Job – Part 11

The LORD speaks out of the whirlwind

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a thought-provoking series of studies on the book of Job. Our topic today: The LORD speaks out of the whirlwind

Scripture Song: I would have lost heart (Ps. 27:13-14)

1) Finally the LORD speaks
   a) Job has put up with a lot of talking, especially from Elihu who was by his own admission "full of words". Finally, in Job 38, the LORD speaks.
   b) Have you ever experienced the silence of God? How did you deal with your time of waiting?
   c) Job 38:1 – why does the LORD speak out of the whirlwind?
   d) How does this divine revelation differ from other occasions where the LORD spoke directly to human beings?
      i) Genesis 32:24-30
      ii) 1 Kings 19:11-12
      iii) Matthew 1:18-25
   e) What lesson can we learn from the LORD speaking directly to Job, and later to his "comforters"?
   f) Is God still able to speak to us today? What is the most common way He reveals Himself to us?
2) God asks Job some questions
   a) Job 38:1-7 – why does the LORD ask questions even when He already knows the answers?
   b) What important truth does the LORD want to teach Job and each one of us today? (see Isaiah 55:8-11)
   c) What other stories are recorded in the Scriptures where the LORD asked a question in order to get the attention of His hearers? 1 Kings 19:13; Acts 9:4
   d) What question might the LORD ask you if He spoke directly to you today?
3) Job repents
   a) Job 40:3-5
   b) Job 42:1-6
   c) Compare Job's response with that of the following Bible characters:
      i) Isaiah 6:1-5 - Isaiah
      ii) Luke 5:1-8 – Simon Peter
   d) Job's repentance is not a confirmation of the accusations of his "comforters". Why is Job repenting?
   e) Our perception of the greatness and holiness of God is so limited. How can we get a clearer revelation of the One before whom the angels cry "Holy, holy, holy"?
   f) What are some of your previously held misconceptions about God?
   g) What assurance do we have that the LORD will not reject us or abandon us in spite of our past faults?
      i) 2 Peter 3:9
      ii) 1 John 1:9
      iii) Romans 10:13