

A reading from the Book of Job

I know that my Vindicator lives.

Job 19:1, 23-27a (1011-2)

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!

But 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, shall behold him;

And from my flesh I shall see God;

My inmost being is consumed with longing.

The word of the Lord.