

# Job 28

## Chapter 28

<sup>1</sup> SURELY there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where they fine it*.

<sup>2</sup> Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass *is molten out of* the stone.

<sup>3</sup> He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

<sup>4</sup> The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; *even the waters* forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

<sup>5</sup> *As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

<sup>6</sup> The stones of it *are* the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.

<sup>7</sup> *There is* a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

<sup>8</sup> The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

<sup>9</sup> He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

<sup>10</sup> He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

<sup>11</sup> He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and *the thing*

*that is hid bringeth he forth to light.*

<sup>12</sup> But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?

<sup>13</sup> Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup> The depth saith, *It is not in me*: and the sea saith, *It is not with me*.

<sup>15</sup> It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof.

<sup>16</sup> It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

<sup>17</sup> The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* jewels of fine gold.

<sup>18</sup> No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.

<sup>19</sup> The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

<sup>20</sup> Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?

<sup>21</sup> Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

<sup>22</sup> Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

<sup>23</sup> God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

<sup>24</sup> For he looketh to the ends of the earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven;

<sup>25</sup> To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

<sup>26</sup> When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

<sup>27</sup> Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

<sup>28</sup> And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.