

A Reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:
Oh, would that my words were written down!
 Would that they were inscribed in a record:
That with an iron chisel and with lead
 they were cut in the rock forever!
As for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
 and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust.
Whom I myself shall see;
 my own eyes, not another's, will behold him,
And from my flesh I shall see God;
 my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.