**CHAPTER** **33**

*Eliu blames Job for asserting his own innocence.*

**1** Hear therefore, O Job, my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

**2** Behold now I have opened my mouth, let my tongue speak within my jaws.

**3** My words are from my upright heart, and my lips shall speak a pure sentence.

**4** The spirit of God made me, and the breath of the Almighty gave me life.

**5** If thou canst, answer me, and stand up against my face.

**6** Behold God hath made me as well as thee, and of the same clay I also was formed.

**7** But yet let not my wonder terrify thee, and let not my eloquence be burdensome to thee.

**8** Now thou hast said in my hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words:

**9** I am clean, and without sin: I am unspotted, and there is no iniquity in me.

**10** Because he hath found complaints against me, therefore he hath counted me for his enemy.

**11** He hath put my feet in the stocks, he hath observed all my paths.

**12** Now this is the thing in which thou art not justified: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

**13** Dost thou strive against him, because he hath not answered thee to all words?

**14** God speaketh once, and repeateth not the selfsame thing the second time.

**15** By a dream in a vision by night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, and they are sleeping in their beds:

**16** Then he openeth the ears of men, and teaching instructeth them in what they are to learn.

**17** That he may withdraw a man from the things he is doing, and may deliver him from pride.

**18** Rescuing his soul from corruption: and his life from passing to the sword.

**19** He rebuketh also by sorrow in the bed, and he maketh all his bones to wither.

**20** Bread becometh abominable to him in his life, and to his soul the meat which before he desired.

**21** His flesh shall be consumed away, and his bones that were covered shall be made bare.

**22** His soul hath drawn near to corruption, and his life to the destroyers.

**23** If there shall be an angel speaking for him, one among thousands, to declare man’s uprightness,

**24** He shall have mercy on him, and shall say: Deliver him, that he may not go down to corruption: I have found wherein I may be merciful to him.

**25** His flesh is consumed with punishments, let him return to the days of his youth.

**26** He shall pray to God, and he will be gracious to him: and he shall see his face with joy, and he will render to man his justice.

**27** He shall look upon men, and shall say: I have sinned, and indeed I have offended, and I have not received what I have deserved.

**28** He hath delivered his soul from going into destruction, that it may live and see the light.

**29** Behold, all these things God worketh three times within every one.

**30** That he may withdraw their souls from corruption, and enlighten them with the light of the living.

**31** Attend, Job, and hearken to me: and hold thy peace, whilst I speak.

**32** But if thou hast any thing to say, answer me, speak: for I would have thee to appear just.

**33** And if thou have not, hear me: hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.