**CHAPTER** **13**

*Job persists in maintaining his innocence: and reproves his friends.*

**1** Behold my eye hath seen all these things, and my ear hath heard them, and I have understood them all.

**2** According to your knowledge I also know: neither am I inferior to you.

**3** But yet I will speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

**4** Having first shewn that you are forgers of lies, and maintainers of perverse opinions.

**5** And I wish you would hold your peace, that you might be thought to be wise men.

**6** Hear ye therefore my reproof, and attend to the judgment of my lips.

**7** Hath God any need of your lie, that you should speak deceitfully for him?

**8** Do you accept his person, and do you endeavour to judge for God?

**9** Or shall it please him, from whom nothing can be concealed? or shall he be deceived as a man, with your deceitful dealings?

**10** He shall reprove you, because in secret you accept his person.

**11** As soon as he shall move himself, he shall trouble you: and his dread shall fall upon you.

**12** Your remembrance shall be compared to ashes, and your necks shall be brought to clay.

**13** Hold your peace a little while, that I may speak whatsoever my mind shall suggest to me.

**14** Why do I tear my flesh with my teeth, and carry my soul in my hands?

**15** Although he should kill me, I will trust in him: but yet I will reprove my ways in his sight.

**16** And he shall be my saviour: for no hypocrite shall come before his presence.

**17** Hear ye my speech, and receive with your ears hidden truths.

**18** If I shall be judged, I know that I shall be found just.

**19** Who is he that will plead against me? let him come: why am I consumed holding my peace?

**20** Two things only do not to me, and then from thy face I shall not be hid:

**21** Withdraw thy hand far from me, and let not thy dread terrify me.

**22** Call me, and I will answer thee: or else I will speak, and do thou answer me.

**23** How many are my iniquities and sins? make me know my crimes and offences.

**24** Why hidest thou thy face, and thinkest me thy enemy?

**25** Against a leaf, that is carried away with the wind, thou shewest thy power, and thou pursuest a dry straw.

**26** For thou writest bitter things against me, and wilt consume me for the sins of my youth.

**27** Thou hast put my feet in the stocks, and hast observed all my paths, and hast considered the steps of my feet:

**28** Who am to be consumed as rottenness, and as a garment that is moth-eaten.