**CHAPTER** **4**

*Eliphaz charges Job with impatience, and pretends that God never afflicts the innocent.*

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

**2** If we begin to speak to thee, perhaps thou wilt take it ill, but who can withhold the words he hath conceived?

**3** Behold thou hast taught many, and thou hast strengthened the weary hands:

**4** Thy words have confirmed them that were staggering, and thou hast strengthened the trembling knees:

**5** But now the scourge is come upon thee, and thou faintest: it hath touched thee, and thou art troubled.

**6** Where is thy fear, thy fortitude, thy patience, and the perfection of thy ways?

**7** Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished being innocent? or when were the just destroyed?

**8** On the contrary I have seen those who work iniquity, and sow sorrows, and reap them,

**9** Perishing by the blast of God, and consumed by the spirit of his wrath.

**10** The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the lioness, and the teeth of the whelps of lions are broken:

**11** The tiger hath perished for want of prey, and the young lions are scattered abroad.

**12** Now there was a word spoken to me in private, and my ears by stealth as it were received the veins of its whisper.

**13** In the horror of a vision by night, when deep sleep is wont to hold men,

**14** Fear seized upon me, and trembling, and all my bones were affrighted:

**15** And when a spirit passed before me, the hair of my flesh stood up.

**16** There stood one whose countenance I knew not, an image before my eyes, and I heard the voice as it were of a gentle wind:

**17** Shall man be justified in comparison of God, or shall a man be more pure than his maker?

**18** Behold they that serve him are not steadfast, and in his angels he found wickedness:

**19** How much more shall they that dwell in houses of clay, who have an earthly foundation, be consumed as with the moth?

**20** From morning till evening they shall be cut down: and because no one understandeth, they shall perish for ever.

**21** And they that shall be left, shall be taken away from them: they shall die, and not in wisdom.