### Job

## Chapter 23

1Then Job spoke, saying:  
  
 2‘I know for a fact that my change of state  
 Is something that’s out of my hands.  
 For, it’s His hand that’s been heavy on me,  
 And He’s the source of my groaning.  
 3So who knows if I’ll ever find Him again,  
 And bring these things to a conclusion.  
  
 4‘Now, on myself, I’ll pass judgment,  
 And with scolding words, I’ll fill my mouth.  
 5Then I’ll learn the cure, for He’ll show it to me…  
 I’ll understand, because He’ll explain it!  
  
 6‘He’ll come to me with great strength,  
 And I know He won’t do so unsurely.  
 7He’ll send me truth and correction,  
 And bring an end to my case.  
  
 8‘But, if I should be the first one to go,  
 And if I should no longer be;  
 How could I know how it ends?  
  
 9‘With His left hand, He acts… I can’t stop Him;  
 And what He covers with His right, I can’t see.  
 10He already knows all my ways;  
 For He’s searched me through as if I were gold.  
  
 11‘My feet have walked in His footsteps…  
 I’ve kept His ways and not swerved.  
 12I’ve never rejected commands from His lips,  
 And I’ve held in esteem the words from His mouth.  
 13But, if He’s judged me as guilty,  
 Who can say that He’s wrong?  
  
 14‘So I’ve always turned towards Him quickly,  
 And when I’m corrected, I keep Him in mind.  
 15For, grave are the things that come from His face…  
 They’re things that leave me in terror.  
  
 16‘Yet, Jehovah has softened my heart…  
 The Almighty has moved me to action.  
 17For, I never suspected that darkness would come  
 And that before my face, all would go dim.