**CHAPTER** **26**

*Job declares his sentiments of the wisdom and power of God.*

**1** Then Job answered, and said:

**2** Whose helper art thou? is it of him that is weak? and dost thou hold up the arm of him that has no strength?

**3** To whom hast thou given counsel? perhaps to him that hath no wisdom, and thou hast shewn thy very great prudence.

**4** Whom hast thou desired to teach? was it not him that made life?

**5** Behold the giants groan under the waters, and they that dwell with them.

**6** Hell is naked before him, and there is no covering for destruction.

**7** He stretched out the north over the empty space, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

**8** He bindeth up the waters in his clouds, so that they break not out and fall down together.

**9** He withholdeth the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud over it.

**10** He hath set bounds about the waters, till light and darkness come to an end.

**11** The pillars of heaven tremble, and dread at his beck.

**12** By his power the seas are suddenly gathered together, and his wisdom has struck the proud one.

**13** His spirit hath adorned the heavens, and his obstetric hand brought forth the winding serpent.

**14** Lo, these things are said in part of his ways: and seeing we have heard scarce a little drop of his word, who shall be able to behold the thunder of his greatness?