**CHAPTER** **39**

*The wonders of the power and providence of God in many of his creatures.*

**1** Knowest thou the time when the wild goats bring forth among the rocks, or hast thou observed the hinds when they fawn?

**2** Hast thou numbered the months of their conceiving, or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

**3** They bow themselves to bring forth young, and they cast them, and send forth roarings.

**4** Their young are weaned and go to feed: they go forth, and return not to them.

**5** Who hath sent out the wild ass free, and who hath loosed his bonds?

**6** To whom I have given a house in the wilderness, and his dwellings in the barren land.

**7** He scorneth the multitude of the city, he heareth not the cry of the driver.

**8** He looketh round about the mountains of his pasture, and seeketh for every green thing.

**9** Shall the rhinoceros be willing to serve thee, or will he stay at thy crib?

**10** Canst thou bind the rhinoceros with thy thong to plough, or will he break the clods of the valleys after thee?

**11** Wilt thou have confidence in his great strength, and leave thy labours to him?

**12** Wilt thou trust him that he will render thee the seed, and gather it into thy barnfloor?

**13** The wing of the ostrich is like the wings of the heron, and of the hawk.

**14** When she leaveth her eggs on the earth, thou perhaps wilt warm them in the dust.

**15** She forgetteth that the foot may tread upon them, or that the beasts of the field may break them.

**16** She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers, she hath laboured in vain, no fear constraining her.

**17** For God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he given her understanding.

**18** When time shall be, she setteth up her wings on high: she scorneth the horse and his rider.

**19** Wilt thou give strength to the horse, or clothe his neck with neighing?

**20** Wilt thou lift him up like the locusts? the glory of his nostrils is terror.

**21** He breaketh up the earth with his hoof, he pranceth boldly, he goeth forward to meet armed men.

**22** He despiseth fear, he turneth not his back to the sword.

**23** Above him shall the quiver rattle, the spear and shield shall glitter.

**24** Chasing and raging he swalloweth the ground, neither doth he make account when the noise of the trumpet soundeth.

**25** When he heareth the trumpet he saith: Ha, ha: he smelleth the battle afar off, the encouraging of the captains, and the shouting of the army.

**26** Doth the hawk wax feathered by thy wisdom, spreading her wings to the south?

**27** Will the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest in high places?

**28** She abideth among the rocks, and dwelleth among cragged flints, and stony hills, where there is no access.

**29** From thence she looketh for the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.

**30** Her young ones shall suck up blood: and wheresoever the carcass shall be, she is immediately there.

**31** And the Lord went on, and said to Job:

**32** Shall he that contendeth with God be so easily silenced? surely he that reproveth God, ought to answer him.

**33** Then Job answered the Lord, and said:

**34** What can I answer, who hath spoken inconsiderately? I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

**35** One thing I have spoken, which I wish I had not said: and another, to which I will add no more.