

He said to Job "How can you claim to be innocent and yet say that God is persecuting you without cause?"

As Elihu continued his speech,
suddenly the voice of God himself was heard.

God asked Job "Have you ever given orders to the morning for day to begin?

Have you ever arranged the stars in the sky?

Was it you who gave all the animals their various powers?
Who do you think you are?"

Dear God, when we are confronted by the mystery
of suffering and evil, please help us realize that
these things do not come from you

Chapters 40 – 42

Job said to God : "My words have been frivolous.
I will not say anything else."

God then reminded Job how God was creator of everything,
including amazing animals like the hippo and crocodile.

Job then said to God : "I know you are all-powerful.
I have been speaking about things I don't fully understand.
I retract all I have said and in dust and ashes I repent."

God then praised Job for his fidelity.
God restored Job to good health.

God restored Job's possessions, more than he had before:
10 more children and thousands of animals.
Job lived to be 140 years old and died full of peace.

Dear God, you never really answered Job's questions
about the mystery of evil and suffering
...but I know your Son Jesus gave us the answers