

## JOB CHAPTER 38

<sup>1</sup> And after Elihu had ceased from speaking, the Lord spoke to Job through the whirlwind and clouds, *saying*, <sup>2</sup> "Who is this that hides counsel from Me, and confines words in *his* heart, and thinks to conceal *them* from Me?" <sup>3</sup> Gird your loins like a man, and I will ask you, and you shall answer Me!

<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I founded the earth? Tell me now, if you have knowledge. <sup>5</sup> Who set the measures of it, if you know? Or who stretched a line upon it? <sup>6</sup> On what are its rings fastened? And who is He that laid the cornerstone upon it? <sup>7</sup> When the stars were made, all My angels praised Me with a loud voice. <sup>8</sup> And I shut up the sea with gates, when it rushed out, coming forth out its mother's womb. <sup>9</sup> And I made a cloud its clothing, and swathed it in mist. <sup>10</sup> And I set boundaries for it, surrounding it with bars and gates. <sup>11</sup> And I said to it, 'To this point you shall come, but you shall not go beyond, but your waves shall be confined within you.'

<sup>12</sup> "Or did I order the morning light in your time; and did the morning star *then first* see his appointed place; <sup>13</sup> to lay hold of the extremities of the earth, to cast out the ungodly out of it? <sup>14</sup> Or did you take *the* clay of the ground, and form a living creature *with it*, and set it with the power of speech upon the earth? <sup>15</sup> Have you removed light from the ungodly, and crushed the arm of the proud? <sup>16</sup> Or have you gone to the source of the sea, and walked in the tracks of the deep? <sup>17</sup> And do the gates of death open to you out of fear; and did the porters of hell quake when they saw you? <sup>18</sup> And have you been instructed in the breadth of the *whole earth* under heaven? Tell me now, what is the extent of it?

<sup>19</sup> "And in what land does the light dwell? And where is the place of darkness? <sup>20</sup> If you could bring Me to their uttermost boundaries, and if also you know their paths; <sup>21</sup> I know then that you were born at that time, and the number of your years is great. <sup>22</sup> But have you gone to the treasuries of snow? And have you seen the treasuries of hail? <sup>23</sup> And is there a store of them, for you against the time of your enemies, for the day of wars and battle? <sup>24</sup> And from where does the frost proceed? Or where is the south wind dispersed over the whole world under heaven? <sup>25</sup> And who prepared a course for the violent rain, and a way for the thunders; <sup>26</sup> to rain upon the land where there is no man, the wilderness, where there is not a man in it; so as to feed the untrodden and uninhabited land, <sup>27</sup> and cause it to send forth a crop of green herbs? <sup>28</sup> Who is the rain's father? And who has generated the drops of dew? <sup>29</sup> And out of whose womb comes the ice? And who has produced the frost in the sky, <sup>30</sup> which descends like flowing water? Who has terrified the face of the ungodly?

<sup>31</sup> "And do you understand the band of Pleiades, and have you opened the barrier of Orion? <sup>32</sup> Or will you reveal Mazuroth in his season, and the evening star with his rays? Will you guide them? <sup>33</sup> Do you know the changes of heaven, or the events which take place together under heaven? <sup>34</sup> And will you call a cloud by your voice, and will it obey you with a violent shower of much rain? <sup>35</sup> And will you send lightnings, and they shall go? And shall they say to you, 'What is *your pleasure*?' <sup>36</sup> And who has given to women skill in weaving, or knowledge of embroidery? <sup>37</sup> And who is he that numbers the clouds in wisdom, and has

bowed the heaven down to the earth? <sup>38</sup> For it is spread out as dusty earth, and I have cemented it as one hewn stone to another.

<sup>39</sup> "And will you hunt a prey for the lions? And satisfy the desires of the serpents? <sup>40</sup> For they fear in their lairs, crouching, and lying in wait in the woods.

<sup>41</sup> And who has prepared food for the raven? For its young ones wander and cry to the Lord, in search of food.