

# Job 38:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

## Analysis

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God questions Job: 'Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place?' This asks whether Job controls daily sunrise - something so routine humans take it for granted, yet entirely beyond human power.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern sun deities were worshiped as sources of daily light. God's question reveals that even routine 'natural' phenomena demonstrate divine power.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What daily 'natural' occurrences reveal God's sustaining power?
2. How does recognizing God's governance of ordinary things affect your trust in His governance of extraordinary things?

## Interlinear Text

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since thy days Hast thou commanded the morning to know

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and caused the dayspring his place

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 74:16** (Parallel theme): The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

**Job 8:9** (Parallel theme): (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:)

**2 Peter 1:19** (Parallel theme): We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

**Genesis 1:5** (Parallel theme): And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

**Luke 1:78** (Parallel theme): Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

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