**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 109**

**D. The Dialogue of Eliphaz and Job (**[**4:1-7:21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job4%3A1-7%3A21&version=NRSV)**)**

**E. The Dialogue of Bildad and Job (**[**8:1-10:22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job8%3A1-10%3A22&version=NRSV)**)**

**F. The Dialogue of Zophar (**[**11:1-14:22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job11%3A1-14%3A22&version=NRSV)**)**

**F.’ The Monologue of the LORD (**[**40:1-2**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job40%3A1-2&version=NRSV)**)**

**E.’ The Monologue of Job (**[**40:3-5**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job40%3A3-5&version=NRSV)**)
 D.’ The Monologue of the LORD (**[**40:6-41:26**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job40%3A6-41%3A26&version=NRSV)**)**

**PREMISE: The LORD intensified His focus upon the heart of Job which was full of pride and who put himself on the same level as God. Our pride exalts us to the level that we think we can criticize God since we are experts in criticizing His creation! How are you doing in ruling your “world”? Is your kingdom under control?**

**D.’ The Monologue of the LORD (**[**40:6-41:26**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job40%3A6-41%3A26&version=NRSV)**) > vv. 6-14**

**1. The Divine Challenge (vv. 6-10)**

 ***a. The Presence of LORD (v. 6)*** > the *“whirlwind”* (*sa’ar* [24x]) > see Job 38:1; Ezk. 1:4

***b. The Provocation of the LORD (vv. 7-10)***

1) The Preparation for Job (v. 7) > Job 38:3 > I Pet. 1:13 (*“gird up”*)

2) The Pretensions of Job (vv. 8-10)

 a) About Judgment (v. 8a) > Job 19:6-7; 27:2

 b) About Righteousness (v. 8b) > Job 13:18; 27:6

 c) About Power (v. 9) > Job 37:5

 d) About Glory (v. 10) > “clothe thyself with divine attributes?” > Pss. 45:3; 93:1; 96:6

**2. The Divine Condemnation (vv. 11-13)** > **Job’s pride**: his person, possessions, progeny, & performance! Are you the greatest person with the best objects, family, life style or service??

(*“cast,” “look,” “hide”* > imperatives or commands)!

***a. Can Job Criticize the Proud (v. 11)*** > *“Proud”* > *ge’eh* (9x) > abase or pull down? Perpetual critics constantly pull people down to their level because they are insecure egotists! > Rom. 14:10-13!

***b. Can Job Castigate the Proud (v. 12)>*** Can you right all the wrongs among the proud in your vast wisdom and self-righteousness? >I Sam. 2:7; Isa. 63:3

***c. Can Job Conceal the Proud (v. 13)>*** Can you eliminate, bury, or hide all the proud ones (of course more proud than you) in the dust, or put blindfold over their eyes before you execute them?

**1.’ The Divine Confession (v. 14)**

***a. The “Praise” of Jehovah (v. 14a)>*** *“confess”* > *yadah >* Pss. 7:17; Ps. 98:1; 145:10

***b. The “Power” of Job (v. 14b)*** > Pss. 44:3; 60:5; 108:6; 109:31; 138:7

**CONCLUSION: The LORD was BRUTAL to Job who was proud about his *Person* (righteous and upright behaviour reduced to dust), his *Possessions* (his wealth was gone in a moment), his *Progeny* (godly children gone in a moment), his *Performance* (godly behaviour gone in moment)! Does this apply to us?**