“Behold, I am of little account; what can I answer you?”

This is from the story of Job, a story plumbing the depths of wisdom or the shallows of wisdom. What this book is pointing out is that we often make judgments about life, and yet how can we? To make a judgment about anything requires that we have the evidence, the data about what we are dealing, but we don’t have very much data about life. All we have is a tiny little slice: our lives as we happen to perceive them, but even we know that our perceptions change all the time. Our perceptions are so little, so small.

And this is what it says: “Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the morning and shown the dawn its place?” No, no, we never have, and we never will. And so we really cannot judge life. We have to suspend our judgment. We have to wait for the fullness of life to reveal itself, and we have to live in that expectation. That’s what wisdom is about: living in the expectation that life every day will reveal itself more and more. And this changes our perspectives. It really lets us grow, and it really opens our eyes. So the Book of Job is really given to us to help us see.