### The First Lesson Job 38:1-7, 34-41

### *Introduction:* A reading from the Book of Job.

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he Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?

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Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?  
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,  
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,  
or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,  
when its young ones cry to God,   
and wander about for lack of food?”

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*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Lesson** Hebrews 5:1-10

### *Introduction:* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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very high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,

today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.”

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In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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