

## Job 38:1-18

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading for August 11, 2024

*(found on page 484 of the Old Testament in our pew Bibles)*

- 1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
2 “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
3 Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
6 On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
7 when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
9 when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
10 and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?  
12 “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,  
13 so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
14 It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and it is dyed like a garment.  
15 Light is withheld from the wicked,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.  
16 “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.