

**18** To whom then will you liken God?

Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

**19** As for the idol, a craftsman casts it, A goldsmith plates it with gold,  
And a silversmith fashions chains of silver.

**20** He who is too impoverished for such an offering selects a tree that does not rot;  
He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman  
To prepare an idol that will not totter.

**21** Do you not know? Have you not heard?

Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**22** It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are  
like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain  
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

**23** He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, who makes the judges of the  
earth meaningless.

**24** Scarcely have they been planted, scarcely have they been sown,  
Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,  
But He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the storm carries  
them away like stubble.

**25** "To whom then will you liken Me that I would be his equal?" says the Holy One.

**26** Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars,  
The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name;  
Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power,  
Not one of them is missing.

**27** Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and the justice due me  
escapes the notice of my God"?

**28** Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth  
Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

**29** He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power.

**30** Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly,

**31** Yet those who wait for the LORD

Will gain new strength;

They will mount up with wings like eagles,

They will run and not get tired,

They will walk and not become weary.