



*The Lord's
Reply to Job*

JOB 38

¹Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, ²“Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

⁴“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. ⁵Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? ⁶Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; ⁷when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? ⁹when I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, ¹⁰and brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed’?

¹²“Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;