

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,<sup>2</sup>Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?<sup>3</sup>Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.<sup>4</sup>Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.<sup>5</sup>Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?<sup>6</sup>Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof?<sup>7</sup>When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?<sup>8</sup>Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?<sup>9</sup>When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,<sup>10</sup>And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,<sup>11</sup>And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?<sup>12</sup>Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;<sup>13</sup>That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?<sup>14</sup>It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.<sup>15</sup>And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.<sup>16</sup>Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?<sup>18</sup>Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.<sup>19</sup>Where is the way where light

dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,<sup>20</sup>That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?<sup>21</sup>Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?<sup>22</sup>Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,<sup>23</sup>Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?<sup>24</sup>By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?<sup>25</sup>Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;<sup>26</sup>To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;<sup>27</sup>To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?<sup>28</sup>Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?<sup>29</sup>Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?<sup>30</sup>The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.<sup>31</sup>Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?<sup>32</sup>Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?<sup>33</sup>Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?<sup>34</sup>Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?<sup>35</sup>Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?<sup>36</sup>Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given

understanding to the heart?<sup>37</sup> Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,<sup>38</sup> When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?<sup>39</sup> Wilt thou hunt the

prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,<sup>40</sup> When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?<sup>41</sup> Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.