**CHAPTER** **34**

*Eliu charges Job with blasphemy: and sets forth the power and justice of God.*

**1** And Eliu continued his discourse, and said:

**2** Hear ye, wise men, my words, and ye learned, hearken to me:

**3** For the ear trieth words, and the mouth discerneth meats by the taste.

**4** Let us choose to us judgment, and let us see among ourselves what is the best.

**5** For Job hath said: I am just, and God hath overthrown my judgment.

**6** For in judging me there is a lie: my arrow is violent without any sin.

**7** What man is there like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?

**8** Who goeth in company with them that work iniquity, and walketh with wicked men?

**9** For he hath said: Man shall not please God, although he run with him.

**10** Therefore, ye men of understanding, hear me: far from God be wickedness, and iniquity from the Almighty.

**11** For he will render to a man his work, and according to the ways of every one he will reward them.

**12** For in very deed God will not condemn without cause, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

**13** What other hath he appointed over the earth? or whom hath he set over the world which he made?

**14** If he turn his heart to him, he shall draw his spirit and breath unto himself.

**15** All flesh shall perish together, and man shall return into ashes.

**16** If then thou hast understanding, hear what is said, and hearken to the voice of my words.

**17** Can he be healed that loveth not judgment? and how dost thou so far condemn him that is just?

**18** Who saith to the king: Thou art an apostate: who calleth rulers ungodly:

**19** Who accepteth not the persons of princes: nor hath regarded the tyrant, when he contended against the poor man: for all are the work of his hands.

**20** They shall suddenly die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and they shall pass, and take away the violent without hand.

**21** For his eyes are upon the ways of men, and he considereth all their steps.

**22** There is no darkness, and there is no shadow of death, where they may be hid who work iniquity.

**23** For it is no longer in the power of man to enter into judgment with God.

**24** He shall break in pieces many and innumerable, and shall make others to stand in their stead.

**25** For he knoweth their works: and therefore he shall bring night on them, and they shall be destroyed.

**26** He hath struck them, as being wicked, in open sight.

**27** Who as it were on purpose have revolted from him, and would not understand all his ways:

**28** So that they caused the cry of the needy to come to him, and he heard the voice of the poor.

**29** For when he granteth peace, who is there that can condemn? When he hideth his countenance, who is there that can behold him, whether it regard nations, or all men?

**30** Who maketh a man that is a hypocrite to reign for the sins of the people?

**31** Seeing then I have spoken of God, I will not hinder thee in thy turn.

**32** If I have erred, teach thou me: if I have spoken iniquity, I will add no more.

**33** Doth God require it of thee, because it hath displeased thee? for thou begannest to speak, and not I: but if thou know any thing better, speak.

**34** Let men of understanding speak to me, and let a wise man hearken to me.

**35** But Job hath spoken foolishly, and his words sound not discipline.

**36** My father, let Job be tried even to the end: cease not from the man of iniquity.

**37** Because he addeth blasphemy upon his sins, let him be tied fast in the mean time amongst us: and then let him provoke God to judgment with his speeches.