

. Job 28
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Job's Discourse on Wisdom

. 1 "Surely there is a mine for silver, And
a place where gold is refined.

. 2 Iron is taken from the earth,
And copper is smelted from ore.

. 3 Man puts an end to darkness,
And searches every recess
For ore in the darkness and the shadow of death.

. 4 He breaks open a shaft away from
people; In places forgotten by feet
They hang far away from men;
They swing to and fro.

. 5 As for the earth, from it comes bread,
But underneath it is turned up as by fire;

. 6 Its stones are the source of sapphires,
And it contains gold dust.

. 7 That path no bird knows,

Nor has the falcon's eye seen it.

. 8 The proud lions have not trodden it,

. Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.

. 9 He puts his hand on the flint;

He overturns the mountains at the roots.

. 10 He cuts out channels in the rocks, And
his eye sees every precious thing.

. 11 He dams up the streams from trickling;
What is hidden he brings forth to light.

. 12 "But where can wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?"

. 13 Man does not know its value,
Nor is it found in the land of the living.

. 14 The deep says, 'It is not in me';
And the sea says, 'It is not with me.'

- . 15 It cannot be purchased for gold,
Nor can silver be weighed for its price.

- . 16 It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
In precious onyx or sapphire.

- . 17 Neither gold nor crystal can equal it,
Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of fine
gold.

- . 18 No mention shall be made of coral or
quartz, For the price of wisdom is above
rubies.

- . 19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
Nor can it be valued in pure gold.

- . 20 “From where then does wisdom come?
And where is the place of understanding?

- . 21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living,
And concealed from the birds of the air.

- . 22 Destruction and Death say,
'We have heard a report about it with our
ears.'

- . 23 God understands its way, And He knows
its place.

- . 24 For He looks to the ends of the earth,
And sees under the whole heavens,

- . 25 To establish a weight for the wind, And
apportion the waters by measure.

- . 26 When He made a law for the rain, And a
path for the thunderbolt,

. 27 Then He saw wisdom and declared it;
He prepared it, indeed, He searched it out.

. 28 And to man He said,

. ‘ Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is
wisdom, And to depart from evil is
understanding.’”

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