Chapter 19

- 1 Then Job answered and said,
- 2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?
- 3 These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me.
- 4 And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.
- 5 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach:
- 6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.
- 7 Behold, 1 cry out of wrong, but 1 am not heard: 1 cry aloud, but there is no judgment.
- 8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.
- 9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.
- 10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.
- 11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies.
- 12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.
- 13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.
- 14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.
- 15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: 1 am an alien in their sight.
- 16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I intreated him with my mouth.
- 17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's sake of mine own body.
- 18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.
- 19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.
- 20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
- 21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.
- 22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?
- 23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!
- 24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!
- 25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
- 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:
- 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.
- 28 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?
- 29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.