

Reading for 17 October 2021

Job Chapter 38 verses 1-7 and 34-41

God answers Job

1 Then out of the storm the Lord spoke to Job.

*The Lord*

2 Who are you to question my wisdom  
with your ignorant, empty words?

3 Now stand up straight  
and answer the questions I ask you.

4 Were you there when I made the world?  
If you know so much, tell me about it.

5 Who decided how large it would be?  
Who stretched the measuring line over it?  
Do you know all the answers?

6 What holds up the pillars that support the earth?  
Who laid the cornerstone of the world?

7 In the dawn of that day the stars sang together,  
and the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

34 Can you shout orders to the clouds  
and make them drench you with rain?

35 And if you command the lightning to flash,  
will it come to you and say, "At your service"?

36 Who tells the ibis when the Nile will flood,  
or who tells the cock that rain will fall?

37 Who is wise enough to count the clouds  
and tilt them over to pour out the rain,

38 rain that hardens the dust into lumps?

39 Do you find food for lions to eat,  
and satisfy hungry young lions

40 when they hide in their caves,  
or lie in wait in their dens?

41 Who is it that feeds the ravens  
when they wander about hungry,  
when their young cry to me for food?