### Job

## Chapter 5

1‘So, shout and see who’ll listen;  
 Will holy angels appear?  
 2Even a fool will end all his madness,  
 And a man who wanders will soon end his search.  
  
 3‘I’ve seen fools making plans…  
 And then, their homes were destroyed.  
 4And although their sons were in a safe place,  
 At the doors of lesser men, they were crushed;  
 For, no one would come to their aid.  
  
 5‘Even though the hungry can eat what they harvest;  
 Those who bear arms can siphon their strength.  
 6So the ground will only bring work,  
 As misery sprouts in the hills.  
  
 7‘Even though a man is just born to do work,  
 And young vultures are made to fly in the skies;  
 8I’ll still beg to Jehovah…  
 Yes, I’ll still call to the Almighty God  
 9Who does great things that can’t be explained…  
 Things of honor, unnumbered, and odd.  
  
 10‘He’s the One who sends water down to the ground  
 And rain to all places under the skies.  
 11He’s the One who raises the humble  
 And returns life to those who are dying.  
  
 12‘He alters the plans of the clever,  
 So that they’re unable to do what’s true.  
 13He conquers the wisdom of the wise,  
 And surprises the plans of the crafty.  
  
 14‘For, in daylight, darkness can still come to meet them,  
 And at noon, they may grope as though it were night.  
 15They may also be killed in a war,  
 While the weak may escape from the mighty.  
  
 16‘So, there’s still hope for those without strength,  
 And unrighteous mouths may also be closed.  
  
 17‘Blest is the man who’s whipped by the Lord,  
 And those who don’t ignore the Almighty!  
 18For, although He brings pain, He also restores…  
 He strikes, and then He heals with His hands.  
  
 19‘Six times, He will save you from problems,  
 But in the seventh, He will give you what’s bad.  
 20In times of famine, He will save you from death;  
 And in war, He will free you from shackles of iron.  
 21From the whip of the tongue, He will hide you,  
 And you won’t have to fear the evils that come.  
  
 22‘Then you’ll laugh at the unrighteous and lawless,  
 And not have fear of any wild beasts.  
 23For with you, the wild will be peaceful,  
 24And you’ll know there’s peace in your house  
 When you tent in your home without sin.  
  
 25‘You’ll know that your offspring will be many,  
 And your children will sprout like weeds in the fields.  
 26Then you’ll go to your grave like grain in the harvest…  
 Like heaps on the floor at the time it’s reaped.  
  
 27‘{Look!} These are the things that we’ve concluded,  
 And these are the things that we’ve heard.  
 But, within yourself, only you know  
 Whether you’ve done something evil.’