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King James Version  
Job 21-22

**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 overflowed 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.

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