

Job 28:1-29:25 **Hidden Treasures of Earth – Search for Wisdom Reminiscing The Times Before Troubles Came**

God reveals the hidden treasures of the earth [Job 28:1-11]

- 1 "Surely there is a mine for silver, And a place where gold is refined.
- 2 Iron is taken from the earth, And copper is smelted from ore.
- 3 Man puts an end to darkness, And searches every recess For ore in the darkness and the shadow of death.

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

- 5 As for the earth, from it comes bread, But underneath it is turned up as by fire;
- 6 Its stones are the source of sapphires, And it contains gold dust.
- 7 That path no bird knows, Nor has the falcon's eye seen it.
- 8 The proud lions have not trodden it, Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.
- 9 He puts his hand on the flint; He overturns the mountains at the roots.
- 10 He cuts out channels in the rocks, And his eye sees every precious thing.
- 11 He dams up the streams from trickling; What is hidden he brings forth to light.

Search for Wisdom [Job 28:12-28]

- 12 "But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?
- 13 Man does not know its value, Nor is it found in the land of the living.
- 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 Neither gold nor crystal can equal it, Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of fine gold.
- 18 No mention shall 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 Elohiym (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,
- 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 Adoney (the Lord), that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.'"

Job reminisced about the times before the trouble came [Job 29:1-25]

- 1 Job further continued his discourse, and said:
- 2 "Oh, that I were as in months past, As in the days when Elowah (God) watched over me;
- 3 When His lamp shone upon my head, And when by His light I walked through darkness;
- 4 Just as I was in the days of my prime, When the friendly counsel of Elowah (God) was over my tent;

5 When Shaday (the Almighty) was yet with me, When my children were around me;
 6 When my steps were bathed with cream, And the rock poured out rivers of oil for me!

 7 "When I went out to the gate by the city, When I took my seat in the open square,
 8 The young men saw me and hid, And the aged arose and stood;
 9 The princes refrained from talking, And put their hand on their mouth;
 10 The voice of nobles was hushed, And their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth.
 11 When the ear heard, then it blessed me, And when the eye saw, then it approved me;

 12 Because I delivered the poor who cried out, The fatherless and the one who had no helper.
 13 The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban.
 15 I was eyes to the blind, And I was feet to the lame.
 16 I was a father to the poor, And I searched out the case that I did not know.
 17 I broke the fangs of the wicked, And plucked the victim from his teeth.

 18 "Then I said, 'I shall die in my nest, And multiply my days as the sand.
 19 My root is spread out to the waters, And the dew lies all night on my branch.
 20 My glory is fresh within me, And my bow is renewed in my hand.'

 21 "Men listened to me and waited, And kept silence for my counsel.
 22 After my words they did not speak again, And my speech settled on them as dew.
 23 They waited for me as for the rain, And they opened their mouth wide as for the spring rain.
 24 If I mocked at them, they did not believe it, And the light of my countenance they did not cast down.
 25 I chose the way for them, and sat as chief; So I dwelt as a king in the army, As one who comforts mourners.
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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ "Surely there is a mine for silver, And a place where gold is refined.
 Iron is taken from the earth, And copper is smelted from ore. [\[Job 28:1-2\]](#)
- ✧ Job understands many truths revealed by Elowah.
- ✧ God has hidden precious things in the earth and has enabled man to find and refine them.
- ✧ What is hidden He brings forth to light.
- ✧ Ore containing silver, gold, iron, & copper, stones are the source of Sapphires.
- ✧ From the earth comes bread for food.
- ✧ Underneath it is turned up as by fire.
- ✧ On the surface many things are hidden from the eyes of man, bird, and beast.
- ✧ He puts his hand on the flint.
- ✧ God overturns mountains at the roots, and cuts channels in the rocks. His eye sees every precious thing. He dams up streams from trickling.

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- ✧ "But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? [\[Job 28:12\]](#)
- ✧ It cannot be found in created things, nor purchased with precious things.
- ✧ Its value is far above all the treasures of earth.
- ✧ Elohiym (God) understands its way, And He knows its place.

- ✧ God saw wisdom in creation and all the systems and cycles of earth and declared it.
- ✧ 'Behold, the fear of Adoney (the Lord), that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.'

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- ✧ Job yearned for the times months ago when Elowah watched over him and blessed all his ways. It was a time when his children were around him and all seemed blessed by Elowah.
- ✧ It was a time when Job received honor and respect from young and old, Princes and nobles. [Job 29:7-11]
- ✧ People blessed and approved Job because he helped all who needed help, Righteousness and Justice were his clothing. [Job 29:12-17]
- ✧ It was a time when Job was confident and looking for a long life of renewed strength and honor. [Job 29:18-24]
- ✧ I chose the way for them, and sat as chief; So I dwelt as a king in the army, As one who comforts mourners. [Job 29:25]
- ✧ Job's counsel brought comfort and encouragement, not condemnation or rebuke.