### Job

## Chapter 11

1Then Zophar the Minaean spoke, saying:  
  
 2‘This One who has so much to say  
 Should also listen in turn;  
 Is this one who’s so very well-spoken  
 Proclaiming himself to be just?  
  
 ‘Those born of women who only live short lives  
 3Are blest, because they have much less to say.  
  
 4‘Now, no one’s comparing himself to you,  
 And don’t try to say that your deeds are all pure…  
 That you’re blameless, as you’re standing before Him.  
  
 5‘O that Jehovah would speak  
 And tell you what He has to say.  
  
 6‘Should He speak to you of His wisdom?  
 His wisdom is so much greater than yours!  
 But if He did, you’d know that what’s happened  
 Has come about because of your sins against God.  
  
 7‘Search for the ways of Jehovah,  
 And you’ll find the Almighty’s prepared for your end.  
  
 8‘Because the heavens are ever so high;  
 What can you do, and what do you know?  
  
 ‘There are things much deeper than the place of the dead…  
 9They’re longer than the span of the land,  
 And wider than the breadth of the seas.  
 10And if He’d destroy all those on the earth,  
 Who could question His reason?  
  
 11‘He knows the deeds of those who break laws,  
 And He doesn’t overlook their wrongdoing…  
 12Yet, men keep swimming in words.  
 For all men who are born of a woman,  
 Are no wiser than the desert’s wild burros.  
  
 13‘But, if you have a truly pure heart,  
 And you can spread your hands out before Him;  
 14Should He find that you’ve broken no laws,  
 And you’ve stayed a long way from injustice  
 (That you’ve kept it away from your home);  
 15Your face would then have a shine…  
 Pure water would wash off your filth,  
 And you’d have nothing to fear.  
  
 16‘You’d forget all your troubles like waves passing by,  
 And you’d have no reason for terror.  
 17In the morning, your vows would be like the stars,  
 And at noon, your life would return.  
  
 18‘You’d have some hope, if you would comply,  
 And have peace in place of trouble and strife.  
 19For you, there would be no more battles,  
 And many would turn and beg for your aid.  
  
 20‘But for them, will come no salvation,  
 Since their only hope is destruction,  
 And the eyes of the godless will melt.’