### Job

## Chapter 8

1Then Baldad the Shuhite spoke. He said:  
  
 2‘How long will you use the breath from your mouth  
 To speak in such a talkative way?  
  
 3‘Does Jehovah sin when He judges,  
 And does the Maker of all harm the righteous?  
 4Surely your sons had sinned before Him…  
 Because they were lawless, He took them away!  
  
 5‘To seek Jehovah, you always rose early,  
 And before the Almighty, you’ve begged.  
 6But, if you were truly pure,  
 He’d have listened to all your requests  
 And restored your position in justice.  
 7Then, if at first, your men had been few;  
 In the end, they’d be beyond number.  
  
 8‘Ask the first generations,  
 And trace the race of the fathers!  
 9For, while they were here, they were not aware  
 That shadows would cover their lives in the ground.  
 10Doesn’t this tell you and doesn’t this teach?  
 Don’t such sayings arise from your heart?  
  
 11‘Can papyrus live without water?  
 Can bulrushes live without drinking?  
 12As long as the plant has its roots,  
 And before it has been cut down;  
 If it can’t drink from the garden,  
 Doesn’t it wither and dry?  
  
 13‘As it is with those forgetting Jehovah;  
 Since there’s no hope for the Godless,  
 14His home won’t be lived in again,  
 And spiders will spread out their tents there.  
  
 15‘If no one comes to care for his house,  
 It won’t be able to stand…  
 It won’t remain unless it’s claimed!  
  
 16‘Whenever it’s wet under the sun,  
 From things that are rotten, a branch starts to sprout.  
 17So, on a pile of stones, a man goes to bed,  
 And he lives there amidst all the gravel;  
 18His place then swallows him down,  
 And thereafter, it covers him over.  
 Haven’t you witnessed such things?  
  
 19‘Yes, that’s how the godless all come to their end…  
 And then, from the ground, sprouts another.  
  
 20‘No way will the Lord harm the good,  
 And He accepts no gifts from the godless.  
 21With laughter, He fills the mouths of the true  
 And those who use their lips in His praise.  
 22To their enemies, He will always bring shame,  
 And the homes of the Godless, He soon wipes away.’