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Let me give my initial thoughts for this morning's bulletin. In view of the date we are about the ½ mark in January, and in view of the weather –

Psalm 147:17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before **his cold**?

Let's see where we can go from here.

Job 38:30 The waters are hid as *with* a stone, and the face of the deep is **frozen**.

The context of Job 38 is a series of questions God asks Job because he has settled in on his own integrity. Job was a righteous man and did maintain uprightness in his walk. Job even took the disasters in life without cursing God. Today man curses God (G... d.... this or that) at the slightest provocation). Job wasn't a stoic personality in that he was going to keep 'a stiff upper lip'. He trusted in God but held on to his own righteousness and God was reproving him for that.

- Job 38:3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

There are scientific questions put forth in Job 38 and Job 39 that man in time did find answers for but not all.

It would be a challenge to read and see what you find.

Job 38:22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

The phrase “face of the deep” is found in Genesis 1.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

You know there are places in the Bible that are veiled, as stated in 1st Corinthians “we see through a glass darkly.” Of course the essential things for man's life are clearly presented. The facts of life are – creation, fall of man, judgment, redemption and eternity; with historical elements supporting and examples given of these.

Many things of God are revealed plainly to let man know God is in authority yet some of His attributes are too high for us to comprehend. He is all knowing, He has eternal existence and is holy. He has creative ability to speak things into existence; example – “Let there be light.” “Let there be a firmament ...” the firmament is the starry heaven.

Remember any examples of Jesus simply speaking and someone gets healed or even raised to life.

Job is asked a repeated question as you see below from Job 40

- God might just ask us a similar question in how we lived our lives.

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Job 40:7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

“WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT”

Nu 23:23 Surely *there is* no enchantment against Jacob, neither *is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

Intro. Archaic word (i.e. Old English) – verb in past tense of work

Context in Numbers 23

Usage in Micah 6

- With the Nation of Israel
- In the world of Nature
- To Bring Salvation to Man
- In Your Life

Tonight is up in the air – I would to God it is!

Wed. Bible study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Hazard – Philippines

Sinking times are praying times with the Lord's servants. Peter neglected prayer at starting upon his venturous journey, but when he began to sink his danger made him a suppliant, and his cry though late was not too late. In our hours of bodily pain and mental anguish, we find ourselves as naturally driven to prayer as the wreck is driven upon the shore by the waves. The fox hies to its hole for protection; the bird flies to the wood for shelter; and even so the tried believer hastens to the mercy seat for safety. Heaven's great harbour of refuge is All-prayer; thousands of weather-beaten vessels have found a haven there, and the moment a storm comes on, it is wise for us to make for it with all sail.

Short prayers are long enough. There were but three words in the petition which Peter gasped out, but they were sufficient for his purpose. Not length but strength is desirable. A sense of need is a mighty teacher of brevity. If our prayers had less of the tail feathers of pride and more wing they would be all the better. Verbiage is to devotion as chaff to the wheat. Precious things lie in small compass, and all that is real prayer in many a long address might have been uttered in a petition as short as that of Peter.

Charles Spurgeon – Morning & Evening