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¹ Then Job answered and said / the previous comment: they that hate you will be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wrong will not be. In the last chapter, the question was raised: Does God pervert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice? On this verse, the NASB footnote says: Job points out that tradition is not our best source of knowledge; God has revealed much about Himself even in nature.

² In truth, I know it is so:

but how can man / the Hebrew word is: nos, mortal mankind. Job asks the age-old guestion: how will mortal humans... rightly come before God? In Romans 3, Paul writes: Therefore, by the deeds of the law will no flesh be justified in his sight.



how can mortal mankind be just with God? / be right with God; the word is: tsadag. Noah was a just man; and the prophet Habakkuk found the answer from the LORD himself, and recorded it; inspiring Paul and all who would hear the Good News: the just live by faith! Noah... and everyone like him who came after... Noah was a just man, he confidently lived right... anchored on what God said.

- ³ If he will argue with Him, he cannot answer Him once in a thousand times / Job says, if you want to struggle, or dispute, or quarrel with God, the odds are against you!
- ⁴ Wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who has defied Him / said a little differently, who has toughened his stiff neck against God and won the argument? In Job 39, the LORD asks: Who has sent out the wild ass free? Or who has loosed the bands of the wild ass?

The LORD who is wise in heart and mighty in strength: who has toughened his stiff-neck against God, and is at peace? / just know, the LORD is an expert able to deal with any wild ass!

God who is mighty in strength...

- ⁵ who removes the mountains, and they know not how; who overturns them in His anger / suddenly, unexpectedly,
- ⁶ who shakes the earth out of its place and its pillars tremble / ragaz; both Isaiah and Joel speak of the Day coming... when the LORD will shake the earth... one more time; same word,
- ⁷ who instructs the sun, and it rises not; and seals up the stars.
- ⁸ who alone spreads out the heavens / this Hebrew word is: natah; meaning to stretch out; to extend like a curtain. When this book of Job was written is uncertain; though it speaks of this historical person... living in Uz; possibly pre-dating Abraham. Twice, the prophet Ezekiel refers to Job along with Noah and Daniel. In the NT, James speaks of the patience of Job. Some scholars have suggested this book of Job is merely a drama. Whether or not that is so, it still begs the question:

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how did Job know the heavens are expanding? Neither you nor I, standing on one another's shoulders... could figure that out in 1,000 years. Only recently, our astronomers were able to observe and roughly theorize the universe expanding. And yet, Job will get a lesson from the LORD in chapter 38 that still baffles our scientists, today,

who alone spreads out the heavens and treads upon the waves of the sea. / So He not only spreads out the starry heavens, but He also walks on water.

⁹ who makes Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south / Dr. Gene Scott points, out this verse clearly attests to understand a story and meaning of the constellations which story must pre-date this earliest book of the Bible. We might ask: how did that happen?

E. Raymond Capt, in his book, **The Glory of the Star**... writes: Pictures speak in all dialects. They speak a universal language, to all people everywhere. Somewhere in the earliest ages of Adam's race the visible stars were named. Certain ones were arranged in groups by someone thoroughly familiar with the laws of astronomy. It is well known that the ancients drew charts of these Zodiacal Signs; ancient astrology was the father of astronomy. Astronomers sometimes denounce the Zodiac as unnatural and confusing, yet they have never been able to brush it aside, or substitute anything better, more convenient in its place. The Signs of the Zodiac are part of the common universal language of astronomical science.

The existence of Zodiacal figures have been traced in all ages and among all nations, with all their features settled from distant periods. Learned antiquarians search every page of mythology, ransacking the legends of poetry and fables to answer: Who framed this system? Investigations of all the religions, science customs and traditions of every nation, have failed to discover who first accurately observed the celestial bodies, and wove them into one great scheme. It is believed characters and objects of the constellations came from Greek and roman mythology, there is evidence of a far greater antiquity.

who does great things past finding out; yes, and wonders without number / who does ? The LORD! But you know, if you'd like to find out about some of these wonders that Job had discovered: then do what a prophet said: Thus says the LORD: Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know -- Jeremiah 33.

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- ¹¹ If He passed by, I would not see Him: If He moved on, I would not perceive Him.
- ¹² Behold, He takes away, who can stop Him? Who will say to Him, What are You doing?
- 13 God does not withdraw His anger, under Him the prideful monsters of the world bow low.
- ¹⁴ How then can I answer Him, and choose my words to reason with Him?
- 15 For though I were right, yet I could not answer, but of my Judge, I would ask His favor.
- ¹⁶ If I had called, and He answered me; yet would I not believe that He listened to my voice.

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¹⁷ For with a tempest He breaks me, and multiplies my wounds without cause.

- ¹⁸ He will not allow me to take a breath, but fills me with bitterness.
- 19 If it is a matter of strength, lo, He is strong: and if of justice, who will assign my day in court?
- ²⁰ If I justify myself, my own mouth will condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it will prove me perverse.
- ²¹ Though I were blameless, yet I do not know my soul: I would despise my life.
- ²² This is all one thing; therefore I say, He destroys the perfect and the wrong.
- ²³ If the scourge kills suddenly, He mocks at the trial of the innocent.
- ²⁴ The earth is given into the hand of the wrong: He blindfolds its judges; if not He, than who?
- ²⁵ Now my days are swifter than a runner: they flee without seeing any good.
- ²⁶ They pass by like the reed ships: like an eagle that swoops down on its prey.
- ²⁷ If I say, I will forget my complaint, leave off my sad face, and smile:
- $^{28}\ I$ am afraid of all my sorrows; I know that You will not hold me innocent.
- ²⁹ If I am guilty, then why should I labor in vain?
- 30 If I wash myself with snow, and cleanse my hands with lye;
- $^{31}\,\mathrm{yet}$ into the pit You will plunge me, and my own clothes will abhor me.
- 32 For He is not a man like me, that I may answer Him, that we may go to court together.
- 33 Nor is there any mediator between us, that might lay his hand on both of us.
- $^{34}\,\mathrm{Let}$ Him remove His rod from me, and let His fear not terrify me:
- 35 then I would speak, and not fear Him; but it is not so within me.

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