

JOB 28 vs 1

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Little is known about Job, but what we do know is that Job was a real person -- mentioned in Ezekiel 14; and James 5. To help us understand what speculative wisdom was being exchanged among these 4 friends, I went to the end of the book, to hear its conclusion, and we read: the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My anger is ignited against you, and against your two friends: for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. These 4 friends were clueless to what brought them together; so their guesses and rumors run freely through the pages dressed in friendship. .



Job's Discourse on Wisdom,

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷That path no bird knows, Nor has the falcon's eye seen it.

⁸The proud lions have not trodden it, Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.

⁹He puts his hand on the flint; He overturns the mountains at the roots.

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

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

¹²But where can wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

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

endless speculations
half-true assumptions
guesses, feelings
unfounded reports
based on nothing real

Job is overwhelmed and knows least of all what happened

Job

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 Not gold nor crystal can equal it, Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of fine gold.

¹⁸ No mention will 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?

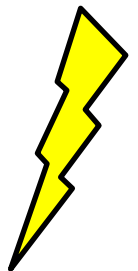
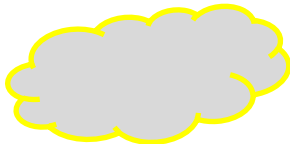
²¹ **It is hidden from the eyes of all living, And concealed from the birds of the air.**

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.**

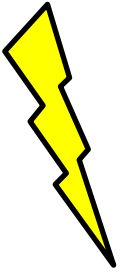


²⁶ **When He made a law for the rain, And a path for the thunderbolt,**

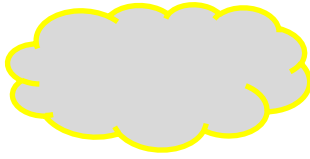
/ This is the second lightning strike, and did the Lord have enough, and start bringing all their speculating to a close? Staring in chapter 26 through 37 and 38 we see the words **thunder** and **lightning** rumbling in the distance when God finally speaks to Job and silences the noise of Job's friendly speculating accusers.

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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1,000,000. Every day somewhere in the world one million thunder strikes take place, charging the land with nitrates to fertilize the earth, for every plant to grow and produce.

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