

# The TanakhML Project

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King James Version  
Job 22-23

**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.

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