

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Job 38:1–18

Sermon Title: Images of God - Builder

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Job 38:1–18 (NLT)

- 1** Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind:
- 2** “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words?
- 3** Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.
- 4** “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!’
- 12** “Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east?
- 13** Have you made daylight spread to the ends of the earth, to bring an end to the night’s wickedness?
- 14** As the light approaches, the earth takes shape like clay pressed beneath a seal; it is robed in brilliant colors.
- 15** The light disturbs the wicked and stops the arm that is raised in violence.
- 16** “Have you explored the springs from which the seas come? Have you explored their depths?
- 17** Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom?
- 18** Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know!

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. God is the builder of the galaxies, the earth, and every one of us. We usually call Him the Creator. What images come to your mind when you hear the expression of God as Master Builder or Creator? How do these images help you to relate to God at a personal level?**

- 2. The second point of the sermon reminds us that God is our Protector. We can ask and trust God for His protection of all that concerns us. We can also ask and trust God for His favour to bless and increase us. What are your thoughts on asking God for protection and favour? Are there right and wrong ways in asking for protection and favour from God?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **In the Book of Job we see God confronting Job and his friends for their limited knowledge and understanding and for darkening God's counsel. How can we prevent ourselves from making the same mistake? Discuss this.**

2. **At the end of the book of Job, prayer and forgiveness was the order of the day. Share a time when prayer and forgiveness was also your order of the day, when the Holy Spirit led you into a time of prayer and to release forgiveness to someone (or to receive forgiveness for yourself).**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to understand the need to forgive those who have hurt us and to have the humility to go to God in prayer to also receive forgiveness for ourselves.

- Pray for our life groups and our church members to know the Holy Spirit and God's Word well and to walk closely with the Lord so as to enjoy His favour and protection daily.