

Job

Chapter 38

1 Then the LORD addressed Job out of the storm and said:
2 Who is this that obscures divine plans with words of ignorance?
3 Gird up your loins now, like a man; I will question you, and you tell me the answers!
4 Where were you when I founded the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
5 Who determined its size; do you know? Who stretched out the measuring line for it?
6 Into what were its pedestals sunk, and who laid the cornerstone,
7 While the morning stars sang in chorus and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8 And who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb;
9 When I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands?
10 When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door,
11 And said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!
12 Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the morning and shown the dawn its place
13 For taking hold of the ends of the earth, till the wicked are shaken from its surface?
14 The earth is changed as is clay by the seal, and dyed as though it were a garment;
15 But from the wicked the light is withheld, and the arm of pride is shattered.
16 Have you entered into the sources of the sea, or walked about in the depths of the abyss?
17 Have the gates of death been shown to you, or have you seen the gates of darkness?
18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell me, if you know all:
19 Which is the way to the dwelling place of light, and where is the abode of darkness,
20 That you may take them to their boundaries and set them on their homeward paths?
21 You know, because you were born before them, and the number of your years is great!
22 Have you entered the storehouse of the snow, and seen the treasury of the hail
23 Which I have reserved for times of stress, for the days of war and of battle?
24 Which way to the parting of the winds, whence the east wind spreads over the earth?
25 Who has laid out a channel for the downpour and for the thunderstorm a path
26 To bring rain to no man's land, the unpeopled wilderness;
27 To enrich the waste and desolate ground till the desert blooms with verdure?
28 Has the rain a father; or who has begotten the drops of dew?
29 Out of whose womb comes the ice, and who gives the hoarfrost its birth in the skies,
30 When the waters lie covered as though with stone that holds captive the surface of the deep?
31 Have you fitted a curb to the Pleiades, or loosened the bonds of Orion?
32 Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or guide the Bear with its train?
33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens; can you put into effect their plan on the earth?
34 Can you raise your voice among the clouds, or veil yourself in the waters of the storm?
35 Can you send forth the lightnings on their way, or will they say to you, "Here we are"?
37 Who counts the clouds in his wisdom? Or who tilts the water jars of heaven
38 So that the dust of earth is fused into a mass and its clods made solid?
39 Do you hunt the prey for the lioness or appease the hunger of her cubs,
40 While they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in the thicket?
36 Who puts wisdom in the heart, and gives the cock its understanding?
41 Who provides nourishment for the ravens when their young ones cry out to God, and they rove abroad without food?

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Chapter 39

1 Do you know about the birth of the mountain goats, watch for the birth pangs of the hinds,
2 Number the months that they must fulfill, and fix the time of their bringing forth?
3 They crouch down and bear their young; they deliver their progeny in the desert.
4 When their offspring thrive and grow, they leave and do not return.
5 Who has given the wild ass his freedom, and who has loosed him from bonds?
6 I have made the wilderness his home and the salt flats his dwelling.
7 He scoffs at the uproar of the city, and hears no shouts of a driver.
8 He ranges the mountains for pasture, and seeks out every patch of green.
9 Will the wild ox consent to serve you, and to pass the nights by your manger?
10 Will a rope bind him in the furrow, and will he harrow the valleys after you?

- 11 Will you trust him for his great strength and leave to him the fruits of your toil?
- 12 Can you rely on him to thresh out your grain and gather in the yield of your threshing floor?
- 13 The wings of the ostrich beat idly; her plumage is lacking in pinions.
- 14 When she leaves her eggs on the ground and deposits them in the sand,
- 15 Unmindful that a foot may crush them, that the wild beasts may trample them,
- 16 She cruelly disowns her young and ruthlessly makes nought of her brood;
- 17 For God has withheld wisdom from her and has given her no share in understanding.
- 18 Yet in her swiftness of foot she makes sport of the horse and his rider.
- 19 Do you give the horse his strength, and endow his neck with splendor?
- 20 Do you make the steed to quiver while his thunderous snorting spreads terror?
- 21 He jubilantly paws the plain and rushes in his might against the weapons.
- 22 He laughs at fear and cannot be deterred; he turns not back from the sword.
- 23 Around him rattles the quiver, flashes the spear and the javelin.
- 24 Frenzied and trembling he devours the ground; he holds not back at the sound of the trumpet,
- 25 but at each blast he cries, "Aha!" Even from afar he scents the battle, the roar of the chiefs and the shouting.
- 26 Is it by your discernment that the hawk soars, that he spreads his wings toward the south?
- 27 Does the eagle fly up at your command to build his nest aloft?
- 28 On the cliff he dwells and spends the night, on the spur of the cliff or the fortress.
- 29 From thence he watches for his prey; his eyes behold it afar off.
- 30 His young ones greedily drink blood; where the slain are, there is he

John

Chapter 1

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be
- 4 through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;
- 5 the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Colossians

Chapter 1

- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- 16 For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him.
- 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- 18 He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

Hebrews

Chapter 1

- 1 In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets;
- 2 in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,
- 3 who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

2 Maccabees

Chapter 7

- 28 I beg you, child, to look at the heavens and the earth and see all that is in them; then you will know that God did not make them out of existing things; and in the same way the human race came into existence.

Hebrews

Chapter 11

- 3 By faith we understand that the universe was ordered by the word of God, ³ so that what is visible came into being through the invisible.