
OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH IN THE FACE OF CRISIS & CHAOS
Part 1: Job 42:1-6

“Even God has a hard time keeping chaos in check!” Those were the words of Jewish Rabbi Harold Kushner as he reflected on the suffering, evil and injustice in the world. Rabbi Kushner’s words represent the sentiments of countless people nowadays as they question and undermine the power and ability of God to govern this world with righteousness, justice, goodness and peace. In a world afflicted with suffering, disease, viral pandemic, violence, chaos, oppression, corruption, and exploitation, people arrogantly put God on trial and ask, *“Does God really have the power to control the terrifying evil, suffering and injustice in this world?”* As we reflect on Job’s confession and repentance, we will be encouraged to know that a genuine believer confesses his unwavering faith in God in the face of tremendous crisis, chaos and evil. Let God’s Word through Job encourage your heart today with these confessions about the glorious attributes of God.

1. Since God is all powerful and perfectly just, we gladly _____

In voicing out his perceived unfair dealings of God with him, Job had gone too far. He called into question both the power and the justice of God and even condemned God to prove that he was right in all his charges against the Lord (Job 30:20-21; 40:8-14). In response, God challenged Job to prove if Job really had the power to humble the proud and to judge the wicked. In Job 40:15 to chapter 41:34, God pressed Job further to examine himself if he indeed had the power to control, subdue and conquer evil. The LORD asked Job to consider two creatures that were both untamable and formidable: the Behemoth on the land and the Leviathan in the sea. These beasts were real actual creatures which were used by God to symbolize the fierce, ferocious and real supernatural evil that is at work in this world (Isaiah 27:1; Psalm 74:12-14)

In using the figures of the Behemoth and Leviathan, God is making the point to Job that there is this fierce, ferocious and terrifying evil that assaults and opposes him. And Job is utterly powerless to control, stop and subdue this evil. The LORD reminds Job that though he could not take on the problem of evil, suffering and death, God can! Hence, Job humbly confesses that God is our almighty and all sovereign God who alone has the power to control, restrain and subdue evil, suffering, and death (Job 40:1-2). God indeed can do all things. He not merely permits and restrains evil. He even controls it and overrule it for His righteous and good purposes (Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 46:9-10; Psalm 84:11).
