

# The TanakhML Project

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Job 11-38

**11** <sup>1</sup> Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, <sup>2</sup> Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? <sup>3</sup> Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? <sup>4</sup> For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. <sup>5</sup> But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee; <sup>6</sup> And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth. <sup>7</sup> Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? <sup>8</sup> It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? <sup>9</sup> The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. <sup>10</sup> If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him? <sup>11</sup> For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it? <sup>12</sup> For vain men would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt. <sup>13</sup> If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him; <sup>14</sup> If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. <sup>15</sup> For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear: <sup>16</sup> Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away: <sup>17</sup> And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday: thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. <sup>18</sup> And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety. <sup>19</sup> Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee. <sup>20</sup> But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost. **12** <sup>1</sup> And Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup> No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. <sup>3</sup> But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these? <sup>4</sup> I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn. <sup>5</sup> He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease. <sup>6</sup> The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly. <sup>7</sup> But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: <sup>8</sup> Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. <sup>9</sup> Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? <sup>10</sup> In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. <sup>11</sup> Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat? <sup>12</sup> With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. <sup>13</sup> With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. <sup>14</sup> Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. <sup>15</sup> Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. <sup>16</sup> With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. <sup>17</sup> He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools. <sup>18</sup> He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. <sup>19</sup> He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. <sup>20</sup> He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. <sup>21</sup> He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty. <sup>22</sup> He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. <sup>23</sup> He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations,

and straiteneth them again. <sup>24</sup> He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. <sup>25</sup> They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man. **13** <sup>1</sup> Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it. <sup>2</sup> What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you. <sup>3</sup> Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. <sup>4</sup> But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value. <sup>5</sup> O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom. <sup>6</sup> Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. <sup>7</sup> Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him? <sup>8</sup> Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God? <sup>9</sup> Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him? <sup>10</sup> He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons. <sup>11</sup> Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you? <sup>12</sup> Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay. <sup>13</sup> Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will. <sup>14</sup> Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? <sup>15</sup> Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. <sup>16</sup> He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. <sup>17</sup> Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. <sup>18</sup> Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified. <sup>19</sup> Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost. <sup>20</sup> Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. <sup>21</sup> Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid. <sup>22</sup> Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me. <sup>23</sup> How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. <sup>24</sup> Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? <sup>25</sup> Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? <sup>26</sup> For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. <sup>27</sup> Thou putttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. <sup>28</sup> And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten. **14** <sup>1</sup> Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. <sup>2</sup> He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. <sup>3</sup> And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? <sup>4</sup> Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. <sup>5</sup> Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; <sup>6</sup> Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day. <sup>7</sup> For 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. <sup>8</sup> Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; <sup>9</sup> Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. <sup>10</sup> But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? <sup>11</sup> As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: <sup>12</sup> So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. <sup>13</sup> O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! <sup>14</sup> If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed

time will I wait, till my change come. <sup>15</sup> Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. <sup>16</sup> For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin? <sup>17</sup> My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity. <sup>18</sup> And surely the mountains falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place. <sup>19</sup> The waters wear the stones: thou wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man. <sup>20</sup> Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away. <sup>21</sup> His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them. <sup>22</sup> But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn. **15** <sup>1</sup> Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said, <sup>2</sup> Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? <sup>3</sup> Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good? <sup>4</sup> Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God. <sup>5</sup> For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty. <sup>6</sup> Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee. <sup>7</sup> Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills? <sup>8</sup> Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? <sup>9</sup> What knowest thou, that we know not? what understandest thou, which is not in us? <sup>10</sup> With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father. <sup>11</sup> Are the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee? <sup>12</sup> Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at, <sup>13</sup> That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth? <sup>14</sup> What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? <sup>15</sup> Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. <sup>16</sup> How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water? <sup>17</sup> I will shew thee, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare; <sup>18</sup> Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it: <sup>19</sup> Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them. <sup>20</sup> The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor. <sup>21</sup> A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him. <sup>22</sup> He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword. <sup>23</sup> He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand. <sup>24</sup> Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle. <sup>25</sup> For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty. <sup>26</sup> He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers: <sup>27</sup> Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collups of fat on his flanks. <sup>28</sup> And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps. <sup>29</sup> He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth. <sup>30</sup> He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away. <sup>31</sup> Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence. <sup>32</sup> It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green. <sup>33</sup> He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive. <sup>34</sup> For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and

fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. <sup>35</sup> They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit. **16** <sup>1</sup> Then Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup> I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all. <sup>3</sup> Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest? <sup>4</sup> I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you. <sup>5</sup> But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief. <sup>6</sup> Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased? <sup>7</sup> But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company. <sup>8</sup> And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face. <sup>9</sup> He teareth me in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me. <sup>10</sup> They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me. <sup>11</sup> God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked. <sup>12</sup> I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark. <sup>13</sup> His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground. <sup>14</sup> He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant. <sup>15</sup> I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust. <sup>16</sup> My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death; <sup>17</sup> Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure. <sup>18</sup> O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place. <sup>19</sup> Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high. <sup>20</sup> My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God. <sup>21</sup> O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour! <sup>22</sup> When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return. **17** <sup>1</sup> My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me. <sup>2</sup> Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation? <sup>3</sup> Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he that will strike hands with me? <sup>4</sup> For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them. <sup>5</sup> He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail. <sup>6</sup> He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret. <sup>7</sup> Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow. <sup>8</sup> Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite. <sup>9</sup> The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. <sup>10</sup> But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you. <sup>11</sup> My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart. <sup>12</sup> They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness. <sup>13</sup> If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness. <sup>14</sup> I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister. <sup>15</sup> And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? <sup>16</sup> They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust. **18** <sup>1</sup> Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, <sup>2</sup> How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak. <sup>3</sup> Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight? <sup>4</sup> He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out

of his place? <sup>5</sup> Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. <sup>6</sup> The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him. <sup>7</sup> The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down. <sup>8</sup> For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare. <sup>9</sup> The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him. <sup>10</sup> The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way. <sup>11</sup> Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet. <sup>12</sup> His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side. <sup>13</sup> It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength. <sup>14</sup> His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors. <sup>15</sup> It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation. <sup>16</sup> His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off. <sup>17</sup> His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street. <sup>18</sup> He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. <sup>19</sup> He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings. <sup>20</sup> They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted. <sup>21</sup> Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God. **19** <sup>1</sup> Then Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup> How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words? <sup>3</sup> These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me. <sup>4</sup> And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself. <sup>5</sup> If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach: <sup>6</sup> Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net. <sup>7</sup> Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment. <sup>8</sup> He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths. <sup>9</sup> He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. <sup>10</sup> He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree. <sup>11</sup> He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies. <sup>12</sup> His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle. <sup>13</sup> He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me. <sup>14</sup> My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. <sup>15</sup> They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight. <sup>16</sup> I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I intreated him with my mouth. <sup>17</sup> My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's sake of mine own body. <sup>18</sup> Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. <sup>19</sup> All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me. <sup>20</sup> My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth. <sup>21</sup> Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. <sup>22</sup> Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? <sup>23</sup> Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! <sup>24</sup> That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! <sup>25</sup> For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: <sup>26</sup> And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: <sup>27</sup> Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be

consumed within me. <sup>28</sup> But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me? <sup>29</sup> Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment. **20** <sup>1</sup> Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, <sup>2</sup> Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste. <sup>3</sup> I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer. <sup>4</sup> Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth, <sup>5</sup> That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment? <sup>6</sup> Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds; <sup>7</sup> Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he? <sup>8</sup> He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night. <sup>9</sup> The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him. <sup>10</sup> His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods. <sup>11</sup> His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust. <sup>12</sup> Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue; <sup>13</sup> Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth: <sup>14</sup> Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him. <sup>15</sup> He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly. <sup>16</sup> He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him. <sup>17</sup> He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter. <sup>18</sup> That 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. <sup>19</sup> Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not; <sup>20</sup> Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired. <sup>21</sup> There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods. <sup>22</sup> In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him. <sup>23</sup> When 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. <sup>24</sup> He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through. <sup>25</sup> It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors are upon him. <sup>26</sup> All 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. <sup>27</sup> The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. <sup>28</sup> The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath. <sup>29</sup> This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God. **21** <sup>1</sup> But Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup> Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations. <sup>3</sup> Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on. <sup>4</sup> As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled? <sup>5</sup> Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth. <sup>6</sup> Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh. <sup>7</sup> Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? <sup>8</sup> Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. <sup>9</sup> Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. <sup>10</sup> Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. <sup>11</sup> They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. <sup>12</sup> They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the

organ. <sup>13</sup> They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. <sup>14</sup> Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. <sup>15</sup> What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? <sup>16</sup> Lo, their good is not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me. <sup>17</sup> How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger. <sup>18</sup> They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. <sup>19</sup> God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. <sup>20</sup> His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. <sup>21</sup> For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst? <sup>22</sup> Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high. <sup>23</sup> One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. <sup>24</sup> His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. <sup>25</sup> And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. <sup>26</sup> They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. <sup>27</sup> Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me. <sup>28</sup> For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? <sup>29</sup> Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, <sup>30</sup> That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. <sup>31</sup> Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done? <sup>32</sup> Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb. <sup>33</sup> The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him. <sup>34</sup> How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood? **22** <sup>1</sup> Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, <sup>2</sup> Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? <sup>3</sup> Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect? <sup>4</sup> Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? <sup>5</sup> Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? <sup>6</sup> For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. <sup>7</sup> Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. <sup>8</sup> But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it. <sup>9</sup> Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. <sup>10</sup> Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; <sup>11</sup> Or darkness, that thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee. <sup>12</sup> Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! <sup>13</sup> And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? <sup>14</sup> Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. <sup>15</sup> Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? <sup>16</sup> Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood: <sup>17</sup> Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them? <sup>18</sup> Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. <sup>19</sup> The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn. <sup>20</sup> Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth. <sup>21</sup> Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. <sup>22</sup> Receive, I pray thee, the law from his



mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. <sup>23</sup> If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. <sup>24</sup> Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. <sup>25</sup> Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. <sup>26</sup> For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. <sup>27</sup> Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. <sup>28</sup> Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. <sup>29</sup> When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. <sup>30</sup> He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands. **23** <sup>1</sup> Then Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup> Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. <sup>3</sup> Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! <sup>4</sup> I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup> I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. <sup>6</sup> Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me. <sup>7</sup> There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge. <sup>8</sup> Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: <sup>9</sup> On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: <sup>10</sup> But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. <sup>11</sup> My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. <sup>12</sup> Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. <sup>13</sup> But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth. <sup>14</sup> For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him. <sup>15</sup> Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. <sup>16</sup> For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me: <sup>17</sup> Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkness from my face. **24** <sup>1</sup> Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days? <sup>2</sup> Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof. <sup>3</sup> They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge. <sup>4</sup> They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together. <sup>5</sup> Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children. <sup>6</sup> They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked. <sup>7</sup> They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold. <sup>8</sup> They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter. <sup>9</sup> They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor. <sup>10</sup> They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry; <sup>11</sup> Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst. <sup>12</sup> Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them. <sup>13</sup> They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof. <sup>14</sup> The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief. <sup>15</sup> The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face. <sup>16</sup> In the dark they dig through

houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light. <sup>17</sup> For 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. <sup>18</sup> He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards. <sup>19</sup> Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned. <sup>20</sup> The 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. <sup>21</sup> He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow. <sup>22</sup> He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life. <sup>23</sup> Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes are upon their ways. <sup>24</sup> They 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. <sup>25</sup> And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth? **25** <sup>1</sup> Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, <sup>2</sup> Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places. <sup>3</sup> Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise? <sup>4</sup> How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? <sup>5</sup> Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. <sup>6</sup> How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm? **26** <sup>1</sup> But Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup> How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength? <sup>3</sup> How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is? <sup>4</sup> To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee? <sup>5</sup> Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof. <sup>6</sup> Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering. <sup>7</sup> He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. <sup>8</sup> He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. <sup>9</sup> He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it. <sup>10</sup> He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. <sup>11</sup> The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. <sup>12</sup> He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. <sup>13</sup> By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. <sup>14</sup> Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand? **27** <sup>1</sup> Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, <sup>2</sup> As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; <sup>3</sup> All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; <sup>4</sup> My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. <sup>5</sup> God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. <sup>6</sup> My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live. <sup>7</sup> Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous. <sup>8</sup> For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? <sup>9</sup> Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? <sup>10</sup> Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God? <sup>11</sup> I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal. <sup>12</sup> Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain? <sup>13</sup> This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty. <sup>14</sup> If his children be

multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. <sup>15</sup> Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep. <sup>16</sup> Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; <sup>17</sup> He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. <sup>18</sup> He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh. <sup>19</sup> The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not. <sup>20</sup> Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. <sup>21</sup> The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place. <sup>22</sup> For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand. <sup>23</sup> Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place. **28** <sup>1</sup> Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it. <sup>2</sup> Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone. <sup>3</sup> He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death. <sup>4</sup> The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men. <sup>5</sup> As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. <sup>6</sup> The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold. <sup>7</sup> There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: <sup>8</sup> The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. <sup>9</sup> He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots. <sup>10</sup> He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing. <sup>11</sup> He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light. <sup>12</sup> But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? <sup>13</sup> Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me. <sup>15</sup> It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. <sup>16</sup> It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. <sup>17</sup> The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. <sup>18</sup> No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. <sup>19</sup> The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. <sup>20</sup> Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? <sup>21</sup> Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. <sup>22</sup> Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. <sup>23</sup> God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. <sup>24</sup> For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; <sup>25</sup> To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. <sup>26</sup> When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: <sup>27</sup> Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. <sup>28</sup> And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. **29** <sup>1</sup> Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, <sup>2</sup> Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; <sup>3</sup> When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness; <sup>4</sup> As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle; <sup>5</sup> When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me; <sup>6</sup> When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; <sup>7</sup> When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street! <sup>8</sup> The

young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up. <sup>9</sup> The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. <sup>10</sup> The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth. <sup>11</sup> When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: <sup>12</sup> Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. <sup>13</sup> The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. <sup>14</sup> I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. <sup>15</sup> I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. <sup>16</sup> I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. <sup>17</sup> And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth. <sup>18</sup> Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand. <sup>19</sup> My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. <sup>20</sup> My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. <sup>21</sup> Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. <sup>22</sup> After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. <sup>23</sup> And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain. <sup>24</sup> If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down. <sup>25</sup> I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners. **30** <sup>1</sup> But 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. <sup>2</sup> Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished? <sup>3</sup> For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste. <sup>4</sup> Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat. <sup>5</sup> They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;) <sup>6</sup> To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks. <sup>7</sup> Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. <sup>8</sup> They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth. <sup>9</sup> And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword. <sup>10</sup> They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face. <sup>11</sup> Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me. <sup>12</sup> Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction. <sup>13</sup> They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper. <sup>14</sup> They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me. <sup>15</sup> Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud. <sup>16</sup> And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me. <sup>17</sup> My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest. <sup>18</sup> By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat. <sup>19</sup> He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes. <sup>20</sup> I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not. <sup>21</sup> Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me. <sup>22</sup> Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my substance. <sup>23</sup> For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living. <sup>24</sup> Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction. <sup>25</sup> Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor? <sup>26</sup> When I looked for good, then

evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness. <sup>27</sup> My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me. <sup>28</sup> I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation. <sup>29</sup> I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. <sup>30</sup> My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. <sup>31</sup> My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep. **31** <sup>1</sup> I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? <sup>2</sup> For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high? <sup>3</sup> Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity? <sup>4</sup> Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps? <sup>5</sup> If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit; <sup>6</sup> Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity. <sup>7</sup> If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands; <sup>8</sup> Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out. <sup>9</sup> If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; <sup>10</sup> Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her. <sup>11</sup> For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges. <sup>12</sup> For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase. <sup>13</sup> If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; <sup>14</sup> What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? <sup>15</sup> Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb? <sup>16</sup> If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; <sup>17</sup> Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; <sup>18</sup> (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;) <sup>19</sup> If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; <sup>20</sup> If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep; <sup>21</sup> If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate: <sup>22</sup> Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone. <sup>23</sup> For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure. <sup>24</sup> If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; <sup>25</sup> If I rejoice because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much; <sup>26</sup> If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; <sup>27</sup> And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand: <sup>28</sup> This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above. <sup>29</sup> If I rejoice at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him: <sup>30</sup> Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul. <sup>31</sup> If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied. <sup>32</sup> The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the traveller. <sup>33</sup> If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom: <sup>34</sup> Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door? <sup>35</sup> Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book. <sup>36</sup> Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me. <sup>37</sup> I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him. <sup>38</sup> If my land cry against me, or that the furrows

likewise thereof complain; <sup>39</sup> If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life: <sup>40</sup> Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended. **32** <sup>1</sup> So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. <sup>2</sup> Then 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. <sup>3</sup> Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. <sup>4</sup> Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he. <sup>5</sup> When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. <sup>6</sup> And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion. <sup>7</sup> I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. <sup>8</sup> But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. <sup>9</sup> Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I said, Harken to me; I also will shew mine opinion. <sup>11</sup> Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say. <sup>12</sup> Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words: <sup>13</sup> Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man. <sup>14</sup> Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches. <sup>15</sup> They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. <sup>16</sup> When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) <sup>17</sup> I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion. <sup>18</sup> For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me. <sup>19</sup> Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. <sup>20</sup> I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer. <sup>21</sup> Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. <sup>22</sup> For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away. **33** <sup>1</sup> Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words. <sup>2</sup> Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth. <sup>3</sup> My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. <sup>4</sup> The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. <sup>5</sup> If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay. <sup>7</sup> Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee. <sup>8</sup> Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying, <sup>9</sup> I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me. <sup>10</sup> Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy, <sup>11</sup> He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths. <sup>12</sup> Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man. <sup>13</sup> Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters. <sup>14</sup> For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. <sup>15</sup> In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; <sup>16</sup> Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, <sup>17</sup> That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. <sup>18</sup> He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword. <sup>19</sup> He is chastened also with pain upon his

bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain: <sup>20</sup> So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat. <sup>21</sup> His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out. <sup>22</sup> Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers. <sup>23</sup> If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: <sup>24</sup> Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom. <sup>25</sup> His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth: <sup>26</sup> He 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. <sup>27</sup> He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; <sup>28</sup> He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. <sup>29</sup> Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man, <sup>30</sup> To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living. <sup>31</sup> Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak. <sup>32</sup> If thou hast anything to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee. <sup>33</sup> If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom. **34** <sup>1</sup> Furthermore Elihu answered and said, <sup>2</sup> Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat. <sup>4</sup> Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good. <sup>5</sup> For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment. <sup>6</sup> Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression. <sup>7</sup> What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water? <sup>8</sup> Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men. <sup>9</sup> For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God. <sup>10</sup> Therefore hearken unto me ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity. <sup>11</sup> For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. <sup>12</sup> Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment. <sup>13</sup> Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world? <sup>14</sup> If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; <sup>15</sup> All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust. <sup>16</sup> If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words. <sup>17</sup> Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just? <sup>18</sup> Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly? <sup>19</sup> How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands. <sup>20</sup> In 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. <sup>21</sup> For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. <sup>22</sup> There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. <sup>23</sup> For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God. <sup>24</sup> He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead. <sup>25</sup> Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed. <sup>26</sup> He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others; <sup>27</sup> Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways: <sup>28</sup> So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted. <sup>29</sup> When he giveth

quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only: <sup>30</sup> That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared. <sup>31</sup> Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: <sup>32</sup> That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. <sup>33</sup> Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest. <sup>34</sup> Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me. <sup>35</sup> Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom. <sup>36</sup> My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men. <sup>37</sup> For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God. **35** <sup>1</sup> Elihu spake moreover, and said, <sup>2</sup> Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's? <sup>3</sup> For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin? <sup>4</sup> I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee. <sup>5</sup> Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou. <sup>6</sup> If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him? <sup>7</sup> If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand? <sup>8</sup> Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man. <sup>9</sup> By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty. <sup>10</sup> But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night; <sup>11</sup> Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven? <sup>12</sup> There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men. <sup>13</sup> Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it. <sup>14</sup> Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust thou in him. <sup>15</sup> But now, because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth it not in great extremity: <sup>16</sup> Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge. **36** <sup>1</sup> Elihu also proceeded, and said, <sup>2</sup> Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf. <sup>3</sup> I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. <sup>4</sup> For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee. <sup>5</sup> Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom. <sup>6</sup> He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor. <sup>7</sup> He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted. <sup>8</sup> And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction; <sup>9</sup> Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded. <sup>10</sup> He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity. <sup>11</sup> If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. <sup>12</sup> But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge. <sup>13</sup> But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them. <sup>14</sup> They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean. <sup>15</sup> He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression. <sup>16</sup> Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness. <sup>17</sup> But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the



wicked: judgment and justice take hold on thee. <sup>18</sup> Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee. <sup>19</sup> Will he esteem thy riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength. <sup>20</sup> Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place. <sup>21</sup> Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction. <sup>22</sup> Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him? <sup>23</sup> Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity? <sup>24</sup> Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold. <sup>25</sup> Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off. <sup>26</sup> Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. <sup>27</sup> For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: <sup>28</sup> Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly. <sup>29</sup> Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle? <sup>30</sup> Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea. <sup>31</sup> For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance. <sup>32</sup> With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt. <sup>33</sup> The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour. **37** <sup>1</sup> At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place. <sup>2</sup> Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth. <sup>3</sup> He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. <sup>4</sup> After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard. <sup>5</sup> God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. <sup>6</sup> For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. <sup>7</sup> He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work. <sup>8</sup> Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places. <sup>9</sup> Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north. <sup>10</sup> By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened. <sup>11</sup> Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud: <sup>12</sup> And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. <sup>13</sup> He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy. <sup>14</sup> Harken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. <sup>15</sup> Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine? <sup>16</sup> Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge? <sup>17</sup> How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind? <sup>18</sup> Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass? <sup>19</sup> Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness. <sup>20</sup> Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up. <sup>21</sup> And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them. <sup>22</sup> Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty. <sup>23</sup> Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict. <sup>24</sup> Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart. **38** <sup>1</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, <sup>2</sup> Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup> Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. <sup>4</sup> Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?

declare, if thou hast understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; <sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup> Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? <sup>9</sup> When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, <sup>10</sup> And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup> And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? <sup>12</sup> Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; <sup>13</sup> That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup> It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment. <sup>15</sup> And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken. <sup>16</sup> Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? <sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? <sup>18</sup> Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all. <sup>19</sup> Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, <sup>20</sup> That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof? <sup>21</sup> Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great? <sup>22</sup> Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, <sup>23</sup> Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? <sup>24</sup> By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth? <sup>25</sup> Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; <sup>26</sup> To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man; <sup>27</sup> To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth? <sup>28</sup> Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? <sup>29</sup> Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? <sup>30</sup> The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. <sup>31</sup> Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? <sup>32</sup> Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? <sup>33</sup> Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? <sup>34</sup> Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? <sup>35</sup> Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go and say unto thee, Here we are? <sup>36</sup> Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? <sup>37</sup> Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, <sup>38</sup> When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? <sup>39</sup> Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, <sup>40</sup> When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? <sup>41</sup> Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

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