

# The TanakhML Project

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Job 9-17

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?

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 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 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 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.

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