

# The TanakhML Project

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Job 28-33

**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 thouregardest 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.

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