**CHAPTER** **40**

*Of the power of God in the behemoth and the leviathan.*

**1** And the Lord answering Job out of the whirlwind, said:

**2** Gird up thy loins like a man: I will ask thee, and do thou tell me.

**3** Wilt thou make void my judgment: and condemn me, that thou mayst be justified?

**4** And hast thou an arm like God, and canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

**5** Clothe thyself with beauty, and set thyself up on high, and be glorious, and put on goodly garments.

**6** Scatter the proud in thy indignation, and behold every arrogant man, and humble him.

**7** Look on all that are proud, and confound them, and crush the wicked in their place.

**8** Hide them in the dust together, and plunge their faces into the pit.

**9** Then I will confess that thy right hand is able to save thee.

**10** Behold behemoth whom I made with thee, he eateth grass like an ox.

**11** His strength is in his loins, and his force in the navel of his belly.

**12** He setteth up his tail like a cedar, the sinews of his testicles are wrapped together.

**13** His bones are like pipes of brass, his gristle like plates of iron.

**14** He is the beginning of the ways of God, who made him, he will apply his sword.

**15** To him the mountains bring forth grass: there all the beasts of the field shall play.

**16** He sleepeth under the shadow, in the covert of the reed, and in moist places.

**17** The shades cover his shadow, the willows of the brook shall compass him about.

**18** Behold, he will drink up a river, and not wonder: and he trusteth that the Jordan may run into his mouth.

**19** In his eyes as with a hook he shall take him, and bore through his nostrils with stakes.

**20** Canst thou draw out the leviathan with a hook, or canst thou tie his tongue with a cord?

**21** Canst thou put a ring in his nose, or bore through his jaw with a buckle?

**22** Will he make many supplications to thee, or speak soft words to thee?

**23** Will he make a covenant with thee, and wilt thou take him to be a servant for ever.

**24** Shalt thou play with him as with a bird, or tie him up for thy handmaids?

**25** Shall friends cut him in pieces, shall merchants divide him?

**26** Wilt thou fill nets with his skin, and the cabins of fishes with his head?

**27** Lay thy hand upon him: remember the battle, and speak no more.

**28** Behold his hope shall fail him, and in the sight of all he shall be cast down.