### Job

## Chapter 38

1Then, after EliHu finished his speech... Jehovah spoke to Job from the clouds during a storm!  
  
[He said:]  
  
 2‘Who is it that’s hiding counsel from Me,  
 And thinks he can cover the things in his heart?  
 3Now, wrap up your loins and act like a man,  
 For I’ll ask the questions and you – answer Me!  
  
 4‘Where were you when I laid the foundations of earth?  
 Tell me, if you know, and if you understand!  
 5Who planned and laid out its measures… Do you know?  
 And who laid the string down upon it?  
 6Upon what have its hooks been supported,  
 And who set the slabs for its foundation?  
  
 7‘When I did this, all the stars praised Me,  
 And My angels shouted a cheer.  
 8Then I locked the seas in their gates,  
 When they first burst from the womb.  
  
 9‘I established the clouds as clothes [for the seas],  
 And I wrapped it in fog, like a child.  
 10Thereafter, I established its limits  
 And I bolted its gates into place.  
 11I said:  
  
 ‘This is as far as you go…  
 You can’t go any farther,  
 So your waves must now break within you.’  
  
 12‘Did I use you to bring about morning light?  
 Or to set the morning star in its place?  
 13[Can you] grab the wings of the earth,  
 And shake off all the ungodly?  
  
 14‘Have you picked up a piece of clay from the ground,  
 And used it to make something living?  
 And who brought the powers of speech to the earth?  
  
 15‘Have you removed the light from the godless,  
 Or broken the arms of the proud?  
 16Have you found the springs of the seas,  
 And walked in the tracks of the deep?  
  
 17‘Do the gates of death open before you,  
 And do the keepers of the place of the dead  
 Get alarmed whenever they see you?  
  
 18‘If you’ve been told about everything under heaven,  
 Then, tell Me how great it all is!  
 19Where’s the land that the light comes from?  
 And from what kind of place does the darkness come from?  
  
 20‘If you could lead Me up to their limits  
 (That is, even if you even knew of their paths),  
 21You’d already know all these things.  
 And if you were born on that day,  
 Your years by now, would be many.  
  
 22‘Have you found the treasuries of the snow?  
 Have you seen where the hail is all stored?  
 23For you, has the time of enemies been reserved,  
 Or the days for battle and war?  
  
 24‘When the frost leaves, where does it go?  
 And where under the skies goes the south wind?  
 25Who prepares the storms when they blow?  
 26And who holds back rain from the ground?  
  
 27‘Who made the deserts where no men can live,  
 But then fills unwalked, uninhabited lands  
 With sprouts and new shoots of green?  
  
 28‘Who is the father of rain,  
 And who gives birth to the dewdrops?  
 29In whose womb does the ice start to form,  
 And who gives birth to frost from the skies,  
 30And then turns it into drops to make streams?  
  
 ‘Who is it that changes the face of the godless,  
 And who creates their alarm?  
  
 31‘Have you seen what bonds the PleiAdes?  
 Have you opened the barriers of Orion?  
 32Have you opened MazurOth when it can be seen?  
 Or have you led Venus by its tail?  
  
 33‘Do you know how the orbits of the heavens all work,  
 Or how things under the sky work together?  
 34Can you call to a cloud and cause it to shake,  
 Then obey you and pour out a storm?  
  
 35‘Are you able to send for the lightning?  
 Will it ask, ‘What is it?’ and obey you?  
  
 36‘Who gave women the wisdom to weave,  
 And who gave them the skill to embroider?  
  
 37‘Who in his wisdom can count all the clouds?  
 Who can lean on the sky and the ground?  
  
 38‘Who poured out the powder that created the earth,  
 And stuck it together as a stone block?  
  
 39‘Will you hunt for lions as prey,  
 And be filled with the souls of wild beasts?  
 40Yet, they must be feared when they’re in their lairs,  
 Or when they’re lying in wait in the woods.  
  
 41‘Who gives carrion to the crows for their young,  
 As they call to Jehovah while searching for grain?’