

## Chapter 23

- 1 Then Job answered and said,
- 2 Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.
- 3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!
- 4 I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.
- 5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.
- 6 Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me.
- 7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.
- 8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:
- 9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him:
- 10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
- 11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.
- 12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.
- 13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.
- 14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him.
- 15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.
- 16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:
- 17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.