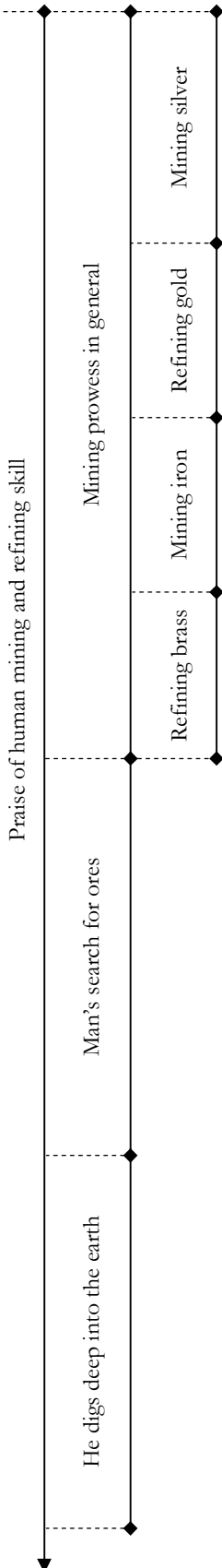


# Job 28

## *Where is Wisdom?*



<sup>1</sup> Surely  
there is  
a vein  
for the silver, and  
a **place**  
for gold  
*where they fine it.*

<sup>2</sup> Iron  
is taken out  
of the earth, and  
brass  
*is molten*  
*out of the stone.*

<sup>3</sup> He  
setteth an end  
to darkness, and  
searcheth out  
all perfection:  
the stones of darkness, and  
the shadow of death.

<sup>4</sup> The flood  
breaketh out  
from the inhabitant;  
*even the waters* forgotten of the foot:  
they are dried up,  
they are gone away from men.

Praise of human mining and refining skill (continued)

Extraction of ores

Yield

Animals' inability to do this

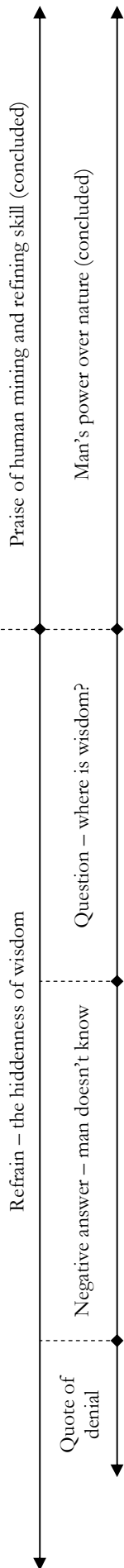
Man's power over nature

<sup>5</sup> *As for* the earth,  
out of it  
cometh bread: and  
under it  
is turned up  
as it were fire.

<sup>6</sup> The stones of it  
*are* the place  
of sapphires: and  
it  
hath dust  
of gold.

<sup>7</sup> *There is* a path  
which  
no fowl knoweth, and  
which  
the vulture's eye  
hath not seen:  
<sup>8</sup> The lion's whelps  
have not trodden it, nor  
the fierce lion  
passed by it.

<sup>9</sup> He  
putteth forth his hand  
upon the rock;  
he  
overturneth  
the mountains  
by the roots.



<sup>10</sup> He  
 cutteth out rivers  
 among the rocks; and  
 his eye  
 seeth  
 every precious thing.

<sup>11</sup> He  
 bindeth  
 the floods  
 from overflowing; and  
*the thing that is hid*  
 bringeth he forth to light.

<sup>12</sup> But  
 where  
 shall **wisdom**  
 be found? and  
 where  
*is* the **place**  
 of **understanding**?

<sup>13</sup> Man  
 knoweth not  
 the price thereof;  
 neither  
 is it found  
 in the land  
 of the living.

<sup>14</sup> The depth saith,  
 “It *is* not in me:” and

Refrain  
(concl)

Quote  
(concl)

The value of wisdom (continued)

the sea saith,

*“It is not with me.”*

<sup>15</sup> It

cannot be gotten

for gold,

neither

shall silver

be weighed

*for* the price thereof.

<sup>16</sup> It

cannot be valued

with the gold of Ophir,

with the precious onyx,

or the sapphire.

<sup>17</sup> The gold and

the crystal

cannot equal it: and

the exchange of it

*shall not be for* jewels

of fine gold.

<sup>18</sup> No mention

shall be made

of coral, or

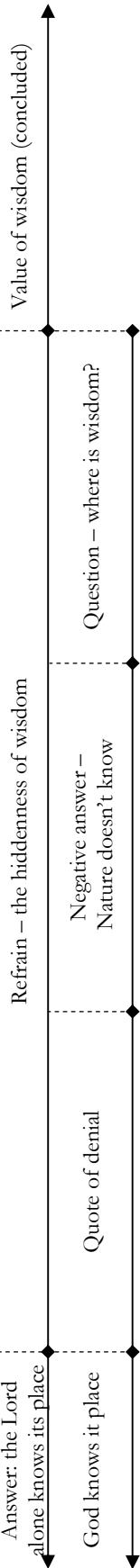
of pearls:

for

the price

of wisdom

*is* above rubies.



<sup>19</sup> The topaz  
of Ethiopia  
shall not equal it,  
neither  
shall it be valued  
with pure gold.

<sup>20</sup> Whence then  
cometh  
**wisdom**? And  
where  
*is* the **place**  
of **understanding**?

<sup>21</sup> Seeing  
it is  
hid from the eyes  
of all living, and  
kept close  
from the fowls of the air.

<sup>22</sup> Destruction and  
death  
say,  
“We have heard  
the fame thereof  
with our ears.”

<sup>23</sup> God  
understandeth  
the way thereof, and

Answer: the Lord alone knows its place (concluded)

His use of wisdom at creation

Proof: His structuring of creation

Rainstorm

Rain

Waters

Wind

Proof: He sees everywhere

God knows its place (concl)

he  
knoweth  
the **place** thereof.

<sup>24</sup> For he  
looketh  
to the ends of the earth, *and*  
seeth  
under the whole heaven;

<sup>25</sup> To make  
the weight  
for the winds; and  
he weigheth  
the waters  
by measure.

<sup>26</sup> When he  
made  
a decree  
for the rain, and  
a way  
for the lightning  
of the thunder:

<sup>27</sup> Then did he  
see it, and  
declare it;  
he  
prepared it,  
yea, and  
searched it out.

Conclusion: He reveals what wisdom is

Wisdom defined

Introduction

<sup>28</sup> And unto man  
he said,  
“Behold,  
the fear of the Lord,  
that *is* **wisdom**; and  
to depart from evil  
*is* **understanding**.”