

Chapter 4

- 1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,
- 2 If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?
- 3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
- 4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.
- 5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
- 6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?
- 7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?
- 8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.
- 9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.
- 10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.
- 11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.
- 12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.
- 13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,
- 14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.
- 15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:
- 16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,
- 17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?
- 18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:
- 19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?
- 20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it.
- 21 Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.