

Chapter 38

- 1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
- 2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
- 3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
- 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
- 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
- 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
- 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?
- 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,
- 10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,
- 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?
- 12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;
- 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?
- 14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.
- 15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.
- 16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?
- 17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?
- 18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.
- 19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,
- 20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?
- 21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?
- 22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
- 23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?
- 24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?
- 25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;
- 26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
- 27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
- 28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
- 29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?
- 30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.
- 31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?
- 32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?
- 33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?
- 34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?
- 35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?
- 36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?
- 37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,
- 38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?
- 39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,
- 40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?
- 41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.