**Job 28 – Job’s discourse on wisdom**

**A responsive reading for Creation Sabbath from the ASV Bible**

**Reader 1** 1 Surely there is a mine for silver,
And a place for gold which they refine.

**Reader 2 2**Iron is taken out of the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+28&version=ASV#fen-ASV-13507b)]earth,
And copper is molten out of the stone.

**Men 3***Man* setteth an end to darkness,
And searcheth out, to the furthest bound,
The stones of obscurity and of thick darkness.
**4**He breaketh open a shaft away from where men sojourn;
They are forgotten of the foot;

**Reader 1** They hang afar from men, they swing to and fro.

**Ladies 5**As for the earth, out of it cometh bread;
And underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
**6**The stones thereof are the place of sapphires,
And it hath dust of gold.

**Reader 2 7**That path no bird of prey knoweth,
Neither hath the falcon’s eye seen it:

**Reader 1 8**The proud beasts have not trodden it,
Nor hath the fierce lion passed thereby.

**Men 9**He putteth forth his hand upon the flinty rock;
He overturneth the mountains by the roots.
**10**He cutteth out [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+28&version=ASV#fen-ASV-13515g)]channels among the rocks;
And his eye seeth every precious thing.
**11**He bindeth the streams [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+28&version=ASV#fen-ASV-13516h)]that they trickle not;
And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

**Ladies 12**But where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
**13**Man knoweth not the price thereof;
Neither is it found in the land of the living.

**Men 14**The deep saith, It is not in me;
And the sea saith, It is not with me.

**Ladies 15**It cannot be gotten for gold,
Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

**Reader 1 16**It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir,
With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

**Reader 2 17**Gold and glass cannot equal it,
Neither shall it be exchanged for [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+28&version=ASV#fen-ASV-13522k)]jewels of fine gold.

**All 18**No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal:
Yea, the price of wisdom is above [[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+28&version=ASV#fen-ASV-13523l)]rubies.
**19**The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it,
Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

**Reader 2 20**Whence then cometh wisdom?
And where is the place of understanding?

**Reader 1 21**Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living,
And kept close from the birds of the heavens.

**Men 22**Destruction and Death say,
We have heard a rumor thereof with our ears.

**All 23**God understandeth the way thereof,
And he knoweth the place thereof.
**24**For he looketh to the ends of the earth,
And seeth under the whole heaven;

**Ladies 25**To make a weight for the wind:
Yea, he meteth out the waters by measure.

**Men 26**When he made a decree for the rain,
And a way for the lightning of the thunder;
**27**Then did he see it, and declare it;

**Ladies** He established it, yea, and searched it out.

**All 28**And unto man he said,
Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil is understanding.

\*This reading was originally developed by Gina and Clinton Wahlen using the Christian Standard Bible.