

It has been rightly pointed out that in a lot of Christian seminaries today the main focus is usually on theological issues, and little attention is given to the important spiritual lessons being taught in the text!

This is particularly true with regards the Book of Job. One important spiritual lesson in this story was to correct the false view prevalent in that period, that calamities and suffering were always punishments inflicted by God because of sin!

However, the story of Job was designed to reveal something about God too. When the Lord finally spoke to him, in total awe he exclaimed:

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eyes see you, therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.

(Job 42:5-7)

Some have mistakenly believed it was God's revelation to Job of His awesome power and wisdom that caused him to repent. But those things have been clearly visible to every person since the creation of the world!