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Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone-- while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Job 38:1-7



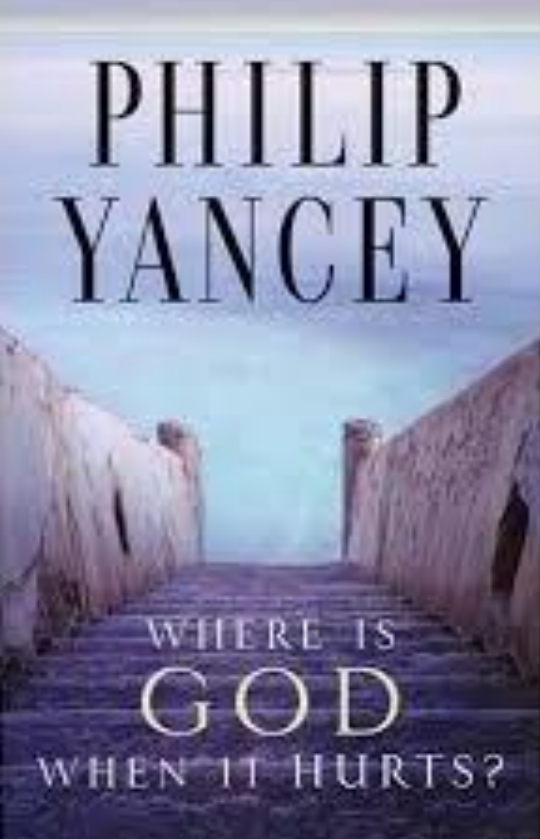
First Words of Job after the Lord Responds:



And I was talking about things I did not understand, things far too wonderful for me...I had heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes.

Therefore [I now see] I have [rashly] uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know...I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear, but now my [spiritual] eye sees You. (Amplified)

Job 42:3,5



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Phillip Yancy who has written a lot about suffering, says regarding the Book of Job: "I once thought I knew what Job was about: the problem of suffering. Now I realize that what I and many others, do to the Book of Job is a paradigm of what we do to life in general. We take a book about a battleground of faith and testing and turn it into a book about suffering.

Our Lord becomes real to us in the storms of Life

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" Mark 4:38-41

