

JOB CHAPTER 40

¹ And the Lord God answered Job and said, ² "Will *anyone* pervert judgment with the Mighty One? And he that reproves God, let him answer it."

³ And Job answered and said to the Lord, ⁴ "Why do I yet plead? Being rebuked even while reproving the Lord: hearing such things, whereas I am nothing; and what shall I answer to these *arguments*? I will lay my hand upon my mouth. ⁵ I have spoken once, but I will not do so a second time."

⁶ And the Lord yet again answered and spoke to Job out of the cloud, *saying*, ⁷ "Gird up now your loins like a man; and I will ask you, and you shall answer Me. ⁸ Do not set aside My judgment: and do you think that I have dealt with you in any other way, than that you might appear to be righteous? ⁹ Have you an arm like the Lord's? Or can you thunder with a voice like His? ¹⁰ Assume now a lofty bearing and power; and clothe yourself with glory and honor. ¹¹ And send forth messengers with wrath, and lay low every haughty one. ¹² Bring down also the proud man, and consume at once the ungodly. ¹³ And hide them together in the earth, and fill their faces with shame. ¹⁴ *Then* will I confess that your right hand can save *you*.

¹⁵ "But now look at the wild beasts among you; they eat grass like oxen. ¹⁶ Behold now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. ¹⁷ He sets up his tail like a cypress, and his nerves are wrapped together. ¹⁸ His sides are sides of brass, and his backbone is as cast iron. ¹⁹ This is the chief of the creation of the Lord; made to be played with by His angels. ²⁰ And when he has gone up to a steep mountain, he causes joy to the quadrupeds in the deep. ²¹ He lies under trees of every kind, by the papyrus, *the* reed, and *the* bulrush. ²² And the great trees make a shadow over him with their branches, and so do the bushes of the field. ²³ If there should be a flood, he will not perceive it; he trusts that the Jordan will rush up into his mouth. ²⁴ *Yet one* shall take him in his sight; one shall catch him with a cord, and pierce his nose.