### Job

## Chapter 13

1‘{Look!} I’ve seen such things with my eyes,  
 And I’ve heard such things with my ears.  
  
 2‘I know the same things that all of you know,  
 And I have as much sense as do you.  
 3Thus, I’ll speak before God,  
 And I’ll scold you, if He will allow it.  
  
 4‘For, you’ve been unrighteous doctors,  
 And as healers, you’ve done a very poor job.  
 5So, it would be a blessing if you’d stay still…  
 Yes, that would be the course that’s wise.  
  
 6‘Now, hear these things that I’ll tell you,  
 And heed the judgments that come from my lips.  
  
 7‘Aren’t you speaking here before God,  
 And before Him, aren’t you being deceitful?  
 8Isn’t it time for you to back off;  
 For, aren’t you just judging yourselves?  
  
 9‘If He should choose to examine your tracks  
 And pay attention to all that you do,  
 10Then discipline you for the [bad] things you’ve done…  
 You’d worry that He sees all your secrets.  
  
 11‘Wouldn’t He spin you in His awesome power…  
 Wouldn’t fear of Him overcome you?  
 12For your prancing would then become ashes,  
 And your bodies would turn back to clay.  
  
 13‘So, stay still as I pour out my rage;  
 14For, I’ll grab my flesh with my teeth now,  
 And hold myself with my hands.  
  
 15‘But, if the Almighty should grab me,  
 I’d still speak to Him and complain…  
 16I’d argue that I should be spared,  
 For He’d not find me guilty of evil.  
  
 17‘Listen to me… Hear my words,  
 For I’ll shout them into your ears!  
 18Look at me… Yes, gaze upon me!  
 For, as I stand here before you in judgment,  
 I know that you’ll not call me righteous…  
 19Yet, the One who’s my judge is impartial.  
  
 ‘Now, I’ll say nothing more, because I’m through,  
 20And I’ll allow you two things to finish me off…  
 Then I’ll go and hide from your presence.  
 21But, keep your hands at a distance,  
 And give me no reason to fear you.  
  
 22‘You can call out to me and I’ll listen;  
 So, speak and I’ll give a reply.  
 23Of how many sins am I guilty,  
 And how many laws have I broken?  
 Yes, tell me just what they’ve been!  
  
 24‘What are you hiding from me,  
 And why do you think I’m lesser than you?  
 25Will you avoid me like leaves in the wind,  
 Or face me like grass in the air?  
  
 26‘Against me, you’ve written so many bad things,  
 And accused me of sins that are common to youth…  
 27You’ve opposed me, although I’m righteous.  
 But by now, you’ve examined all of my deeds,  
 And to the roots of my feet, you’ve reached.  
  
 28‘Yet, I’ve been aging [so quickly],  
 And I look like a bag made of leather,  
 Or like a robe that’s been eaten by moths!’