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Wow. What a great start to our new series, Unstoppable God. I loved this statement ~ We are PRO Bible... We are PRO science... We are NOT pro any hypothesis that goes against the Bible or true science. True science will always support the truth of the Bible. After all, God is the author of science... and He graciously reveals His truth to people who have brains much smarter than mine. I loved the statement by the scientist Johannes Kepler... "It benefits us to be thoughtful, not of the glory of our minds, but rather, above all else, of the glory of God." I pray this series will help you and me grow deeper in our understanding and desire to lift high the name of Jesus.

Blessings, Jonna

Job 38:1-7, Hebrews 11:1-3

In the beginning, God created. The Hebrew word for God in Genesis 1:1 is Elohim... meaning that He is the all powerful God who brought something from nothing with His spoken word. Truly, for any man to think our finite minds can define the infinite apart from our Creator God would be pretty arrogant and ultimately... ignorant. When Einstein, one of the greatest minds in our history, took his stand on a hypothesis that the earth was eternal in itself and not created, in time he had to face the proven truth that brought him to the conclusion, "I was wrong." Any hypothesis that starts with the premise that God does not exist will ultimately be proven wrong.

In the book of Job, the finite ignorance of man is clearly exposed when God speaks. For 37 chapters, God listened as men tried to explain His mind and His plan to Job who had been suffering excruciating emotional, mental, and physical pain. For 37 chapters, Job's friends accused him of guilt when God Himself said that Job was a faithful man who followed God's heart. For 37 chapters, God was patient. He heard. And then in chapter 38, He answered.

Job 38:1-7 ~ Where did God start with Job and his friends after hearing complaints and

accusations for who knows how long? He started with, "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?" Who questions God with ignorance? Ummm... I do... often. I think I know what's best and right and I question God. But my questions don't change reality, just as all Job's questions and his friends accusations did not change the reality of who God is.

God said, "Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to Me." Right there I would be like, "Ummm... never mind, God. You had me at hello. I'll stop talking."

But God continued, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" Well, actually... I wasn't there. No human was. I can hypothesize and pontificate, but ultimately... the one who was there has the final say. He wasn't just there; He was the one doing the work. God is Lord over science. Science is the observation of the details of how God's work. And we only know as much of the details as God decides to reveal at any point in time.

God created the world in wisdom. He knew what it needed at its foundation. He knew its perfect measurements. He knew every detail. And when He created the world, the morning stars sang, and the angels shouted for joy. It had to be magnificent. It had to be filled with celebration.

I think it's very interesting that the way God stopped Job and his friends from continuing to argue about who He is and what He's like, was by explaining His power and wisdom from creation... the beginning of time. Mere men were trying to define God and He opened the conversation by pointing out what only He could do. Though no man was able to even see Him put it into motion, the effects of His power are still perfectly holding in place today! The fact that God created MUST be accepted as a foundational truth that points to His divine nature and His eternal power. To throw that out is to call Him a liar.

The fact that God is Creator starts with faith. All concepts of the unseen and unknown are based in faith. God's revelation is not accepted by blind faith, but by humble observation... allowing the temporal seen to point to the eternal unseen.

Who can answer the question, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth" by saying, "I was there"? No one! When Job was responded to God after He explained details of how He created this world and all that is in it, he said, "I am small." Me too, Job. If the God who created everything, who sovereignly allows things to happen and uses even the difficult things to work for my good, then I can trust Him. I can know that I'm safe with Him. I can know that He's wise and that He cares. I can humbly bow to His authority because I know He's a good God. So much hope and faith stem from knowing and believing that He "laid the foundations of the earth and stretched out the heavens."

Hebrews 11:1-3 \sim I have to put faith in whatever stand I take on the origin of this world, whether I'm putting my faith in God or in some other explanation of creation. No explanation can be proven by man, so ALL explanations require faith. So what IS faith? "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Faith in the unseen,

unchanging God is the only faith that is anchored in something solid. I can't see God, and yet I can put my hope, my absolute certainty, in the object of my faith because He has displayed the unseen attributes in His seen creation. Through creation God reveals truth and He assures me that I'm putting my hope in something real. Faith is confidence and conviction.

Faith in the hypotheses of man cannot be anchored in absolute certainty because no man has all the facts. The changing revelation of man's hypotheses proves to me that I have to put my faith in something more constant. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He calls Himself "YAHWEH..." which means, "I AM." No matter what time in history that I look to God the truth remains the same... He is I AM. He is never I was.

The whole rest of this chapter in Hebrews, called the Hall of Faith, tells me all the things people trusted about the Lord... who were commended for their faith so that He even blessed them for trusting Him. What is the FIRST thing the author speaks to about faith? "By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." Faith is the assurance of things hoped for... the universe was created by the word of God who promises to give us an eternal future with Him. Faith is the conviction of things not seen... that the invisible God made the universe by the word of His power. In fact, Hebrews 1:3 says that "He holds the universe together by the word of His power." Wow! That's a lot of power. He spoke the world into existence, and He holds it together with His word. That is the same God who left His throne in heaven and became a man... who set down His crown in heaven and wore a crown of thorns... so that I, His creation, could be redeemed and reconciled with Him.

Ultimately... isn't the fact of God's eternal power in creation the start of what I need to know about God? Isn't this what Job needed to know? His eternal power and divine creation are filled with purpose, security, hope, assurance. Isn't it a good thing that I can't put God in a box? I can't define Him. I am not the center. He is the center, and He acts with all power, all holiness, all wisdom, all love. He is sovereign over creation.

What do I do with this? Trust Him... trust EVERYTHING He says. If any of it is not true, none of it is true. But it IS true. So everything He says can be trusted. Yes... His power can be trusted. Yes... His love can be trusted. Yes... His plan can be trusted. Yes... His wisdom can be trusted. O Lord, I want to put all my confidence in ALL You are. I want to be absolutely convinced of Your power, Your wisdom, and Your care... that You would make this world with such intimate attention... and that You WANT me to know You personally. You deserve my worship. By Your strength, I won't give it to anyone else.