pastor very skilfully brought out the meaning of these two beasts because God wants to show that Satan and the Antichrist are working in our daily lives. They want to attack us and rob us of our faith in Yeshua Christ. This book starts with the assails of Satan with him going to and fro in the earth and ends with Satan being represented as a creature made by God. So in answering Job, God showed how these two beasts were involved in tempting him and afflicting him. I learnt that diseases and afflictions are not necessarily the judgments of God but it could be that God has other purposes. I see that I am so carnal. Wherefore, I cannot understand all the things that pastor said though they are very clear. God's answer is perfect. I have to learn from these four chapters (38 -41). But even if I read the answer of God a thousand times, the sound understanding comes only when I hear pastor's exposition. The main lesson that pastor wants me to learn is to seek first the Kingdom of God and to put my trust in Him. This message from Job caused me to see that the Antichrist spirit which caused the mob to crucify the Lord Yeshua Christ, the Lord of glory, is the selfsame spirit which incited Job's three friends. If I do not consecrate my life to God but seek for the glory of the flesh, I could be used to go against God's servant. It is very fearful when I apply this message very personally. I need the grace of God to apply this message. Psalm 25 was very appropriate especially verse 27 'remember not the sin of my youth'. My heart was mellowed to sing the psalms today. I give

thanks to God for His mercies in keeping me under the ministry of His servant. I was encouraged when our pastor said that he is defending the Gospel of Yeshua Christ and will defend it till his last breath. May God grant me His grace to support him as Silas and Timothy supported Paul. I pray that I may not just say it with my mouth but affirm it in my heart that pastor is the man of God.” Eliezer Pandey’s response to the exegesis of pastor on the book of Job, Cameron Highlands, Malaysia; 12 June AD 2011