**CHAPTER** **11**

*Sophar reproves Job, for justifying himself, and invites him to repentance.*

**1** Then Sophar the Naamathite answered, and said:

**2** Shall not he that speaketh much, hear also? or shall a man full of talk be justified?

**3** Shall men hold their peace to thee only? and when thou hast mocked others, shall no man confute thee?

**4** For thou hast said: My word is pure, and I am clean in thy sight.

**5** And I wish that God would speak with thee, and would open his lips to thee,

**6** That he might shew thee the secrets of wisdom, and that his law is manifold, and thou mightest understand that he exacteth much less of thee, than thy iniquity deserveth.

**7** Peradventure thou wilt comprehend the steps of God, and wilt find out the Almighty perfectly?

**8** He is higher than heaven, and what wilt thou do? he is deeper than hell, and how wilt thou know?

**9** The measure of him is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

**10** If he shall overturn all things, or shall press them together, who shall contradict him?

**11** For he knoweth the vanity of men, and when he seeth iniquity, doth he not consider it?

**12** A vain man is lifted up into pride, and thinketh himself born free like a wild ass’s colt.

**13** But thou hast hardened thy heart, and hast spread thy hands to him.

**14** If thou wilt put away from thee the iniquity that is in thy hand, and let not injustice remain in thy tabernacle:

**15** Then mayst thou lift up thy face without spot, and thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear.

**16** Thou shalt also forget misery, and remember it only as waters that are passed away.

**17** And brightness like that of the noonday, shall arise to thee at evening: and when thou shalt think thyself consumed, thou shalt rise as the day star.

**18** And thou shalt have confidence, hope being set before thee, and being buried thou shalt sleep secure.

**19** Thou shalt rest, and there shall be none to make thee afraid: and many shall entreat thy face.

**20** But the eyes of the wicked shall decay, and the way to escape shall fail them, and their hope the abomination of the soul.