

“BRACE YOURSELF LIKE A MAN...”

FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH

Job 38:4-11 NLT “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. ⁽⁵⁾ Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? ⁽⁶⁾ What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone ⁽⁷⁾ as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁽⁸⁾ Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, ⁽⁹⁾ and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness? ⁽¹⁰⁾ For I locked it behind barred gates, limiting its shores. ⁽¹¹⁾ I said, ‘This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!’”

GOD IS FIRST

Psalms 90:2 NLT Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.

Isaiah 40:25-26 NLT “To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?” asks the Holy One. ⁽²⁶⁾ Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.

Psalms 33:6-9 NLT The LORD merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. ⁽⁷⁾ He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs. ⁽⁸⁾ Let the whole world fear the LORD, and let everyone stand in awe of him. ⁽⁹⁾ For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command.

GOD IS BIGGER

Psalms 147:4-5 NLT He counts the stars and calls them all by name. ⁽⁵⁾ How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!

Romans 1:19-20 NLT They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. ⁽²⁰⁾ For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Romans 1:21-23 NLT Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. ⁽²²⁾ Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. ⁽²³⁾ And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Why do you think God wants us to see how small we are?
2. Why does God make a comparison between Him and us?
3. What will it take for you to become a fully committed follower of Christ?

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE:

1. Commit to doing a pride check on yourself.
2. Pray for God to reveal Himself to you.

