

Job 28

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Job's Hymn to Wisdom: Where Can Wisdom Be Found?

- 1** Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.
 - 2** Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.
 - 3** He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.
 - 4** The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.
 - 5** As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.
 - 6** The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.
 - 7** There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:
 - 8** The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.
 - 9** He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.
 - 10** He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.
 - 11** He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.
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- 12** But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?
 - 13** Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

- 14 The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.
- 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
- 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
- 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.
- 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.
- 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
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- 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?
- 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.
- 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.
- 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.
- 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;
- 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.
- 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:
- 27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.
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- 28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 28:1 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:3; Isaiah 48:10; 1 Peter 1:7

Job 28:2 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 4:22; Numbers 31:22; Deuteronomy 8:9

Job 28:3 **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 1:13

Job 28:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 28:16; Exodus 24:10; Isaiah 54:11; Revelation 21:19. **Related:** Song of Solomon 5:14

Job 28:7 **Parallel theme:** Job 11:6

Job 28:11 **Light:** 1 Corinthians 4:5

Job 28:12 **Parallel theme:** Job 28:20; 28:28; Proverbs 3:19; Colossians 2:3; James 1:5; 1:17

Job 28:15 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 8:19; 16:16

- Job 28:16** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 45:9; Isaiah 13:12; Ezekiel 28:13
- Job 28:17** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 22:1
- Job 28:18** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:15; 31:10; Lamentations 4:7; Ezekiel 27:16
- Job 28:19** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 28:17; 39:10; Proverbs 8:19; Ezekiel 28:13
- Job 28:20** **Parallel theme:** Job 28:12; 28:23; 28:28; Proverbs 2:6; James 1:5; 1:17
- Job 28:21** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 11:25; Colossians 2:3
- Job 28:22** **Parallel theme:** Job 26:6
- Job 28:23** **References God:** Romans 11:33; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Jude 1:25. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 2:6
- Job 28:24** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:3; Zechariah 4:10
- Job 28:25** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 135:7
- Job 28:26** **Light:** Job 37:3; 38:25. **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 10:1
- Job 28:27** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 19:1
- Job 28:28** **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 29:29; Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 9:10. **Evil:** Psalms 34:14; Proverbs 3:7; 16:17. **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 4:6; Proverbs 13:14; Ecclesiastes 12:13

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