

# The Problem with Pain

## A Brief Look at Job: Section 4

### Introduction

If you could stand before God right now and ask him any questions about your life, what would be some questions you'd want to ask him?

### Read Job 38:1-35

1. Job had wanted his "day in court" with God...but it didn't really go as Job had planned. Explain.
2. After everything that Job had gone through, God's words to him here seem a bit harsh. Why do you suppose God chose to speak to Job this way instead of immediately trying to comfort him? Is there anything we can learn from this regarding how we should talk to people who are suffering?

### Job 38-39

3. In this section the Lord talks about an interesting combination of creatures. What point is the Lord making to Job?

### Read Job 40:1-14

4. Agree or Disagree? The main thing God wanted to accomplish here was to humble Job and put him back in his place.

### Read Job 40:15-24, Job 41:1-34

5. What are your best guesses for the identity of:
  - a. Behemoth?
  - b. Leviathan?

## **Read Job 42**

6. What are some things you like about this ending?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Agree or Disagree? When we're suffering, we just have to remember God's going to give us a happy ending to our story just like He did for Job.

## **Conclusion**

8. One of the intriguing questions of this book is: "Why does God allow His faithful followers to suffer?" How would you summarize God's response?

How should we apply that to our own hearts and lives?