**CHAPTER** **27**

*Job persists in asserting his own innocence, and that hypocrites will be punished in the end.*

**1** Job also added, taking up his parable, and said:

**2** As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment, and the Almighty, who hath brought my soul to bitterness,

**3** As long as breath remaineth in me, and the spirit of God in my nostrils,

**4** My lips shall not speak iniquity, neither shall my tongue contrive lying.

**5** God forbid that I should judge you to be just: till I die I will not depart from my innocence.

**6** My justification, which I have begun to hold, I will not forsake: for my heart doth not reprehend me in all my life.

**7** Let my enemy be as the ungodly, and my adversary as the wicked one.

**8** For what is the hope of the hypocrite if through covetousness he take by violence, and God deliver not his soul?

**9** Will God hear his cry, when distress shall come upon him?

**10** Or can he delight himself in the Almighty, and call upon God at all times?

**11** I will teach you by the hand of God, what the Almighty hath, and I will not conceal it.

**12** Behold you all know it, and why do you speak vain things without cause?

**13** This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the inheritance of the violent, which they shall receive of the Almighty.

**14** If his sons be multiplied, they shall be for the sword, and his grandsons shall not be filled with bread.

**15** They that shall remain of him, shall be buried in death, and his widows shall not weep.

**16** If he shall heap together silver as earth, and prepare raiment as clay,

**17** He shall prepare indeed, but the just man shall be clothed with it: and the innocent shall divide the silver.

**18** He hath built his house as a moth, and as a keeper he hath made a booth.

**19** The rich man when he shall sleep shall take away nothing with him: he shall open his eyes and find nothing.

**20** Poverty like water shall take hold on him, a tempest shall oppress him in the night:

**21** A burning wind shall take him up, and carry him away, and as a whirlwind shall snatch him from his place.

**22** And he shall cast upon him, and shall not spare: out of his hand he would willingly flee.

**23** He shall clasp his hands upon him, and shall hiss at him, beholding his place.