

¹Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,² Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.³ Then Job answered the LORD, and said,⁴ Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.⁵ Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.⁶ Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,⁷ Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.⁸ Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?⁹ Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?¹⁰ Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.¹¹ Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.¹² Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.¹³ Hide them in the

dust together; and bind their faces in secret.¹⁴ Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.¹⁵ Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.¹⁶ Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.¹⁷ He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.¹⁸ His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.¹⁹ He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.²⁰ Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.²¹ He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.²² The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.²³ Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.²⁴ He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.