Chapter 34

- 1 Furthermore Elihu answered and said,
- 2 Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
- 3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.
- 4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.
- 5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.
- 6 Should 1 lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.
- 7 What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?
- 8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.
- 9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.
- 10 Therefore hearken unto me ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.
- 11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.
- 12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.
- 13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?
- 14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
- 15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.
- 16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.
- 17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?
- 18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?
- 19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.
- 20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.
- 21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.
- 22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
- 23 For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God.
- 24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.
- 25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.
- 26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;
- 27 Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:
- 28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.
- 29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:
- 30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.
- 31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:
- 32 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.
- 33 Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not 1: therefore speak what thou knowest.
- 34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.
- 35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.
- 36 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men.
- 37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.