

Our Father and Our God

Part 6

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Hello you all, it's November the 23rd of 2023 and this is part 6 of the Our Father and Our God series. In part 5 we finished up all of Job 38. We were examining the capacity or the capability of our Father, the Creator.

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It would seem fitting for us to continue on in Job as our Father, Yehovah, continues on questioning Job. In so doing, the things He points out to Job that, as a Creator, there's a few details that have to be considered, and apparently was wondering if Job had much of a grasp of them.

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We'll get to Job's answer in the course of this study. Job's answer might well be a blue print for how we might answer if ever in a one-on-one conversation with our Father and our Creator, while we are yet in this flesh. So, let's continue on in Job 39 where Yehovah is speaking to Job.

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He says:

¹ "Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young?"

All of that would have to have been programmed so that, you know, the vegetation is right, the time of the rut, everything has to be calculated.

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Or can you mark when the deer gives birth? ²Can you number the months that they fulfill?

You know, there is a certain gestation period that is required for all of the various animals that God has made. Do you know that Job, do you know how that works?

Or do you know the time when they bear young?

We notice up at the lake that once the greenery has been established all of a sudden, we see the fawns with their moms.

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And that is no accident that that is when it occurs.

³They bow down, they bring forth their young, they deliver their offspring. ⁴Their young ones are healthy, they grow strong with grain; they depart and do not return to them.

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Well, compare that to human babies, who are absolutely helpless. All those situations are a product of design. A lot of the animals are born and they have to get up and go, just in the environment that they are in, and it's no accident that they have the capacity to do that.

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⁵Who set the wild donkey free? Who loosed the bonds of the onager, (A type of wild donkey) ⁶whose home I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwelling?

So, God specifically creates creatures to live in places, look at the polar bears, terribly hostile environment, and yet they handle it with ease. That is a function of design and creation by a brilliant mind.

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Going on about the donkey:

⁷He scorns the tumult of the city; he does not heed the shouts of the driver. ⁸The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searches after every green thing.

Well, who even makes the mountains, so that there's green things on there for this beast?

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Well, of course, it's our Creator.

⁹Will the wild ox be willing to serve you? Will he bed by your manger? ¹⁰Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes? Or will he plow the valleys behind you? ¹¹Will you trust him because his strength is great? Or will you leave your labor to him? ¹²Will you trust him to bring home your grain, and gather it to your threshing floor? ¹³The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork's?

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You know, if we looked at birds at all, we can see that construction is dramatically different. Going on, it says:

¹⁴For she leaves (The Ostrich) her eggs on the ground, and warms them in the dust;

Why does she do that? Well, she's programmed to do that.

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¹⁵she forgets that a foot may crush them, or that a wild beast may break them.

¹⁶She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers;

Would God make such a being? Maybe we don't understand Him nearly as well as we think we do, or we would like to think we do.

¹⁶She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers; her labor is in vain, without concern,

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This is very important.

¹⁷because God deprived her of wisdom,

We'll get back to that.

and did not endow her with understanding. ¹⁸When she lifts herself on high, she scorns the horse and its rider. ¹⁹“Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? ²⁰Can you frighten him like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror.

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God is able to put a spirit into an animal so that he behaves a certain way, under certain conditions. Like, can you do that Job?

²¹He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; he gallops into the clash of arms. ²²He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; nor does he turn back from the sword. ²³The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and javelin. ²⁴He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded. ²⁵At the blast of the trumpet he says, ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle from afar, the thunder of captains and shouting.

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Did God not make a very specific creature here, for a specific purpose?

²⁶“Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and spread its wings toward the south?

²⁷Does the eagle mount up at your command, and make its nest on high? ²⁸On the rock it dwells and resides, on the crag of the rock and the stronghold.

²⁹From there it spies out the prey;

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Their eyes are unbelievable, many times more capable than ours for seeing distance.

its eyes observe from afar. ³⁰Its young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there it is."

The whole creation is just stunning in its complexity, and yet our Creator made it all.

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Let's go on, we'll read the first five verses of Job 40.

¹ Moreover Yehovah answered Job, and said: ²"Shall the one who contends with the Almighty

That's the mightiest, I think we covered that. That's God the Father.

correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it." ³Then Job answered Yehovah and said: ⁴"Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. ⁵Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."

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He began to see where the Creator was and where he was, and noticed a rather large gulf in between the two. I mentioned we would go back to verse 17, so, if we go to Job 39:17, we'll just read that again. Speaking of the ostrich, God:

¹⁷ ... deprived her of wisdom, and did not endow her with understanding.

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That gives an interesting visual to me, where God can go to the wisdom shelf and pull off whatever He wants, or understanding shelf, and He can put it into anything He wants to when He wants to, in the amount He wants to.

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Again, why would a perfect God of love build a creature that would treat her young so harshly? We need to think about that. Is it possible we don't understand our God as we think we do? Is the image we formed of God in our mind true to the reality, or not?

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When we see a bit of how God creates; that He can add or subtract anything He wants to, to anything He brings into existence, pieces begin to fall into place. And that is a consistent thing in the record.

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Let's go to I Kings 3, we're dealing with Solomon. I Kings 3 and we are going to read verses 5 – 13. I Kings 3, verses 5 – 13.

⁵At Gibeon Yehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask!

So, here we have Yehovah and God, the same, the One True God.

"Ask! What shall I give you?" ⁶And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. ⁷Now, O Yehovah my God,

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So, Solomon's God was Yehovah. Again, Christ's God was Yehovah. You can go through the scriptures from one end to the other; when it talks about somebody having a God, it is always God the Father.

⁷Now, O Yehovah my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

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And we touched on that, it is not in man to direct his steps. God did not make us that way. We need to go to God for capability. And Solomon realized it.

⁸And Your servant is in the midst of Your people

So, he understood he was a servant to Yehovah.

in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹Therefore give to Your servant

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He didn't have that.

an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

He had to go to God, go to Yehovah, for the things he needed to fulfill his role as a king.

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¹⁰The speech pleased Yehovah, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹Then God said to him:

So, again you see that God and Yehovah are used interchangeably.

“Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, ¹²behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

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So, Solomon went to the Father and the Father was able to pull off wisdom and understanding and put it into Solomon. So, now we can see that bit about the ostrich; He didn't give her wisdom and understanding. And here He chose to give it to Solomon.

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Christ said, our Father knows how to give good gifts. And here we see in Solomon's example, where in fact, good gifts were poured out. Quite a few things in that particular passage, and it comes from Him.

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Notice in Matthew 7:11, Christ Himself said:

¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven

Our Father and our God are one and the same.

who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

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We see something similar in Luke 11. Luke 11 and verse 13. I'll just take a quick look there, where it's even more specific. Luke 11 and verse 13

¹³If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father (Our God) give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

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And so, that is something we should all be doing, is asking God to give us more of His Holy Spirit so that we can have more understanding and more wisdom and take on the mind of God in ways that possibly, we haven't yet begun to do.

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There's also a message in James 1:17 that will clarify this and really put an accent on it. It says:

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

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Well, how would Christ be able to say that the Father is capable of giving good gifts? How would He know that? Well, let's go to John 5; John 5, and we will look at verses 25 – 27. Christ speaking, He said:

²⁵Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God;

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So, He wasn't shy about saying who He was.

and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

A gift from the Father to His Son.

²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

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So, Christ knew that good gifts come from His Father. Ah, we can go on, another example of that in John 11, we'll read verses 1 – 4.

¹ Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Master, behold, he whom You love is sick." ⁴When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God

Again, Christ referring to Himself as the Son of God.

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may be glorified through it.”

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So, we have a gift being poured out here by the Father, to His glory and to His Son's glory. And, quite frankly, I just never saw it before. Let's go to verses 14 and 15.

¹⁴Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless, let us go to him.”

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Going down to verse 21

²¹Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

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So, she had some understanding of what the program was.

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

And keep in mind, this is in the context of verse 4.

⁴... “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

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So, God the Father allowed Lazarus to die so that this event we read about here can actually happen.

(Verse 27)

²⁷She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God who is to come into the world.”

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So if we go down to verse 40 – 42, and Christ again, referring back to what this whole situation was about.

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⁴⁰... “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” ⁴³Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” ⁴⁴And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

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So, through this activity, this event that occurred, the Son of God was glorified before the Father. And of course, the Father would be glorified as well in the glory of His Son. Is that a good gift that was provided? I believe that it was.

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Solomon asked and God gave. Notice, he did not have these gifts until he asked. And he knew he was incapable of ruling God's people without help. If we, as part of the ecclesia, want understanding, could it hurt to ask?

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Do you suppose that there is an outside chance, now that we are beginning to understand how our Creator functions, that the Father will give the gifts necessary to rule over five or over ten cities? Someone I was talking to said, “How on earth could we possibly do that? I couldn't do that.” And as we saw in Solomon's example, it is going to be given to the ecclesia to do that.

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The Father can put data, wisdom, understanding, and knowledge into us, exactly as He did with Solomon. The kingdom of God will be set up and administered by competency, not by some kind of gong show. When God does indeed give gifts, what does He exactly expect us to do with them?

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Well, we find a pretty good example of that in Matthew 25, verses 14 – 30. Christ speaking, He said:

¹⁴“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

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Does the Creator create different people with different talents and different abilities? Of course, He does. He likes variety and He creates variety, and what does He expect us to do when gifts are given?

¹⁶Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. ¹⁸But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰“So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ ²¹His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

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He's going to be given the capacity to do that.

²²He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

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When God gives us gifts and talents and abilities, they must be used, as we'll see here shortly.

²⁴“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ ²⁶“But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant,

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So, if we do not use the gifts and talents and abilities that we have been given by God, ah, there is a fairly strong condemnation here, as in “wicked and lazy.”

you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

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Because He knows something will be done with it.

²⁹ *'For to everyone who has, more will be given,*

We understand now the mechanism of how that actually occurs.

and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

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And here's the kicker, this is not going to end well.

³⁰ *'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

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We see a similar account in Luke 19; Luke 19, and we are going to read verses 12 – 27.

¹² *Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.*

This is Luke 19, verse 12.

¹³ *So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them,*

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So, everybody got a mina.

'Do business till I come.'

Like, get busy.

¹⁴ *But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'*

Gives them their mina and says, get busy. Ah, nah, we don't like that action.

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¹⁵ *"And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. ¹⁶Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'* ¹⁷ *And he said to*

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him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

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Along with that assignment comes the capability of doing it, because God knows that capability will be used, instead of hid in a box.

¹⁸And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.'

¹⁹Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'²⁰"Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.

²¹For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.

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He would not be ruled over.

'²²And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. ²³Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' ²⁴"And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'

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Same principle, you give it to one who has made it grow to 10, if you give him another one, he might make another 10, or will.

²⁵(But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') *²⁶'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ²⁷But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.'"*

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The outcome of not using the abilities our Father has given His children is pretty clear and it's not good for one's health or longevity. There will be no gold bricks in God's family. Christ taught that whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might. That's actually quoted in Ecclesiastics 9:10. He wasn't joking.

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He also said in John 5:17; John 5:17.

¹⁷... "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

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And Paul picked up on exactly the same theme in Romans 12; Romans 12, verses 3 – 8. Ah, I just want to clarify that too, Ecclesiastics 9:10, of course, is in the Old Testament, but the principle of doing whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, was certainly exemplified by Christ's example when He came at the behest of the Father. That is a principle we all need to incorporate and make sure our talents are being used.

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In Romans 12 Paul talked about this. He said:

³For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think,

You know, the gift package and abilities we all have, is strictly because God gave them to us and they are different than the next fellows, and we need to appreciate that.

but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

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Exactly like we saw in Job; God hands out what He wants.

⁴For as we have many members in one body, (The Body of Christ) but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

We don't all have the same function.

⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

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Those gifts are easily recognizable in people, I do have a copy of a gifts test where you can check that out, there's nothing wrong with finding out your gifts, if it would be used in service to God and glorify Him with the capacities and abilities He has given you. There's nothing wrong with that, God as Creator doesn't want all His kids to be the same. We're different, we are unique. But all of us contain specific attributes of our Father who gives them out as He sees fit.

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To understand this is to understand to some degree how our Father thinks and how He creates. All of these varying abilities are then molded into the Body of Christ, fulfilling various roles. The structure of a lot of the world's churches, and the churches of God are no different, are modeled exactly after Rome, stand in the way of the development of these talents and gifts in the body of Christ.

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There is a real division between ministry and the laity, and the roles are rigidly enforced in many cases, and a lot of the stifling of the natural gifts that God has provided are stifled by that. This should not surprise us.

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As the parable of the minas and talents point out, the failure to use what God has gifted us with doesn't work out really well in the end. It is little wonder as well, that Satan has inspired his system of welfare mentality in our nations, where milking the system has replaced using one's gifts and talents in a meaningful way and leaving them underutilized and not developed to the degree that they should be. Again, this should not surprise us that we see a system set up that would seek to stifle personal development and use of the gifts that we have been given.

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If we go on, back into the book of Job. Sorry for that little departure, but I think it was worth taking a look at. Let's go on and we'll read some of Job 40, verse 6.

⁶Then Yehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: ⁷“Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me: ⁸“Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?

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Well, that is a very, very interesting question because we know, specifically, what happened to Job. Can you imagine what's going on in God's mind? Because He knew what had happened to Job, and what's going on in Job's mind, because we get a pretty solid look at what happened.

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Well, let's go back to Job 1; Job 1 and let's take a look at verses 8 – 21.

⁸Then Yehovah (That's our God and Father.) said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God

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Again, we notice the same thing, God and Yehovah, same thing.

and shuns evil?”⁹ So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

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So, does Satan seek to inject a hostile attitude in mankind, generally, towards God? Of course, he does. It almost seems to be job one.

¹²And Yehovah said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.” So, Satan went out from the presence of Yehovah.

God turned Job’s circumstance over to Satan, with limitations, of course. Is that the same God that you and I recognize, or do we have a different view of that? But this is what the true God did.

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¹³Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house; ¹⁴and a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵when the Sabeans raided them and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

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You know, we looked at God’s capability, let’s look at Satan’s. Can he stir up the spirit of people to do his bidding? Sure can! And I think we have underestimated him tremendously.

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

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So, does Satan have the capacity to cause fire to fall from heaven and torch things? Sure does!

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

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Here we see Satan again, the prince of the power of the air, has the capability to shape thoughts. And we need to be very vigilant about the thoughts that come into our minds.

¹⁸While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁹and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

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And Yehovah allowed this to happen. Does Satan have the capacity to control the weather and have the weather act on his behalf. Sure does!

²⁰Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

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Would that have been your and my reaction?

²¹And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. Yehovah gave, and Yehovah has taken away; blessed be the name of Yehovah."

Would that have been your reaction?

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Have we stopped to consider Satan's capacity and the fact that God allowed him to use that. Really? Would that have been your and my analysis of the situation? With the image of God we all have in our minds, and we all do, match up with this God that allowed this?

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But it gets worse. Job 2:1-10.

¹ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yehovah, and Satan came also among them to present himself before Yehovah. ²And Yehovah said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and from on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

And for those that feel that Yehovah is Christ, well plug that in and see how that fits the image of Christ you may have in your own mind.

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³Then Yehovah said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."

Would God allow that to happen?

⁴So Satan answered Yehovah and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

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Is Satan all about bringing hatred towards God?

⁶And Yehovah said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life."

How does that sit?

⁷So Satan went out from the presence of Yehovah, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes. ⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" ¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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That's quite a trial. And it's interesting to consider, if Satan could strike Job with boils, is it not possible for him to remove the source, the cause, of those boils? Something to think about. If we return to Job 40, verse 8; Job 40, verse 8, we might be able to see a bit, where Job's mind and God's mind were at this very time. You know, considering what he had been through and what God had allowed to happen.

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God was removing things from Job; He was proving him, He used Satan to do that, in a most horrific of conditions. We need to think about some of those things. Could you imagine what was rolling around in their minds? Both of them.

⁸"Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?"

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How many of us would have condemned God for allowing this to happen? Would we have trusted that God allowed it to happen, so that we might be prepared for eternal life in a mortal existence? Would that have been the first thing that popped into any of our minds? Doubt it would have been for me.

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⁹Have you an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like His? ¹⁰Then adorn yourself with majesty and splendor, and array yourself with glory and beauty.

Can you?

¹¹Disperse the rage of your wrath; look on everyone who is proud, and humble him. ¹²Look on everyone who is proud, and bring him low;

Can you do that? Can you,

tread down the wicked in their place. ¹³Hide them in the dust together, bind their faces in hidden darkness.

If you can do all that.

¹⁴Then I will also confess to you that your own right hand can save you.

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And you know, it's interesting, if we go to Isaiah 2, where we can read, this is exactly what is going to occur. God talks about, can you do this? Can you humble people, can you tread them down? And what's fascinating to me, if you go to Isaiah 2, it says, and we were taught that this is Christ, it is not Christ.

²Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of Yehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains,

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The kingdom of God will be set up.

and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. ³Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yehovah from Jerusalem.

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And this has been read at the feast for years.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

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Do this sound a whole bunch like making the enemies of Christ His footstool to you?

⁵ O house of Jacob,

You know, we've read the first four verses, but maybe you should have read the rest of it.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Yehovah. ⁶ For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled with eastern ways; they are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they are pleased with the children of foreigners. ⁷ Their land is also full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; their land is also full of horses, and there is no end to their chariots. ⁸ Their land is also full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. ⁹ People bow down, and each man humbles himself; therefore, do not forgive them.

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Is this, all of a sudden, start to sound like the condition of Zephaniah 1 and Micah 1 that the Father is coming down to make a technical adjustment to?

¹⁰ Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from the terror of Yehovah and the glory of His majesty. ¹¹ The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and Yehovah alone (Our God) shall be exalted in that day. ¹² For the day of Yehovah of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty, upon everything lifted up—and it shall be brought low—

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So, the very thing God was talking about with Job is going to happen.

¹³ upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan; ¹⁴ upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up; ¹⁵ upon every high tower, and upon every fortified wall; ¹⁶ upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all the beautiful sloops. ¹⁷ The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; Yehovah alone will be exalted in that day, ¹⁸ but the idols He shall utterly abolish. ¹⁹ They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the

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terror of Yehovah and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily. ²⁰In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which they made, each for himself to worship, to the moles and bats, ²¹to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of Yehovah and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily. ²²Sever yourselves from such a man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for of what account is he?

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This is the God that Job was being pointed towards. When we read the entire chapter, we see the “Day of the Lord”, as is the heading in my bible. Do you see where it just doesn’t fit what we might have understood in the past?

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Does Isaiah 2 not describe the Father setting up the kingdom and making Christ’s enemies His footstool? How does inserting Christ for Yehovah now look to you? Which Being fits best here? It is up to the ecclesia to decide.

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If we go back to Job; we’ll go to Job 40:15. We’re kind of running out of time here, so I may have to terminate this a little sooner than I wanted to. Ah, looks like there is going to have to be a part seven.

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Ah, Job 40:15, it says:

¹⁵“Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you;

Well, these are both beings, they come from God the Father, He is the Creator, and He is pointing that out to Job, that He is the Creator of both.

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If we go to Isaiah 42, where we’ll read verse 5.

⁵Thus says God (Yehovah), who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it:

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So, whether you’re a behemoth or a human being, you are made by God. We see the same thing in Numbers 16:22. I’ll Just read that from the New Living translation.

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²²Moses and Aaron fell on their face to the ground. Oh, God they pleaded. You are the God who gives breath to all creatures.

So, they certainly knew of that. Can those who live, rightfully say they have come from Yehovah, the Creator of all life? You know, if God pulls back His breath and His Spirit, we just return to dust. So, have we, in that sense, come forth from the Father? Yes, I don't think there's any confusion with that.

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And now we can understand a bit more clearly, when Christ said he came forth from God, because we literally came forth from God as well. In John 8:42 Christ said:

⁴²... "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God

Well, that's fairly clear. All life comes from the one God, the Creator, including His first-born Son. And just as an exercise, because I am out of time here, please read Isaiah 53. It's a perfect example of where a lot of attention was paid to Christ, but there wasn't any attention paid to the author of Isaiah 53, Yehovah.

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And in Isaiah 53 you can clearly see Yehovah, the Father, and the Son. And you can see in there how non-sensical it is to actually think that Yehovah in Isaiah 53 is Christ. God created a righteous servant, not made corruptible, such that the pathway for the corrupted, you and I, would be opened to the incorruptible existence of the Elohim.

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Can we begin to see how the Creator has been hidden. On to part 7.