

# The TanakhML Project

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Job 3-23

**3** <sup>1</sup> After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. <sup>2</sup> And Job spake, and said, <sup>3</sup> Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. <sup>4</sup> Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. <sup>5</sup> Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. <sup>6</sup> As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. <sup>7</sup> Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. <sup>8</sup> Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning. <sup>9</sup> Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day: <sup>10</sup> Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes. <sup>11</sup> Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? <sup>12</sup> Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck? <sup>13</sup> For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, <sup>14</sup> With kings and counsellors of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves; <sup>15</sup> Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver: <sup>16</sup> Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light. <sup>17</sup> There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest. <sup>18</sup> There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. <sup>19</sup> The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master. <sup>20</sup> Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul; <sup>21</sup> Which long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures; <sup>22</sup> Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave? <sup>23</sup> Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in? <sup>24</sup> For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters. <sup>25</sup> For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. <sup>26</sup> I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came. **4** <sup>1</sup> Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, <sup>2</sup> If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking? <sup>3</sup> Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands. <sup>4</sup> Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. <sup>5</sup> But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. <sup>6</sup> Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways? <sup>7</sup> Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? <sup>8</sup> Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. <sup>9</sup> By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed. <sup>10</sup> The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken. <sup>11</sup> The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad. <sup>12</sup> Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. <sup>13</sup> In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, <sup>14</sup> Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. <sup>15</sup> Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: <sup>16</sup> It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, <sup>17</sup> Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker? <sup>18</sup> Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with

folly: <sup>19</sup> How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth? <sup>20</sup> They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it. <sup>21</sup> Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom. **5** <sup>1</sup> Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn? <sup>2</sup> For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one. <sup>3</sup> I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation. <sup>4</sup> His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them. <sup>5</sup> Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance. <sup>6</sup> Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; <sup>7</sup> Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. <sup>8</sup> I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: <sup>9</sup> Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: <sup>10</sup> Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields: <sup>11</sup> To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. <sup>12</sup> He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise. <sup>13</sup> He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong. <sup>14</sup> They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope in the noonday as in the night. <sup>15</sup> But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. <sup>16</sup> So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth. <sup>17</sup> Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: <sup>18</sup> For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. <sup>19</sup> He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. <sup>20</sup> In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword. <sup>21</sup> Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. <sup>22</sup> At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth. <sup>23</sup> For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. <sup>24</sup> And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin. <sup>25</sup> Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth. <sup>26</sup> Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season. <sup>27</sup> Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good. **6** <sup>1</sup> But Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup> Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together! <sup>3</sup> For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up. <sup>4</sup> For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me. <sup>5</sup> Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder? <sup>6</sup> Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg? <sup>7</sup> The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat. <sup>8</sup> Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for! <sup>9</sup> Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off! <sup>10</sup> Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One. <sup>11</sup> What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life? <sup>12</sup> Is my

strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass? <sup>13</sup> Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me? <sup>14</sup> To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty. <sup>15</sup> My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away; <sup>16</sup> Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid: <sup>17</sup> What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place. <sup>18</sup> The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish. <sup>19</sup> The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them. <sup>20</sup> They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed. <sup>21</sup> For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down, and are afraid. <sup>22</sup> Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance? <sup>23</sup> Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty? <sup>24</sup> Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred. <sup>25</sup> How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove? <sup>26</sup> Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind? <sup>27</sup> Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend. <sup>28</sup> Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie. <sup>29</sup> Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is in it. <sup>30</sup> Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things? **7** <sup>1</sup> Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling? <sup>2</sup> As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work: <sup>3</sup> So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me. <sup>4</sup> When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day. <sup>5</sup> My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome. <sup>6</sup> My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. <sup>7</sup> O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good. <sup>8</sup> The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not. <sup>9</sup> As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. <sup>10</sup> He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more. <sup>11</sup> Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>12</sup> Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me? <sup>13</sup> When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaints; <sup>14</sup> Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions: <sup>15</sup> So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life. <sup>16</sup> I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity. <sup>17</sup> What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? <sup>18</sup> And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment? <sup>19</sup> How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle? <sup>20</sup> I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself? <sup>21</sup> And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be. **8** <sup>1</sup> Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, <sup>2</sup> How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind? <sup>3</sup> Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? <sup>4</sup> If thy children have

sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression; <sup>5</sup> If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; <sup>6</sup> If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. <sup>7</sup> Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. <sup>8</sup> For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: <sup>9</sup> (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:) <sup>10</sup> Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart? <sup>11</sup> Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? <sup>12</sup> Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. <sup>13</sup> So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: <sup>14</sup> Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. <sup>15</sup> He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure. <sup>16</sup> He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden. <sup>17</sup> His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones. <sup>18</sup> If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee. <sup>19</sup> Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. <sup>20</sup> Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers: <sup>21</sup> Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. <sup>22</sup> They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought. **9** <sup>1</sup> Then Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup> I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? <sup>3</sup> If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. <sup>4</sup> He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered? <sup>5</sup> Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. <sup>6</sup> Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. <sup>7</sup> Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. <sup>8</sup> Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. <sup>9</sup> Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. <sup>10</sup> Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number. <sup>11</sup> Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not. <sup>12</sup> Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou? <sup>13</sup> If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him. <sup>14</sup> How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him? <sup>15</sup> Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge. <sup>16</sup> If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice. <sup>17</sup> For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause. <sup>18</sup> He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness. <sup>19</sup> If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead? <sup>20</sup> If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse. <sup>21</sup> Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life. <sup>22</sup> This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked. <sup>23</sup> If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent. <sup>24</sup> The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he? <sup>25</sup> Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good. <sup>26</sup> They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey. <sup>27</sup> If I say, I

will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself: <sup>28</sup> I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent. <sup>29</sup> If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain? <sup>30</sup> If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; <sup>31</sup> Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. <sup>32</sup> For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. <sup>33</sup> Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both. <sup>34</sup> Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me: <sup>35</sup> Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me. **10** <sup>1</sup> My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>2</sup> I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me. <sup>3</sup> Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked? <sup>4</sup> Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? <sup>5</sup> Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days, <sup>6</sup> That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? <sup>7</sup> Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand. <sup>8</sup> Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. <sup>9</sup> Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? <sup>10</sup> Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? <sup>11</sup> Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. <sup>12</sup> Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. <sup>13</sup> And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee. <sup>14</sup> If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity. <sup>15</sup> If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction; <sup>16</sup> For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me. <sup>17</sup> Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me. <sup>18</sup> Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! <sup>19</sup> I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. <sup>20</sup> Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, <sup>21</sup> Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; <sup>22</sup> A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness. **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 puttest 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 collops 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 astonied 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.

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