

## JOB CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup> "For there is a place for the silver, where it comes, and a place for the gold, where it is refined. <sup>2</sup> For iron comes out of the earth, and brass is hewn out like stone. <sup>3</sup> He has set a bound to darkness, and he searches out every limit: a stone is darkness, and the shadow of death. <sup>4</sup> There is a cutting off the torrent by reason of dust, so they that forget the right way are weakened; they are removed from among men. <sup>5</sup> *As for* the earth, out of it shall come bread; under it has been turned up as it were fire. <sup>6</sup> Her stones are the place of the sapphire, and her dust supplies man with gold. <sup>7</sup> *There* is a path, the fowl has not known it, neither has the eye of the vulture seen it. <sup>8</sup> Neither have the sons of the proud trodden it, a lion has not passed upon it. <sup>9</sup> He has stretched forth his hand on the sharp *rock*, and turned up mountains by the roots; <sup>10</sup> and he has interrupted the whirlpools of rivers, and my eye has seen every precious thing. <sup>11</sup> And he has laid bare the depths of rivers, and has brought his power to light.

<sup>12</sup> But where has wisdom been discovered? And where is the place of understanding? <sup>13</sup> A mortal has not known its way, neither indeed has it been discovered among men. <sup>14</sup> The depth has said, 'It is not in me,' and the sea has said, 'It is not with me.' <sup>15</sup> One shall not give fine gold instead of it, neither shall silver be weighed in exchange for it. <sup>16</sup> Neither shall it be compared with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx and sapphire. <sup>17</sup> Gold and crystal shall not be equaled to it, neither shall vessels of gold be its exchange. <sup>18</sup> Coral and fine pearl shall not be mentioned, but esteem wisdom above the most precious things. <sup>19</sup> The topaz of Ethiopia shall not be equaled to it; it shall not be compared with pure gold. <sup>20</sup> Where then is wisdom found? And of what kind is the place of understanding? <sup>21</sup> It has escaped the notice of every man, and has been hidden from the birds of the sky. <sup>22</sup> Destruction and Death have said, 'We have heard the report of it.' <sup>23</sup> God has well ordered the way of it, and He knows the place of it. <sup>24</sup> For He surveys the whole *earth* under heaven, knowing the things in the earth; <sup>25</sup> all that He has made; the weight of the winds, the measures of the water. <sup>26</sup> When He made *them*, thus He saw and numbered them, and made a way for the pealing of the thunder. <sup>27</sup> Then He saw it, and declared it: He prepared it, and traced it out. <sup>28</sup> And He said to man, 'Behold, godliness is wisdom: and to abstain from evil is understanding.'"