**CHAPTER** **22**

*Eliphaz falsely imputes many crimes to Job; but promises him prosperity if he will repent.*

**1** Then Eliphaz the Themanite answered, and said:

**2** Can man be compared with God, even though he were of perfect knowledge?

**3** What doth it profit God if thou be just? or what dost thou give him if thy way be unspotted?

**4** Shall he reprove thee for fear, and come with thee into judgment:

**5** And not for thy manifold wickedness, and thy infinite iniquities?

**6** For thou hast taken away the pledge of thy brethren without cause, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

**7** Thou hast not given water to the weary, thou hast withdrawn bread from the hungry.

**8** In the strength of thy arm thou didst possess the land, and being the most mighty thou holdest it.

**9** Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless thou hast broken in pieces.

**10** Therefore art thou surrounded with snares, and sudden fear troubleth thee.

**11** And didst thou think that thou shouldst not see darkness, and that thou shouldst not be covered with the violence of overflowing waters?

**12** Dost not thou think that God is higher than heaven, and is elevated above the height of the stars?

**13** And thou sayst: What doth God know? and he judgeth as it were through a mist.

**14** The clouds are his covert, and he doth not consider our things, and he walketh about the poles of heaven.

**15** Dost thou desire to keep the path of ages, which wicked men have trodden?

**16** Who were taken away before their time, and a flood hath overthrown their foundation.

**17** Who said to God: Depart from us: and looked upon the Almighty as if he could do nothing:

**18** Whereas he had filled their houses with good things: whose way of thinking be far from me.

**19** The just shall see, and shall rejoice, and the innocent shall laugh them to scorn.

**20** Is not their exaltation cut down, and hath not fire devoured the remnants of them?

**21** Submit thyself then to him, and be at peace: and thereby thou shalt have the best fruits.

**22** Receive the law of his mouth, and lay up his words in thy heart.

**23** If thou wilt return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, and shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacle.

**24** He shall give for earth flint, and for flint torrents of gold.

**25** And the Almighty shall be against thy enemies, and silver shall be heaped together for thee.

**26** Then shalt thou abound in delights in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face to God.

**27** Thou shalt pray to him, and he will hear thee, and thou shalt pay vows.

**28** Thou shalt decree a thing, and it shall come to thee, and light shall shine in thy ways.

**29** For he that hath been humbled, shall be in glory: and he that shall bow down his eyes, he shall be saved.

**30** The innocent shall be saved, and he shall be saved by the cleanness of his hands.