### Job

## Chapter 36

1EliHu continued, saying:  
  
 2‘Be patient for a while and I’ll teach you...  
 Because, I still have [much] more to say.  
  
 3‘I was taught in a faraway land,  
 And I’ve learned to do as I say.  
 4So, I’ll speak of what’s true and righteous,  
 And you’ll find that I’m not telling lies.  
  
 5‘I know that Jehovah won’t harm a good man…  
 One who’s mighty and has strength of heart.  
 6But, to the irreverent, He won’t return life.  
  
 ‘He will give justice to those who are poor,  
 7And He doesn’t turn His eyes away from the righteous.  
 For, they’ll sit as kings upon thrones…  
 They’ll be raised and treated like winners!  
  
 8‘The crook that’s led off in shackles,  
 In poverty’s cords, will be wrapped.  
 9Then, He’ll speak of all the bad things he’s done,  
 And of his many transgressions.  
  
 10‘But, [God] listens to what the righteous ones say,  
 And He warns them to turn away from all badness.  
 11So, if they should listen and serve [Him],  
 They’ll live a very long time  
 And spend many years having good things.  
 Then, when they come to the end of their days,  
 Many beautiful things, they’ll own.  
  
 12‘But the godless won’t be preserved;  
 For, they fail to look to Jehovah.  
 And even though they’ve been warned time and again,  
 They keep on refusing to listen.  
  
 13‘Although the hypocrite’s heart will know rage,  
 He won’t call out, for [God] has him bound.  
 14So his life will end while he’s still young,  
 Since angels will come here to pierce him…  
 15If he’s mistreated the weak and disabled.  
 Yet, they’ll be fair to the humble.  
  
 16‘When an enemy uses his mouth to deceive,  
 [God] opens a pit underneath him,  
 Where his table of good things is thrown.  
  
 17‘To the righteous, He’ll always bring justice,  
 18While on the impious, He sends His rage.  
 For if, in godless ways, they’ve taken bribes;  
 In justice, they’ll receive what they deserve.  
  
 19‘So don’t be blind to the cries of the disabled,  
 Or send away those who seek aid in the night.  
 20Rather, you should go out and help them,  
 So that others can see your example.  
 21Be careful to never mistreat them,  
 Or take advantage of their lowly condition.  
  
 22‘{Look!} Although the strong use their strength to overpower…  
 Who are these who are feeling so mighty?  
 23Who examines the things that they do,  
 And tells them when they’ve done wrong?  
  
 24‘Remember that it’s the great things we do  
 That give us control over men.  
 25And each man knows deep within his own heart  
 How many mortals he’s stabbed through.  
  
 26‘{Look!} The Almighty is great…  
 Yet, we don’t really know Him;  
 For, there’s no end to His years.  
 27He can count the number of rain drops  
 Before they’re even formed in the clouds.  
 28Then they fall and flow past the things that grow old…  
 Past the shadows of the uncounted dead.  
  
 ‘He’s established a time for the animal’s lives,  
 And this order of things, they comprehend.  
 Yet, you haven’t bothered to think about this,  
 And your heart doesn’t know your own body.  
 29But remember, as you watch the clouds passing by…  
 This will also happen to the tent that is you.  
  
 30‘{Look!} He’s stretched the light out above us,  
 And the roots of the seas, He’s covered.  
 31Then, between them, He judges the people,  
 And He nourishes those who’ve shown strength.  
  
 32‘He can cover the light with His hands,  
 And tell the clouds what to do.  
 33Yet, we can trust that He’ll speak to His friends,  
 And provide them a place of refuge from evil.