**CHAPTER** **38**

*God interposes and shews from the things he hath made, that man cannot comprehend his power and wisdom.*

**1** Then the Lord answered Job out of a whirlwind, and said:

**2** Who is this that wrappeth up sentences in unskilful words?

**3** Gird up thy loins like a man: I will ask thee, and answer thou me.

**4** Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? tell me if thou hast understanding.

**5** Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

**6** Upon what are its bases grounded? or who laid the corner stone thereof,

**7** When the morning stars praised me together, and all the sons of God made a joyful melody?

**8** Who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth as issuing out of the womb:

**9** When I made a cloud the garment thereof, and wrapped it in a mist as in swaddling bands?

**10** I set my bounds around it, and made it bars and doors:

**11** And I said: Hitherto thou shalt come, and shalt go no further, and here thou shalt break thy swelling waves.

**12** Didst thou since thy birth command the morning, and shew the dawning of the day its place?

**13** And didst thou hold the extremities of the earth shaking them, and hast thou shaken the ungodly out of it?

**14** The seal shall be restored as clay, and shall stand as a garment:

**15** From the wicked their light shall be taken away, and the high arm shall be broken.

**16** Hast thou entered into the depths of the sea, and walked in the lowest parts of the deep?

**17** Have the gates of death been opened to thee, and hast thou seen the darksome doors?

**18** Hast thou considered the breadth of the earth? tell me, if thou knowest all things?

**19** Where is the way where light dwelleth, and where is the place of darkness:

**20** That thou mayst bring every thing to its own bounds, and understand the paths of the house thereof.

**21** Didst thou know then that thou shouldst be born? and didst thou know the number of thy days?

**22** Hast thou entered into the storehouses of the snow, or hast thou beheld the treasures of the hail:

**23** Which I have prepared for the time of the enemy, against the day of battle and war?

**24** By what way is the light spread, and heat divided upon the earth?

**25** Who gave a course to violent showers, or a way for noisy thunder:

**26** That it should rain on the earth without man in the wilderness, where no mortal dwelleth:

**27** That it should fill the desert and desolate land, and should bring forth green grass?

**28** Who is the father of rain? or who begot the drops of dew?

**29** Out of whose womb came the ice; and the frost from heaven who hath gendered it?

**30** The waters are hardened like a stone, and the surface of the deep is congealed.

**31** Shalt thou be able to join together the shining stars the Pleiades, or canst thou stop the turning about of Arcturus?

**32** Canst thou bring forth the day star in its time, and make the evening star to rise upon the children of the earth?

**33** Dost thou know the order of heaven, and canst thou set down the reason thereof on the earth?

**34** Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that an abundance of waters may cover thee?

**35** Canst thou send lightnings, and will they go, and will they return and say to thee: Here we are?

**36** Who hath put wisdom in the heart of man? or who gave the cock understanding?

**37** Who can declare the order of the heavens, or who can make the harmony of heaven to sleep?

**38** When was the dust poured on the earth, and the clods fastened together?

**39** Wilt thou take the prey for the lioness, and satisfy the appetite of her whelps,

**40** When they couch in the dens and lie in wait in holes?

**41** Who provideth food for the raven, when her young ones cry to God, wandering about, because they have no meat?