

Chapter 28

- 1 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.
- 2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.
- 3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.
- 4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.
- 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.
- 6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.
- 7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:
- 8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.
- 9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.
- 10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.
- 11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.
- 12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?
- 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.
- 14 The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.
- 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
- 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
- 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.
- 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.
- 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
- 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?
- 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.
- 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.
- 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.
- 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;
- 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.
- 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:
- 27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.
- 28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.