

## **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB 2:9-14**

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.'

<sup>4</sup> 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly  
beings shouted for joy?'

<sup>8</sup> 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its  
swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup> and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup> and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall  
your proud waves be stopped"?"

*Reader:            The Word of the Lord.*

## **Psalm: 68 (11-18 SAID TOGETHER)**

11 The Lord gave the word; \*

great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 "Kings with their armies are fleeing away; \*

the women at home are dividing the spoils."

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, \*

you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, \*

it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! \*

O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his resting place? \*

truly, the Lord will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; \*

the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even from your enemies, \*

that the Lord God might dwell among them.

## **The Gospel According to Mark (9:38-41)**

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw some-one casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

*Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*(People: Praise to You Lord Christ)*