

Job

Job Chapter 1

¹There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

²And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

³His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she donkeys, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

⁴And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

⁵And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.

⁷And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence come you? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

⁸And the Lord said unto Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God, and eschews evil?

⁹Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Does Job fear God for nought?

¹⁰Have not you made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he has on every side? you have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

¹¹But put forth yours hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.

¹²And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your power; only upon himself put not forth yours hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

¹³And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

¹⁴And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys feeding beside them:

¹⁵And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

¹⁶While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and has burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

¹⁷While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

¹⁸While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

¹⁹And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

²⁰Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

²¹And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there: the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

²²In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job Chapter 2

¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

²And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence come you? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

³And the Lord said unto Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God, and eschews evil? and still he holds fast his integrity, although you moved me against him, to destroy him without cause.

⁴And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man has will he give for his life.

⁵But put forth yours hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.

⁶And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; but save his life.

⁷So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

⁸And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

⁹Then said his wife unto him, Do you still retain your integrity? curse God, and die.

¹⁰But he said unto her, You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

¹²And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

¹³So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

Job Chapter 3

¹After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

²And Job spoke, and said,

³Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

⁴Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

⁵Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

⁶As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

⁷Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

⁸Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

⁹Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

¹⁰Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

¹¹Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

¹²Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

¹³For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

¹⁴With kings and counsellors of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves;

¹⁵Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

¹⁶Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.

¹⁷There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

¹⁸There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

¹⁹The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

²⁰Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul;

²¹Which long for death, but it comes not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

²²Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?

²³Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God has hedged in?

²⁴For my sighing comes before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

²⁵For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

²⁶I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Job Chapter 4

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

²If we assay to commune with you, will you be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

³Behold, you have instructed many, and you have strengthened the weak hands.

⁴Your words have upholden him that was falling, and you have strengthened the feeble knees.

⁵But now it is come upon you, and you faintest; it touches you, and you are troubled.

⁶Is not this your fear, your confidence, your hope, and the uprightness of your ways?

⁷Remember, I pray you, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

⁸Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

⁹By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

¹⁰The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

¹¹The old lion perishes for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

¹²Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

¹³In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,

¹⁴Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

¹⁵Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

¹⁶It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,

¹⁷Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

¹⁸Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

¹⁹How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

²⁰They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it.

²¹Does not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

Job Chapter 5

¹Call now, if there be any that will answer you; and to which of the saints will you turn?

²For wrath kills the foolish man, and envy slays the silly one.

³I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

⁴His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

⁵Whose harvest the hungry eats up, and takes it even out of the thorns, and the robber swallows up their substance.

⁶Although affliction comes not forth of the dust, neither does trouble spring out of the ground;

⁷Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

⁸I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

⁹Which does great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number:

¹⁰Who gives rain upon the earth, and sends waters upon the fields:

¹¹To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

¹²He disappoints the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

¹³He takes the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

¹⁴They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

¹⁵But he saves the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

¹⁶So the poor has hope, and iniquity stops her mouth.

¹⁷Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not you the chastening of the Almighty:

¹⁸For he makes sore, and binds up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

¹⁹He shall deliver you in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch you.

²⁰In famine he shall redeem you from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

²¹You shall be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shall you be afraid of destruction when it comes.

²²At destruction and famine you shall laugh: neither shall you be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

²³For you shall be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.

²⁴And you shall know that your tabernacle shall be in peace; and you shall visit your habitation, and shall not sin.

²⁵You shall know also that your seed shall be great, and yours offspring as the grass of the earth.

²⁶You shall come to your grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn comes in in his season.

²⁷Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know you it for your good.

Job Chapter 6

¹But Job answered and said,

²Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

³For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up.

⁴For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinks up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

⁵Does the wild donkey bray when he has grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?

⁶Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

⁷The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat.

⁸Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

⁹Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

¹⁰Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

¹¹What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?

¹²Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

¹³Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

¹⁴To him that is afflicted pity should be showed from his friend; but he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

¹⁵My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away;

¹⁶Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid:

¹⁷What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

¹⁸The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.

¹⁹The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.

²⁰They were confounded because they had hoped; they came there, and were ashamed.

²¹For now you are nothing; you see my casting down, and are afraid.

²²Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?

²³Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

²⁴Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

²⁵How forcible are right words! but what does your arguing reprove?

²⁶Do you imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?

²⁷Yea, you overwhelm the fatherless, and you dig a pit for your friend.

²⁸Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie.

²⁹Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is in it.

³⁰Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

Job Chapter 7

¹Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?

²As a servant earnestly desires the shadow, and as an hireling looks for the reward of his work:

³So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

⁴When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

⁵My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

⁶My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

⁷O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good.

⁸The eye of him that has seen me shall see me no more: yours eyes are upon me, and I am not.

⁹As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away: so he that goes down to the grave shall come up no more.

¹⁰He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

¹¹Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

¹²Am I a sea, or a whale, that you set a watch over me?

¹³When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaints;

¹⁴Then you scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:

¹⁵So that my soul chooses strangling, and death rather than my life.

¹⁶I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity.

¹⁷What is man, that you should magnify him? and that you should set yours heart upon him?

¹⁸And that you should visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

¹⁹How long will you not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

²⁰I have sinned; what shall I do unto you, O you preserver of men? why have you set me as a mark against you, so that I am a burden to myself?

²¹And why do you not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and you shall seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

Job Chapter 8

¹Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

²How long will you speak these things? and how long shall the words of your mouth be like a strong wind?

³Does God pervert judgment? or does the Almighty pervert justice?

⁴If your children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;

⁵If you will seek unto God betimes, and make your supplication to the Almighty;

⁶If you wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for you, and make the habitation of your righteousness prosperous.

⁷Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end should greatly increase.

⁸For enquire, I pray you, of the former age, and prepare yourself to the search of their fathers:

⁹(For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:)

¹⁰Shall not they teach you, and tell you, and utter words out of their heart?

¹¹Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

¹²While it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withers before any other herb.

¹³So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

¹⁴Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.

¹⁵He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

¹⁶He is green before the sun, and his branch shoots forth in his garden.

¹⁷His roots are wrapped about the heap, and sees the place of stones.

¹⁸If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen you.

¹⁹Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

²⁰Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers:

²¹Till he fill your mouth with laughing, and your lips with rejoicing.

²²They that hate you shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

Job Chapter 9

¹Then Job answered and said,

²I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

³If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

⁴He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who has hardened himself against him, and has prospered?

⁵Which removes the mountains, and they know not: which overturns them in his anger.

⁶Which shakes the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

⁷Which commands the sun, and it rises not; and seals up the stars.

⁸Which alone spreads out the heavens, and treads upon the waves of the sea.

⁹Which makes Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

¹⁰Which does great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

¹¹Lo, he goes by me, and I see him not: he passes on also, but I perceive him not.

¹²Behold, he takes away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What do you?

¹³If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

¹⁴How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

¹⁵Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

¹⁶If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

¹⁷For he breaks me with a tempest, and multiplies my wounds without cause.

¹⁸He will not suffer me to take my breath, but fills me with bitterness.

¹⁹If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

²⁰If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

²¹Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.

²²This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroys the perfect and the wicked.

²³If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

²⁴The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covers the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?

²⁵Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

²⁶They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hastes to the prey.

²⁷If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself:

²⁸I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that you will not hold me innocent.

²⁹If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?

³⁰If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;

³¹Yet shall you plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

³²For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

³³Neither is there any daysman between us, that might lay his hand upon us both.

³⁴Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:

³⁵Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.

Job Chapter 10

¹My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

²I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; show me wherefore you contend with me.

³Is it good unto you that you should oppress, that you should despise the work of yours hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

⁴Have you eyes of flesh? or see you as man sees?

⁵Are your days as the days of man? are your years as man's days,

⁶That you enquirest after mine iniquity, and search after my sin?

⁷You know that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of yours hand.

⁸Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet you do destroy me.

⁹Remember, I beseech you, that you have made me as the clay; and will you bring me into dust again?

¹⁰Have you not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

¹¹You have clothed me with skin and flesh, and have fenced me with bones and sinews.

¹²You have granted me life and favour, and your visitation has preserved my spirit.

¹³And these things have you hid in yours heart: I know that this is with you.

¹⁴If I sin, then you markest me, and you will not acquit me from mine iniquity.

¹⁵If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see you mine affliction;

¹⁶For it increases. You hunt me as a fierce lion: and again you shewest yourself marvellous upon me.

¹⁷You renewest your witnesses against me, and increasest yours indignation upon me; changes and war are against me.

¹⁸Wherefore then have you brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!

¹⁹I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

²⁰Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

²¹Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;

²²A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

Job Chapter 11

¹Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

²Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?

³Should your lies make men hold their peace? and when you mockest, shall no man make you ashamed?

⁴For you have said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in yours eyes.

⁵But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against you;

⁶And that he would show you the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacts of you less than yours iniquity deserveth.

⁷Can you by searching find out God? can you find out the Almighty unto perfection?

⁸It is as high as heaven; what can you do? deeper than hell; what can you know?

⁹The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

¹⁰If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?

¹¹For he knows vain men: he sees wickedness also; will he not then consider it?

¹²For vain men would be wise, though man be born like a wild donkey's colt.

¹³If you prepare yours heart, and stretch out yours hands toward him;

¹⁴If iniquity be in yours hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in your tabernacles.

¹⁵For then shall you lift up your face without spot; yea, you shall be stedfast, and shall not fear:

¹⁶Because you shall forget your misery, and remember it as waters that pass away:

¹⁷And yours age shall be clearer than the noonday: you shall shine forth, you shall be as the morning.

¹⁸And you shall be secure, because there is hope; yea, you shall dig about you, and you shall take your rest in safety.

¹⁹Also you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto you.

²⁰But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

Job Chapter 12

¹And Job answered and said,

²No doubt but you are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

³But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knows not such things as these?

⁴I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calls upon God, and he answers him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn.

⁵He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

⁶The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God brings abundantly.

⁷But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach you; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell you:

⁸Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto you.

⁹Who knows not in all these that the hand of the Lord has wrought this?

¹⁰In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

¹¹Does not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?

¹²With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

¹³With him is wisdom and strength, he has counsel and understanding.

¹⁴Behold, he breaks down, and it cannot be built again: he shuts up a man, and there can be no opening.

¹⁵Behold, he withholds the waters, and they dry up: also he sends them out, and they overturn the earth.

¹⁶With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.

¹⁷He leads counsellors away spoiled, and makes the judges fools.

¹⁸He looses the bond of kings, and girds their loins with a girdle.

¹⁹He leads princes away spoiled, and overthrows the mighty.

²⁰He removes away the speech of the trusty, and takes away the understanding of the aged.

²¹He pours contempt upon princes, and weakens the strength of the mighty.

²²He discovers deep things out of darkness, and brings out to light the shadow of death.

²³He increases the nations, and destroys them: he enlarges the nations, and straitens them again.

²⁴He takes away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

²⁵They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them to stagger like a drunken man.

Job Chapter 13

¹Lo, mine eye has seen all this, mine ear has heard and understood it.

²What you know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you.

³Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

⁴But you are forgers of lies, you are all physicians of no value.

⁵O that you would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.

⁶Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

⁷Will you speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

⁸Will you accept his person? will you contend for God?

⁹Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocks another, do you so mock him?

¹⁰He will surely reprove you, if you do secretly accept persons.

¹¹Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

¹²Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

¹³Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

¹⁴Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

¹⁵Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

¹⁶He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

¹⁷Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

¹⁸Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.

¹⁹Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

²⁰Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from you.

²¹Withdraw yours hand far from me: and let not your dread make me afraid.

²²Then call you, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer you me.

²³How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

²⁴Wherefore hide you your face, and hold me for yours enemy?

²⁵Wilt you break a leaf driven to and fro? and will you pursue the dry stubble?

²⁶For you write bitter things against me, and make me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

²⁷You put my feet also in the stocks, and look narrowly unto all my paths; you set a print upon the heels of my feet.

²⁸And he, as a rotten thing, consumes, as a garment that is moth eaten.

Job Chapter 14

¹Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.

²He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down: he flees also as a shadow, and continues not.

³And does you open yours eyes upon such an one, and bring me into judgment with you?

⁴Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

⁵Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with you, you have appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

⁶Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

⁷For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

⁸Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

⁹Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

¹⁰But man dies, and wastes away: yea, man gives up the ghost, and where is he?

¹¹As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decays and dries up:

¹²So man lies down, and rises not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

¹³O that you will hide me in the grave, that you will keep me secret, until your wrath be past, that you will appoint me a set time, and remember me!

¹⁴If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

¹⁵You shall call, and I will answer you: you will have a desire to the work of yours hands.

¹⁶For now you numberest my steps: do you not watch over my sin?

¹⁷My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and you sewest up mine iniquity.

¹⁸And surely the mountains falling comes to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

¹⁹The waters wear the stones: you wash away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and you destroy the hope of man.

²⁰You prevailest for ever against him, and he passes: you changest his countenance, and send him away.

²¹His sons come to honour, and he knows it not; and they are brought low, but he perceives it not of them.

²²But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

Job Chapter 15

¹Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

²Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

³Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

⁴Yea, you cast off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

⁵For your mouth utters yours iniquity, and you choose the tongue of the crafty.

⁶Thine own mouth condemns you, and not I: yea, yours own lips testify against you.

⁷Are you the first man that was born? or were you made before the hills?

⁸Have you heard the secret of God? and do you restrain wisdom to yourself?

⁹What know you, that we know not? what understand you, which is not in us?

¹⁰With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than your father.

¹¹Are the consolations of God small with you? is there any secret thing with you?

¹²Why does yours heart carry you away? and what do your eyes wink at,

¹³That you turnest your spirit against God, and let such words go out of your mouth?

¹⁴What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

¹⁵Behold, he puts no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

¹⁶How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinks iniquity like water?

¹⁷I will show you, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare;

¹⁸Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it:

¹⁹Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

²⁰The wicked man travails with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

²¹A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

²²He believes not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

²³He wanders abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knows that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

²⁴Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

²⁵For he stretches out his hand against God, and strengthens himself against the Almighty.

²⁶He runs upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

²⁷Because he covers his face with his fatness, and makes collops of fat on his flanks.

²⁸And he dwells in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabits, which are ready to become heaps.

²⁹He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

³⁰He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

³¹Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.

³²It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

³³He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

³⁴For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

³⁵They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepares deceit.

Job Chapter 16

¹Then Job answered and said,

²I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are you all.

³Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldens you that you answer?

⁴I also could speak as you do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

⁵But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

⁶Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased?

⁷But now he has made me weary: you have made desolate all my company.

⁸And you have filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me bears witness to my face.

⁹He tears me in his wrath, who hates me: he gnashes upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpens his eyes upon me.

¹⁰They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

¹¹God has delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

¹²I was at ease, but he has broken me asunder: he has also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

¹³His archers compass me round about, he cleaves my reins asunder, and does not spare; he pours out my gall upon the ground.

¹⁴He breaks me with breach upon breach, he runs upon me like a giant.

¹⁵I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.

¹⁶My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

¹⁷Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure.

¹⁸O earth, cover not you my blood, and let my cry have no place.

¹⁹Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

²⁰My friends scorn me: but mine eye pours out tears unto God.

²¹O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleads for his neighbour!

²²When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

Job Chapter 17

¹My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.

²Are there not mockers with me? and does not mine eye continue in their provocation?

³Lay down now, put me in a surety with you; who is he that will strike hands with me?

⁴For you have hid their heart from understanding: therefore shall you not exalt them.

⁵He that speaks flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

⁶He has made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret.

⁷Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

⁸Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

⁹The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that has clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

¹⁰But as for you all, do you return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you.

¹¹My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

¹²They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness.

¹³If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

¹⁴I have said to corruption, You are my father: to the worm, You are my mother, and my sister.

¹⁵And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

¹⁶They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

Job Chapter 18

¹Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

²How long will it be ere you make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

³Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

⁴He tears himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for you? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

⁵Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

⁶The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

⁷The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

⁸For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walks upon a snare.

⁹The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him.

¹⁰The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

¹¹Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.

¹²His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side.

¹³It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength.

¹⁴His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

¹⁵It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

¹⁶His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

¹⁷His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

¹⁸He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

¹⁹He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

²⁰They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

²¹Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knows not God.

Job Chapter 19

¹Then Job answered and said,

²How long will you vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

³These ten times have you reproached me: you are not ashamed that you make yourselves strange to me.

⁴And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remains with myself.

⁵If indeed you will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach:

⁶Know now that God has overthrown me, and has compassed me with his net.

⁷Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.

⁸He has fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness in my paths.

⁹He has stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

¹⁰He has destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope has he removed like a tree.

¹¹He has also kindled his wrath against me, and he counts me unto him as one of his enemies.

¹²His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

¹³He has put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

¹⁴My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

¹⁵They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

¹⁶I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I intreated him with my mouth.

¹⁷My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's sake of mine own body.

¹⁸Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spoke against me.

¹⁹All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

²⁰My bone cleaves to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

²¹Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O you my friends; for the hand of God has touched me.

²²Why do you persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

²³Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

²⁴That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

²⁵For I know that my redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

²⁶And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

²⁷Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

²⁸But you should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

²⁹Be you afraid of the sword: for wrath brings the punishments of the sword, that you may know there is a judgment.

Job Chapter 20

¹Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

²Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste.

³I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer.

⁴Know you not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

⁵That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

⁶Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds;

⁷Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

⁸He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

⁹The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

¹⁰His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

¹¹His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.

¹²Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

¹³Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth:

¹⁴Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.

¹⁵He has swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

¹⁶He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.

¹⁷He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

¹⁸That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down: according to his substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice therein.

¹⁹Because he has oppressed and has forsaken the poor; because he has violently taken away an house which he built not;

²⁰Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.

²¹There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

²²In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him.

²³When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating.

²⁴He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through.

²⁵It is drawn, and comes out of the body; yea, the glittering sword comes out of his gall: terrors are upon him.

²⁶All darkness shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

²⁷The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

²⁸The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

²⁹This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

Job Chapter 21

¹But Job answered and said,

²Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.

³Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.

⁴As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?

⁵Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth.

⁶Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling takes hold on my flesh.

⁷Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

⁸Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

⁹Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.

¹⁰Their bull genders, and fails not; their cow calveth, and casts not her calf.

¹¹They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

¹²They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

¹³They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

¹⁴Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of your ways.

¹⁵What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

¹⁶Lo, their good is not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

¹⁷How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft comes their destruction upon them! God distributes sorrows in his anger.

¹⁸They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carries away.

¹⁹God lays up his iniquity for his children: he rewards him, and he shall know it.

²⁰His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

²¹For what pleasure has he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

²²Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judges those that are high.

²³One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

²⁴His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

²⁵And another dies in the bitterness of his soul, and never eats with pleasure.

²⁶They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

²⁷Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which you wrongfully imagine against me.

²⁸For you say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked?

²⁹Have you not asked them that go by the way? and do you not know their tokens,

³⁰That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

³¹Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he has done?

³²Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

³³The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

³⁴How then comfort you me in vain, seeing in your answers there remains falsehood?

Job Chapter 22

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

²Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

³Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that you are righteous? or is it gain to him, that you make your ways perfect?

⁴Will he reprove you for fear of you? will he enter with you into judgment?

⁵Is not your wickedness great? and yours iniquities infinite?

⁶For you have taken a pledge from your brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

⁷You have not given water to the weary to drink, and you have withholden bread from the hungry.

⁸But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it.

⁹You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

¹⁰Therefore snares are round about you, and sudden fear troubles you;

¹¹Or darkness, that you can not see; and abundance of waters cover you.

¹²Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

¹³And you say, How does God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

¹⁴Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he sees not; and he walks in the circuit of heaven.

¹⁵Have you marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?

¹⁶Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:

¹⁷Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?

¹⁸Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

¹⁹The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

²⁰Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumes.

²¹Acquaint now yourself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto you.

²²Receive, I pray you, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in yours heart.

²³If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up, you shall put away iniquity far from your tabernacles.

²⁴Then shall you lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

²⁵Yea, the Almighty shall be your defence, and you shall have plenty of silver.

²⁶For then shall you have your delight in the Almighty, and shall lift up your face unto God.

²⁷You shall make your prayer unto him, and he shall hear you, and you shall pay your vows.

²⁸You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto you: and the light shall shine upon your ways.

²⁹When men are cast down, then you shall say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

³⁰He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of yours hands.

Job Chapter 23

¹Then Job answered and said,

²Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

³Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

⁴I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

⁶Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me.

⁷There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

⁸Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

⁹On the left hand, where he does work, but I cannot behold him: he hides himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him:

¹⁰But he knows the way that I take: when he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

¹¹My foot has held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

¹²Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

¹³But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desires, even that he does.

¹⁴For he performs the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him.

¹⁵Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

¹⁶For God makes my heart soft, and the Almighty troubles me:

¹⁷Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither has he covered the darkness from my face.

Job Chapter 24

¹Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

²Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.

³They drive away the donkey of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

⁴They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

⁵Behold, as wild donkeys in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yields food for them and for their children.

⁶They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

⁷They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.

⁸They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

⁹They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

¹⁰They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;

¹¹Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.

¹²Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded cries out: yet God lays not folly to them.

¹³They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

¹⁴The murderer rising with the light kills the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

¹⁵The eye also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguises his face.

¹⁶In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

¹⁷For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

¹⁸He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholds not the way of the vineyards.

¹⁹Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so does the grave those which have sinned.

²⁰The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

²¹He evil entreats the barren that bears not: and does not good to the widow.

²²He draws also the mighty with his power: he rises up, and no man is sure of life.

²³Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he rests; yet his eyes are upon their ways.

²⁴They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

²⁵And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

Job Chapter 25

¹Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

²Dominion and fear are with him, he makes peace in his high places.

³Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom does not his light arise?

⁴How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

⁵Behold even to the moon, and it shines not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

⁶How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?

Job Chapter 26

¹But Job answered and said,

²How have you helped him that is without power? how save you the arm that has no strength?

³How have you counselled him that has no wisdom? and how have you plentifully declared the thing as it is?

⁴To whom have you uttered words? and whose spirit came from you?

⁵Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

⁶Hell is naked before him, and destruction has no covering.

⁷He stretches out the north over the empty place, and hangs the earth upon nothing.

⁸He binds up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

⁹He holds back the face of his throne, and spreads his cloud upon it.

¹⁰He has compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

¹¹The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

¹²He divides the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smites through the proud.

¹³By his spirit he has garnished the heavens; his hand has formed the crooked serpent.

¹⁴Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

Job Chapter 27

¹Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

²As God lives, who has taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who has vexed my soul;

³All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

⁴My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

⁵God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

⁶My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

⁷Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that rises up against me as the unrighteous.

⁸For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he has gained, when God takes away his soul?

⁹Will God hear his cry when trouble comes upon him?

¹⁰Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

¹¹I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

¹²Behold, all you yourselves have seen it; why then are you thus altogether vain?

¹³This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty.

¹⁴If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

¹⁵Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.

¹⁶Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

¹⁷He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

¹⁸He builds his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper makes.

¹⁹The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he opens his eyes, and he is not.

²⁰Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest steals him away in the night.

²¹The east wind carries him away, and he departs: and as a storm hurls him out of his place.

²²For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

²³Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

Job Chapter 28

¹Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.

²Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.

³He sets an end to darkness, and searches out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

⁴The flood breaks out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

⁵As for the earth, out of it comes bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

⁶The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it has dust of gold.

⁷There is a path which no fowl knows, and which the vulture's eye has not seen:

⁸The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

⁹He puts forth his hand upon the rock; he overturns the mountains by the roots.

¹⁰He cuts out rivers among the rocks; and his eye sees every precious thing.

¹¹He binds the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid brings he forth to light.

¹²But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

¹³Man knows not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

¹⁴The depth says, It is not in me: and the sea says, It is not with me.

¹⁵It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

¹⁶It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

¹⁷The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

¹⁸No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

¹⁹The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

²⁰Whence then comes wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

²¹Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

²²Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

²³God understands the way thereof, and he knows the place thereof.

²⁴For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees under the whole heaven;

²⁵To make the weight for the winds; and he weighs the waters by measure.

²⁶When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

²⁷Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

²⁸And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Job Chapter 29

¹Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

²Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

³When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

⁴As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

⁵When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;

⁶When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

⁷When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!

⁸The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.

⁹The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.

¹⁰The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

¹¹When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:

¹²Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

¹³The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

¹⁴I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

¹⁵I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

¹⁶I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

¹⁷And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

¹⁸Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.

¹⁹My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

²⁰My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

²¹Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

²²After my words they spoke not again; and my speech dropped upon them.

²³And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

²⁴If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

²⁵I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforts the mourners.

Job Chapter 30

¹But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

²Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?

³For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste.

⁴Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat.

⁵They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;)

⁶To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.

⁷Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

⁸They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

⁹And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.

¹⁰They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

¹¹Because he has loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

¹²Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

¹³They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.

¹⁴They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.

¹⁵Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passes away as a cloud.

¹⁶And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

¹⁷My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

¹⁸By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it binds me about as the collar of my coat.

¹⁹He has cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

²⁰I cry unto you, and you do not hear me: I stand up, and you regard me not.

²¹You are become cruel to me: with your strong hand you oppose yourself against me.

²²You lift me up to the wind; you cause me to ride upon it, and dissolve my substance.

²³For I know that you will bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

²⁴Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.

²⁵Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor?

²⁶When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

²⁷My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.

²⁸I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.

²⁹I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.

³⁰My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.

³¹My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

Job Chapter 31

¹I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

²For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

³Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?

⁴Does not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

⁵If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot has hasted to deceit;

⁶Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity.

⁷If my step has turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot has cleaved to mine hands;

⁸Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

⁹If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

¹⁰Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

¹¹For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

¹²For it is a fire that consumes to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

¹³If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;

¹⁴What then shall I do when God rises up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

¹⁵Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

¹⁶If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

¹⁷Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless has not eaten thereof;

¹⁸(For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;)

¹⁹If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;

²⁰If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

²¹If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:

²²Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.

²³For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

²⁴If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, You are my confidence;

²⁵If I rejoice because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

²⁶If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;

²⁷And my heart has been secretly enticed, or my mouth has kissed my hand:

²⁸This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.

²⁹If I rejoice at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:

³⁰Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.

³¹If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

³²The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the traveller.

³³If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

³⁴Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?

³⁵Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book.

³⁶Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me.

³⁷I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.

³⁸If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;

³⁹If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

⁴⁰Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

Job Chapter 32

¹So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

²Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

³Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

⁴Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.

⁵When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

⁶And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and you are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and dared not show you mine opinion.

⁷I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

⁸But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty gives them understanding.

⁹Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

¹⁰Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will show mine opinion.

¹¹Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, while you searched out what to say.

¹²Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words:

¹³Lest you should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusts him down, not man.

¹⁴Now he has not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

¹⁵They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.

¹⁶When I had waited, (for they spoke not, but stood still, and answered no more;)

¹⁷I said, I will answer also my part, I also will show mine opinion.

¹⁸For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constrains me.

¹⁹Behold, my belly is as wine which has no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

²⁰I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

²¹Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

²²For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

Job Chapter 33

¹Wherefore, Job, I pray you, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

²Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue has spoken in my mouth.

³My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

⁴The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty has given me life.

⁵If you can answer me, set your words in order before me, stand up.

⁶Behold, I am according to your wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.

⁷Behold, my terror shall not make you afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon you.

⁸Surely you have spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of your words, saying,

⁹I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.

¹⁰Behold, he finds occasions against me, he counts me for his enemy,

¹¹He puts my feet in the stocks, he marks all my paths.

¹²Behold, in this you are not just: I will answer you, that God is greater than man.

¹³Why do you strive against him? for he gives not account of any of his matters.

¹⁴For God speaks once, yea twice, yet man perceives it not.

¹⁵In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

¹⁶Then he opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction,

¹⁷That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

¹⁸He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

¹⁹He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

²⁰So that his life abhors bread, and his soul dainty meat.

²¹His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

²²Yea, his soul draws near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

²³If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show unto man his uprightness:

²⁴Then he is gracious unto him, and says, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

²⁵His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

²⁶He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

²⁷He looks upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

²⁸He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

²⁹Lo, all these things works God oftentimes with man,

³⁰To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

³¹Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold your peace, and I will speak.

³²If you have anything to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify you.

³³If not, hearken unto me: hold your peace, and I shall teach you wisdom.

Job Chapter 34

¹Furthermore Elihu answered and said,

²Hear my words, O you wise men; and give ear unto me, you that have knowledge.

³For the ear tries words, as the mouth tastes meat.

⁴Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

⁵For Job has said, I am righteous: and God has taken away my judgment.

⁶Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.

⁷What man is like Job, who drinks up scorning like water?

⁸Which goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and walks with wicked men.

⁹For he has said, It profits a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

¹⁰Therefore hearken unto me you men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

¹¹For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

¹²Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

¹³Who has given him a charge over the earth? or who has disposed the whole world?

¹⁴If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

¹⁵All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

¹⁶If now you have understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

¹⁷Shall even he that hates right govern? and will you condemn him that is most just?

¹⁸Is it fit to say to a king, You are wicked? and to princes, You are ungodly?

¹⁹How much less to him that accepts not the persons of princes, nor regards the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

²⁰In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

²¹For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he sees all his goings.

²²There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

²³For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God.

²⁴He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

²⁵Therefore he knows their works, and he overturns them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

²⁶He strikes them as wicked men in the open sight of others;

²⁷Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:

²⁸So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he hears the cry of the afflicted.

²⁹When he gives quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hides his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

³⁰That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

³¹Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:

³²That which I see not teach you me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

³³Should it be according to your mind? he will recompense it, whether you refuse, or whether you choose; and not I: therefore speak what you know.

³⁴Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

³⁵Job has spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

³⁶My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men.

³⁷For he adds rebellion unto his sin, he claps his hands among us, and multiplies his words against God.

Job Chapter 35

¹Elihu spoke moreover, and said,

²Think you this to be right, that you said, My righteousness is more than God's?

³For you said, What advantage will it be unto you? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin?

⁴I will answer you, and your companions with you.

⁵Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than you.

⁶If you sinnest, what do you against him? or if your transgressions be multiplied, what do you unto him?

⁷If you be righteous, what give you him? or what receives he of yours hand?

⁸Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are; and your righteousness may profit the son of man.

⁹By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

¹⁰But none says, Where is God my maker, who gives songs in the night;

¹¹Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth, and makes us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

¹²There they cry, but none gives answer, because of the pride of evil men.

¹³Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

¹⁴Although you say you shall not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust you in him.

¹⁵But now, because it is not so, he has visited in his anger; yet he knows it not in great extremity:

¹⁶Therefore does Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplies words without knowledge.

Job Chapter 36

¹Elihu also proceeded, and said,

²Suffer me a little, and I will show you that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.

³I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

⁴For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with you.

⁵Behold, God is mighty, and despises not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

⁶He preserves not the life of the wicked: but gives right to the poor.

⁷He withdraws not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he does establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

⁸And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;

⁹Then he shows them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

¹⁰He opens also their ear to discipline, and commands that they return from iniquity.

¹¹If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

¹²But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

¹³But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he binds them.

¹⁴They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

¹⁵He delivers the poor in his affliction, and opens their ears in oppression.

¹⁶Even so would he have removed you out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on your table should be full of fatness.

¹⁷But you have fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold on you.

¹⁸Because there is wrath, beware lest he take you away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver you.

¹⁹Will he esteem your riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

²⁰Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

²¹Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this have you chosen rather than affliction.

²²Behold, God exalts by his power: who teaches like him?

²³Who has enjoined him his way? or who can say, You have wrought iniquity?

²⁴Remember that you magnify his work, which men behold.

²⁵Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.

²⁶Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

²⁷For he makes small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

²⁸Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.

²⁹Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

³⁰Behold, he spreads his light upon it, and covers the bottom of the sea.

³¹For by them judges he the people; he gives meat in abundance.

³²With clouds he covers the light; and commands it not to shine by the cloud that comes between.

³³The noise thereof shows concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.

Job Chapter 37

¹At this also my heart trembles, and is moved out of his place.

²Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goes out of his mouth.

³He directs it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.

⁴After it a voice roars: he thunders with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

⁵God thunders marvellously with his voice; great things does he, which we cannot comprehend.

⁶For he says to the snow, Be you on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

⁷He seals up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

⁸Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

⁹Out of the south comes the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.

¹⁰By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

¹¹Also by watering he wearies the thick cloud: he scatters his bright cloud:

¹²And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commands them upon the face of the world in the earth.

¹³He causes it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

¹⁴Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

¹⁵Do you know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

¹⁶Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

¹⁷How your garments are warm, when he quiets the earth by the south wind?

¹⁸Have you with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

¹⁹Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

²⁰Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

²¹And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passes, and cleanses them.

²²Fair weather comes out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

²³Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

²⁴Men do therefore fear him: he respects not any that are wise of heart.

Job Chapter 38

¹Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

²Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up now your loins like a man; for I will demand of you, and answer you me.

⁴Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if you have understanding.

⁵Who has laid the measures thereof, if you know? or who has stretched the line upon it?

⁶Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

⁷When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

⁹When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

¹⁰And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

¹¹And said, Hitherto shall you come, but no further: and here shall your proud waves be stayed?

¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

¹³That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

¹⁵And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.

¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea? or have you walked in the search of the depth?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been opened unto you? or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?

¹⁸Have you perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if you know it all.

¹⁹Where is the way where light dwells? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,

²⁰That you should take it to the bound thereof, and that you should know the paths to the house thereof?

²¹Know you it, because you were then born? or because the number of your days is great?

²²Have you entered into the treasures of the snow? or have you seen the treasures of the hail,

²³Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

²⁴By what way is the light parted, which scatters the east wind upon the earth?

²⁵Who has divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

²⁶To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

²⁷To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

²⁸Has the rain a father? or who has begotten the drops of dew?

²⁹Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who has gendered it?

³⁰The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

³¹Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

³²Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or can you guide Arcturus with his sons?

³³Know you the ordinances of heaven? can you set the dominion thereof in the earth?

³⁴Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover you?

³⁵Can you send lightnings, that they may go and say unto you, Here we are?

³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts? or who has given understanding to the heart?

³⁷Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,

³⁸When the dust grows into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?

³⁹Wilt you hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,

⁴⁰When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

⁴¹Who provides for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Job Chapter 39

¹Know you the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or can you mark when the hinds do calve?

²Can you number the months that they fulfil? or know you the time when they bring forth?

³They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

⁴Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them.

⁵Who has sent out the wild donkey free? or who has loosed the bands of the wild donkey?

⁶Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings.

⁷He scorns the multitude of the city, neither regards he the crying of the driver.

⁸The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searches after every green thing.

⁹Will the unicorn be willing to serve you, or abide by your crib?

¹⁰Can you bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after you?

¹¹Wilt you trust him, because his strength is great? or will you leave your labour to him?

¹²Wilt you believe him, that he will bring home your seed, and gather it into your barn?

¹³Gavest you the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?

¹⁴Which leaves her eggs in the earth, and warms them in dust,

¹⁵And forgets that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.

¹⁶She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not her's: her labour is in vain without fear;

¹⁷Because God has deprived her of wisdom, neither has he imparted to her understanding.

¹⁸What time she lifts up herself on high, she scorns the horse and his rider.

¹⁹Have you given the horse strength? have you clothed his neck with thunder?

²⁰Can you make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible.

²¹He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength: he goes on to meet the armed men.

²²He mocks at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turns he back from the sword.

²³The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

²⁴He swallows the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believes he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

²⁵He says among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smells the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

²⁶Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

²⁷Does the eagle mount up at your command, and make her nest on high?

²⁸She dwells and abides on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

²⁹From thence she seeks the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.

³⁰Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.

Job Chapter 40

¹Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said,

²Shall he that contends with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproves God, let him answer it.

³Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

⁴Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer you? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

⁵Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

⁶Then answered the Lord unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

⁷Gird up your loins now like a man: I will demand of you, and declare you unto me.

⁸Wilt you also disannul my judgment? will you condemn me, that you may be righteous?

⁹Have you an arm like God? or can you thunder with a voice like him?

¹⁰Deck yourself now with majesty and excellency; and array yourself with glory and beauty.

¹¹Cast abroad the rage of your wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

¹²Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

¹³Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret.

¹⁴Then will I also confess unto you that yours own right hand can save you.

¹⁵Behold now behemoth, which I made with you; he eats grass as an ox.

¹⁶Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

¹⁷He moves his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

¹⁸His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.

¹⁹He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.

²⁰Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

²¹He lies under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

²²The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

²³Behold, he drinks up a river, and hastes not: he trusts that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

²⁴He takes it with his eyes: his nose pierces through snares.

Job Chapter 41

¹Can you draw out leviathan with a hook? or his tongue with a cord which you let down?

²Can you put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

³Will he make many supplications unto you? will he speak soft words unto you?

⁴Will he make a covenant with you? will you take him for a servant for ever?

⁵Wilt you play with him as with a bird? or will you bind him for your maidens?

⁶Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

⁷Can you fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?

⁸Lay yours hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

⁹Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

¹⁰None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

¹¹Who has prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

¹²I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

¹³Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?

¹⁴Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about.

¹⁵His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

¹⁶One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

¹⁷They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

¹⁸By his neesings a light does shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

¹⁹Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

²⁰Out of his nostrils goes smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

²¹His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth.

²²In his neck remains strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

²³The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

²⁴His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.

²⁵When he raises up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

²⁶The sword of him that lays at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

²⁷He esteems iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.

²⁸The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

²⁹Darts are counted as stubble: he laughs at the shaking of a spear.

³⁰Sharp stones are under him: he spreads sharp pointed things upon the mire.

³¹He makes the deep to boil like a pot: he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.

³²He makes a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary.

³³Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

³⁴He beholds all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.

Job Chapter 42

¹Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

²I know that you can do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from you.

³Who is he that hides counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

⁴Hear, I beseech you, and I will speak: I will demand of you, and declare you unto me.

⁵I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye sees you.

⁶Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

⁷And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against you, and against your two friends: for you have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has.

⁸Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that you have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

⁹So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the Lord commanded them: the Lord also accepted Job.

¹⁰And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

¹¹Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

¹²So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she donkeys.

¹³He had also seven sons and three daughters.

¹⁴And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

¹⁵And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

¹⁶After this lived Job a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

¹⁷So Job died, being old and full of days.

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