

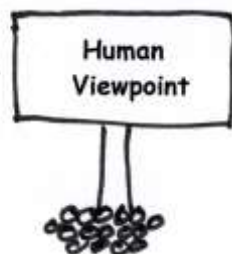
# Job's Faith

Part 7

## God Continues to Respond to Job

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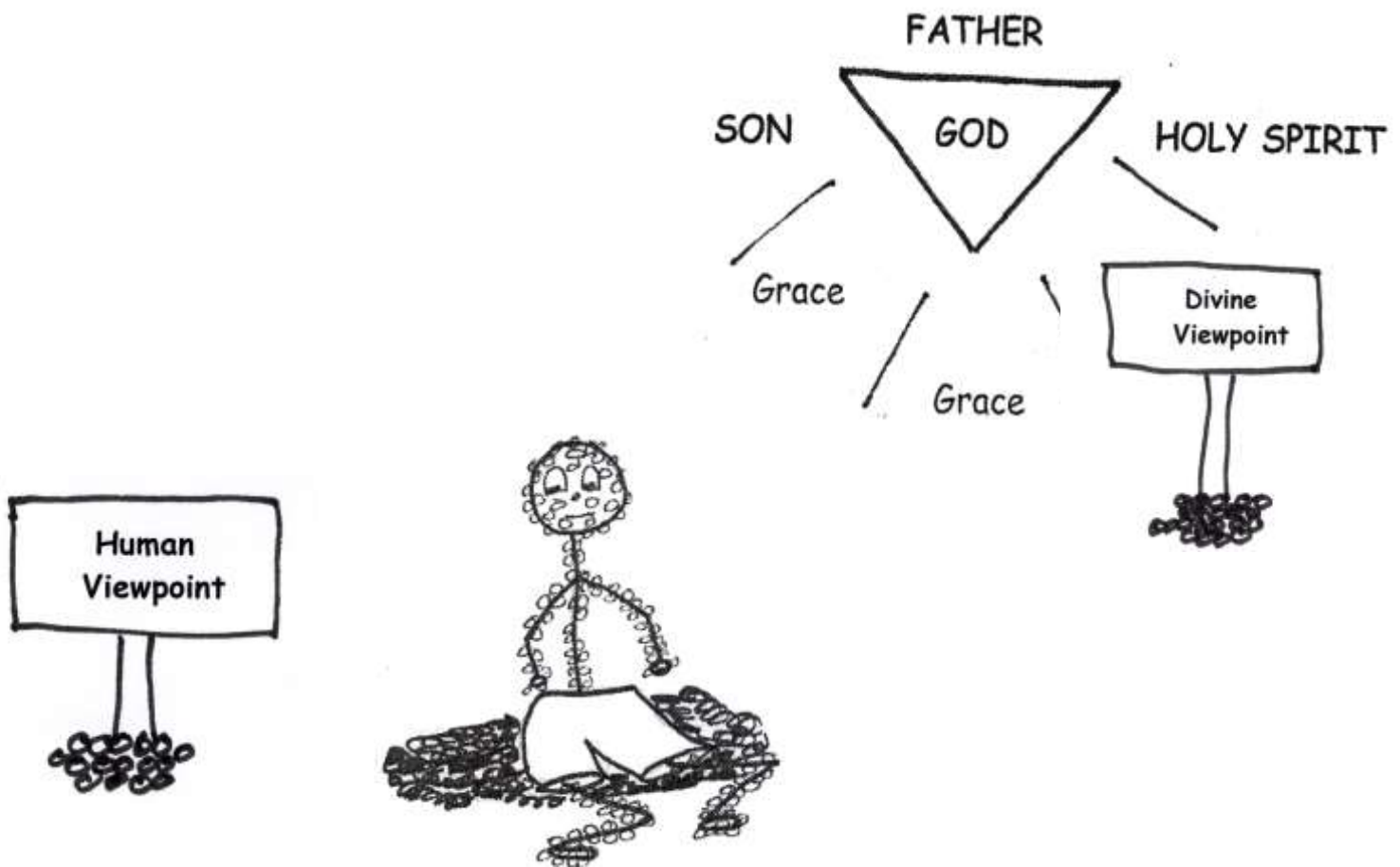
At the beginning of the book of Job, Job was upright and blameless turning away from evil. He kept this divine viewpoint through the losses of his livestock, children, servants and health. He had a great humble, mental attitude. Then, after his friends had been with him for awhile, he had a change of attitude for the worse. He tried to justify himself or make himself right; he thought he was right in being upset with God! He wasn't relying on God's divine justice or righteousness. (Remember, God is **always** right and fair!) He started using human viewpoint, his own thinking instead of divine viewpoint, God's thinking. He became arrogant, unteachable instead of being humble, teachable.



Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith.

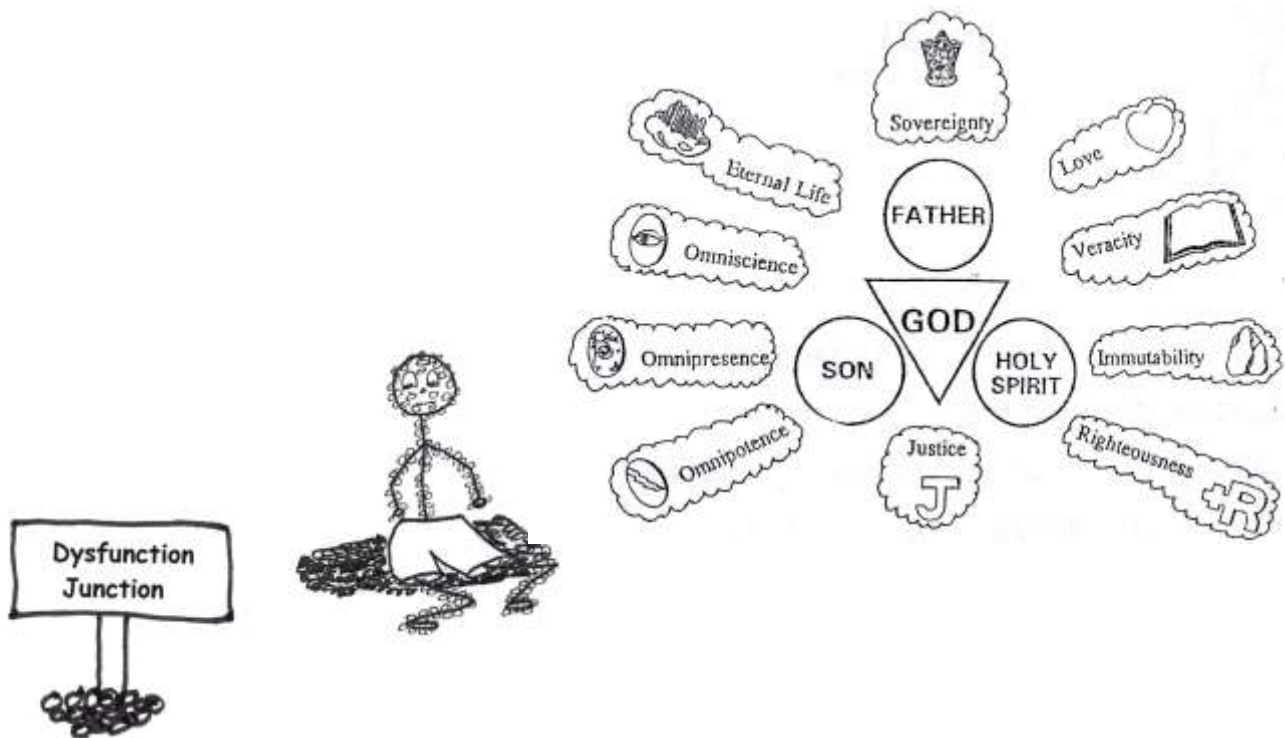
Revelation 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

God was trying to humble Job so he would repent - or change his mind and turn back to Him. It is necessary to be humble or teachable before it is possible to repent. Job needed to admit to himself that he was being arrogant or self-centered and stop it. He needed to listen to God, use the word of God in his soul, turn back to God and move forward in the plan of God for his life.



Job was getting stuck in dysfunction junction.\* Why did this happen? He had been in a life of order and comfort. Then his sufferings hit; everything in his normal life was ripped away. He tried to find out why this was happening. He was stuck in dysfunction junction because he didn't know why he was suffering so much and he wanted his normal, comfortable way of life back - NOW! He didn't want to wait on God's timing. Job was rebellious. He turned away from God's integrity - who and what God is!

\*Dysfunction junction: a place where you can't live the way God wants you to live.

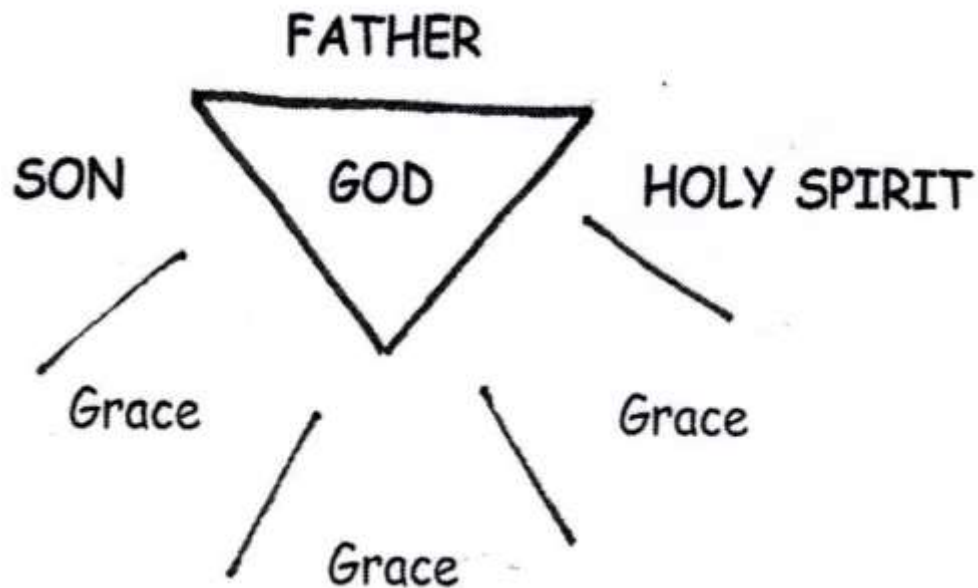


Job 30:20-21 I cry out to You for help, but You do not answer me; I stand up, and You turn Your attention against me. You have become cruel to me; with the might of Your hand You persecute me.

We've all been in the place called dysfunction junction. We've all been rebellious and turned our backs on God. Sometimes we aren't comfortable doing what God wants us to do. It may be some big suffering. Or, it may be something as simple as parents telling us to clean our room, take out the garbage, feed the dog, or do the dishes. We can say "yes" or "no". If we are comfortable with the command we'll say "yes". If we don't want to obey, we'll say "no". Then we'll be disciplined by our parents to get us back on the right track. They want us to become humble and teachable again. They want to help us get out of dysfunction junction!



Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER, SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.



God came on the scene with some verbal discipline to try to get Job to become humble again and repent. God disciplines because of His love for us. He wanted to move Job out of dysfunction junction. He wanted Job to become humble instead of arrogant or self-centered. Humility must come before repentance. Job needed to step out into the light of God's word. Humility saves or delivers; arrogance kills.

**God: Job 40:8 "Will you really annul My judgment [Job has no humility]? Will you condemn Me that you may be justified [turn away from My justice]?"** If you think your right hand can deliver you, then go for it.

**God:** I created the Behemoth\* and I created you. You are both My creatures. The Behemoth is very large, swift and strong. He can run faster than a man. Yet I can take him out anytime I want. There is no way you, Job, can kill the Behemoth! I am stronger than the Behemoth, the Behemoth is stronger than you, therefore I am stronger than you, Job. I am omnipotent\*\* and only I can deliver you. (Read Job 40:15-24)

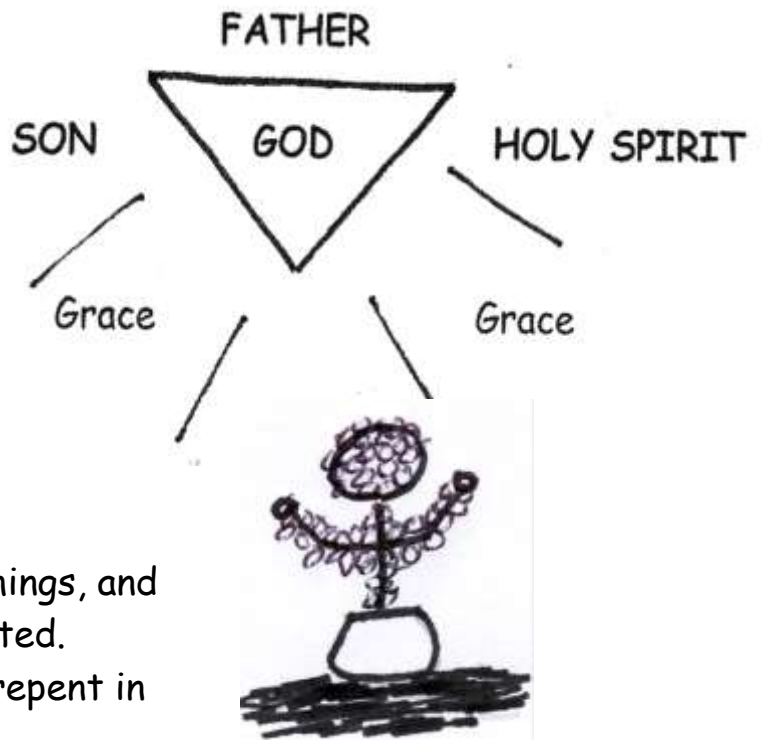
\*Behemoth: a large animal; could be a hippopotamus.

\*\*Go to [allaboardgodstrain.org](http://allaboardgodstrain.org) and read *Our God Is An Awesome God*.



Deuteronomy 10:17 For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.

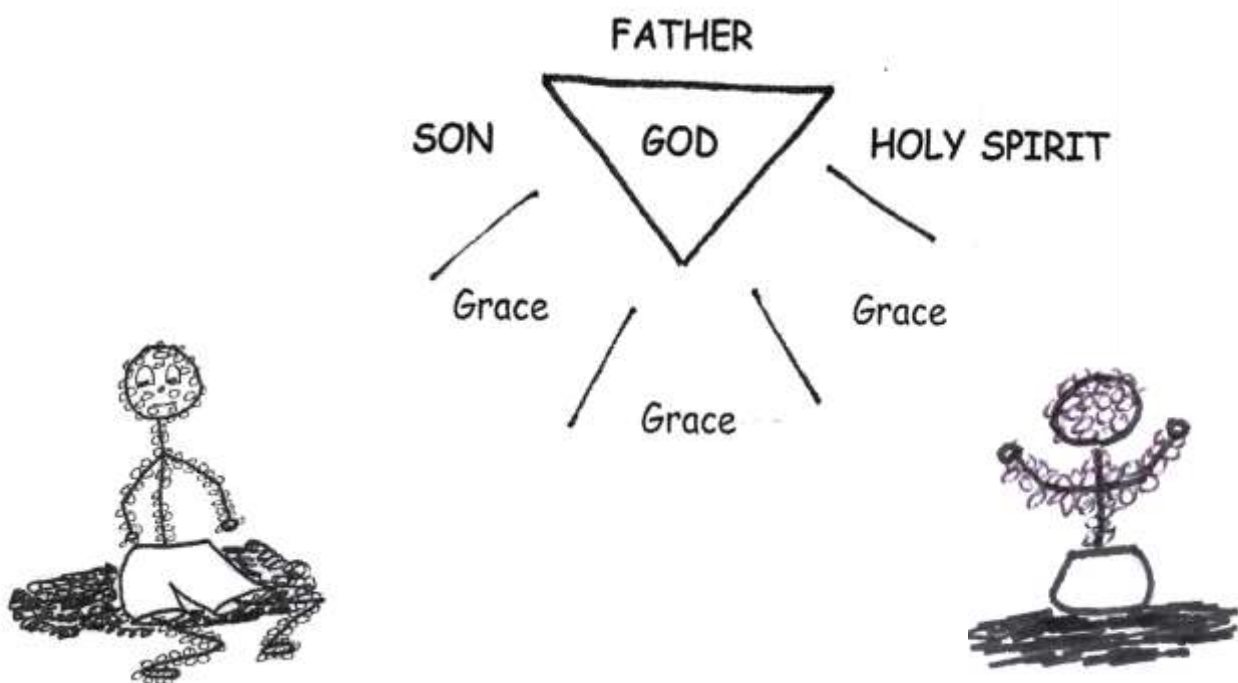
The mistake in Job's thinking was arrogance, or being self-centered. In arrogance, he said that God had wronged him. Then God comes on the scene and tries to humble Job by telling him about His almighty power and wisdom. God does bring Job back to humility, to being teachable. With verbal, divine discipline Job turns around and adjusts to the justice of God. He knows God is completely just. He acknowledges God's omnipotence. He realizes that deliverance is in God's power! He relies on God's promises to get him through his suffering. Job knows God will deliver him in God's timing. **JOB REPENTS! JOB LEANS ON GOD! YEA FOR JOB'S FAITH IN GOD!**



Job 42:2 I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.  
Job 42:6 Therefore I retract, and I repent in dust and ashes.

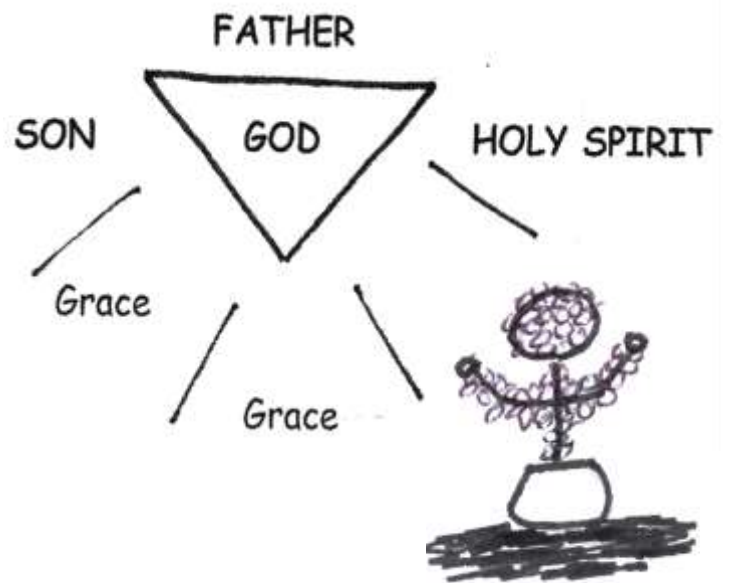


God recorded this part of Job's life to teach us some good lessons. Even though Job failed, he got back up. He let God turn him around to see the light of His word. Job started the quarrel with God and God made it possible for there to be peace between Him and Job. Sometimes we don't even realize when we are quarreling with God. It happens when we say "no" to His word, His divine viewpoint. It is important for us to say "yes" to His word, and learn, believe and use Bible doctrine daily. God has sooo many good lessons for us!



Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing [respecting] God and turning away from evil.

Job was a real person. He had real sufferings and failures. He had real humility that turned to real arrogance and then back to real humility. We can think about Job when we become arrogant or self-centered. We can remember how arrogance took Job, a very strong believer, out of the plan of God and into dysfunction junction. We can remember how God came to the rescue and made it possible for Job to turn around and get out of dysfunction junction.



Job 42:4-6 Hear, now, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You instruct me. I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You; therefore I retract, and I repent in dust and ashes.

In the Church Age when we sin, the Holy Spirit will help us recognize it; then we need to accept the fact and take responsibility for the sin or sins. Through the word of God and His power, the Holy Spirit will give us the ability to stop the sinning as a life style. We are to turn back to God and continue going forward in the fantastic lifestyle God has planned for us. We can **always** turn back to God when we sin because **Jesus Christ has taken care of the sin issue once and for all on the cross.** When we fall, we know how to get back up and **LEAN ON GOD!** Through the power of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine, He will get us out of dysfunction junction!

**Ephesians 1:7-8a** In Him we have redemption through His blood [His saving work on the cross], the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.

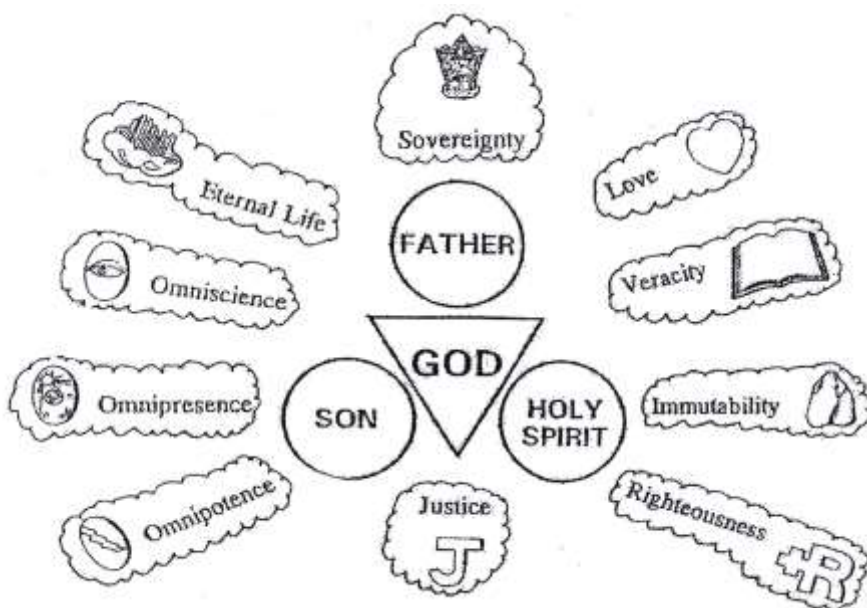


Our God is an awesome God!



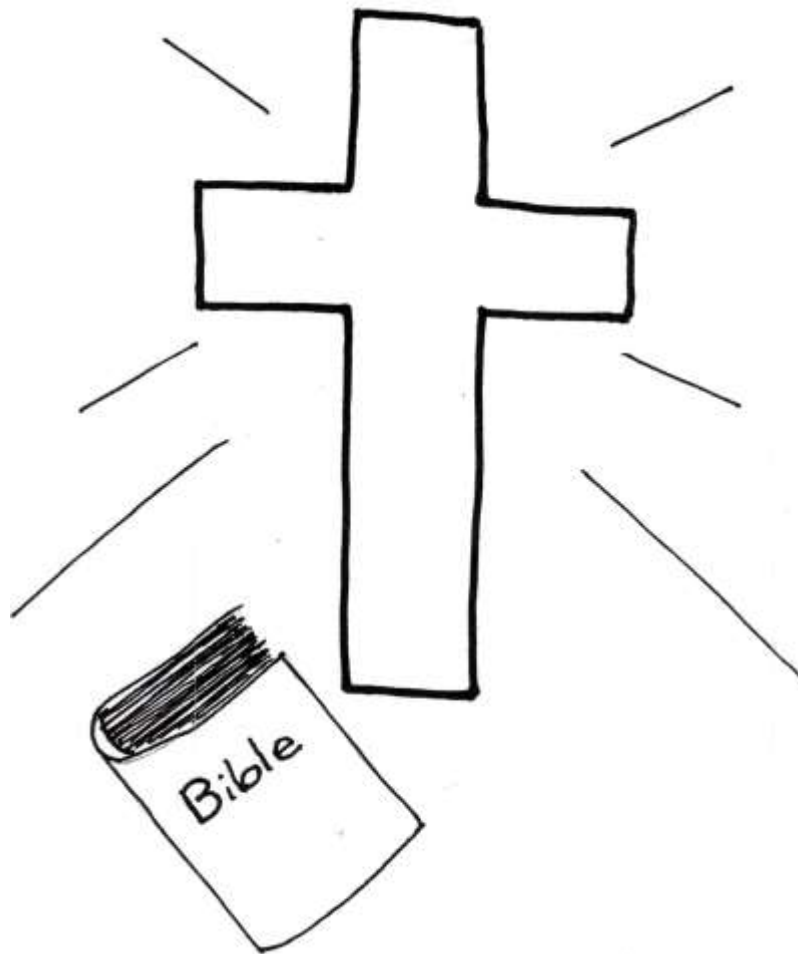
## Points to Remember

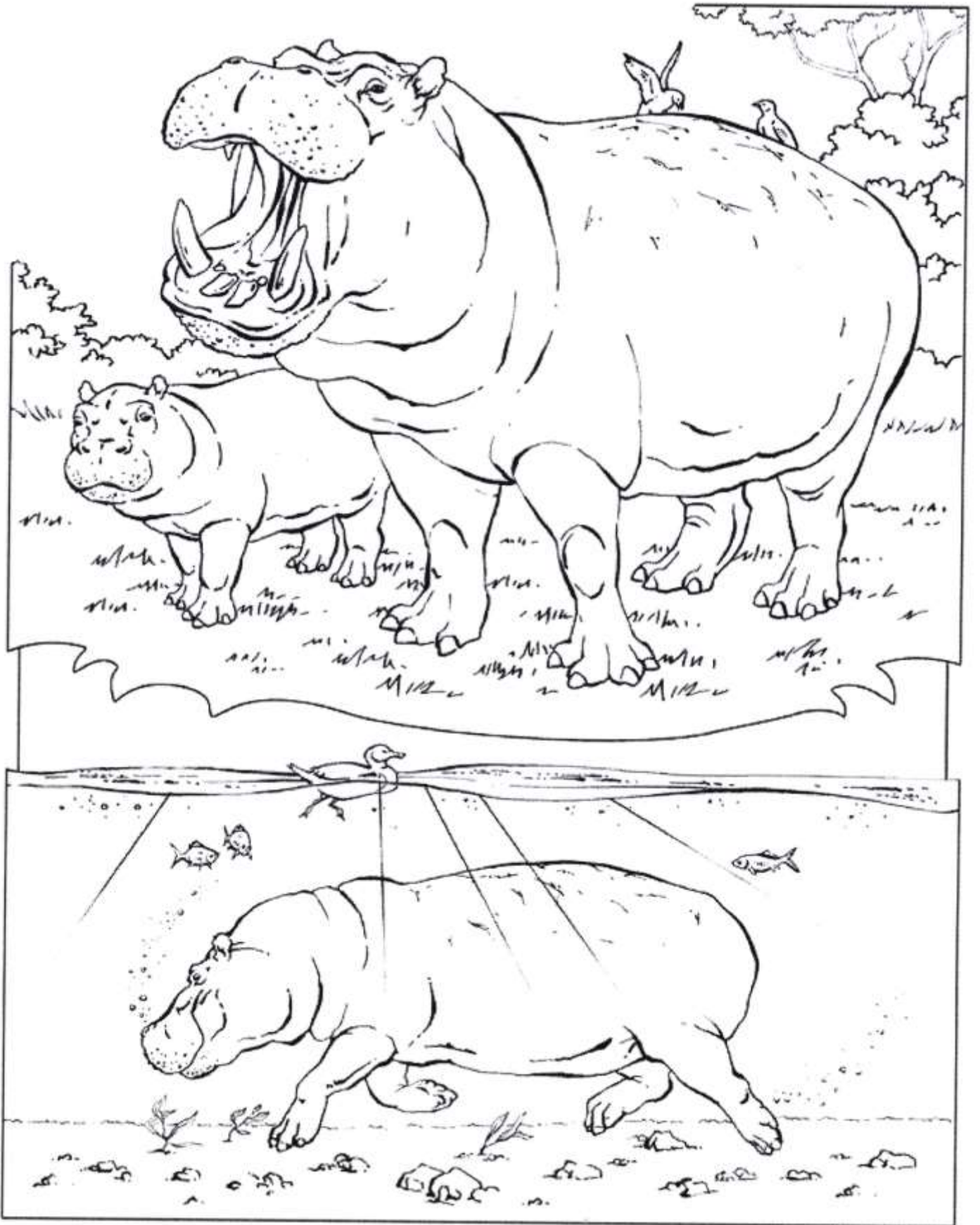
1. God was trying to humble Job so he would repent - change his mind for the better.
2. Job was getting stuck in dysfunction junction.
3. We've all been there.
4. God came on the scene with some verbal discipline to try to get Job to be humble again and repent.
5. God is stronger than the Behemoth. The Behemoth is stronger than Job. Therefore, God is stronger than Job.
6. The mistake in Job's thinking was arrogance, or being self-centered.
7. Job turned around and adjusted to the justice of God.
8. God recorded this part of Job's life to teach us some good lessons.
9. Job was a real person. We can think about Job when we become self-centered or arrogant.



## Questions for Discussion

1. Why did God need to humble Job?
2. How did Job get stuck in dysfunction junction?
3. How can we get stuck in dysfunction junction? Give an example.
4. How did God humble Job?
5. What was one way God pointed out His omnipotence to Job?
6. What was the mistake in Job's thinking?
7. What can we learn from the recorded part of Job's life?





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