

“BRACE YOURSELF LIKE A MAN...”

BEHEMOTH

JOB 40:15-19 NLT “Take a look at Behemoth, which I made, just as I made you. It eats grass like an ox. ⁽¹⁶⁾ See its powerful loins and the muscles of its belly. ⁽¹⁷⁾ Its tail is as strong as a cedar. The sinews of its thighs are knit tightly together. ⁽¹⁸⁾ Its bones are tubes of bronze. Its limbs are bars of iron. ⁽¹⁹⁾ It is a prime example of God’s handiwork, and only its Creator can threaten it.

LEVIATHAN

JOB 41:8-11 NLT If you lay a hand on it, you will certainly remember the battle that follows. You won’t try that again! ⁽⁹⁾ No, it is useless to try to capture it. The hunter who attempts it will be knocked down. ⁽¹⁰⁾ And since no one dares to disturb it, who then can stand up to me? ⁽¹¹⁾ Who has given me anything that I need to pay back? Everything under heaven is mine.

ISAIAH 27:1 NLT In that day the LORD will take his terrible, swift sword and punish Leviathan, the swiftly moving serpent, the coiling, writhing serpent. He will kill the dragon of the sea.

PSALMS 74:13-14 NLT You split the sea by your strength and smashed the heads of the sea monsters. ⁽¹⁴⁾ You crushed the heads of Leviathan and let the desert animals eat him.

GOD WHO PROTECTS

2 SAMUEL 22:3 NLT ...my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. He is my refuge, my savior, the one who saves me from violence.

2 SAMUEL 22:31 NLT God’s way is perfect. All the LORD’s promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

PSALMS 71:7 NLT My life is an example to many, because you have been my strength and protection.

MATTHEW 10:28-31 NLT “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ⁽²⁹⁾ What is the price of two sparrows— one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. ⁽³⁰⁾ And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. ⁽³¹⁾ So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. How do you protect yourself?
2. Share a moment when you were protected miraculously?
3. How have you experienced God’s relief of your fear?

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE:

1. Memorize: **1 JOHN 4:18 NLT** Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.
2. Pray for God’s divine protection.

