

*I know that my Vindicator lives.*

### **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!

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 be hold him;  
And from my flesh I shall see God;  
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

*The word of the Lord.*