

Job

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Chapter 1

¹There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name [was] Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. ²And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. ³His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. ⁴And his sons went and feasted [in their] houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. ⁵And it was so, when the days of [their] feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings [according] to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. ⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. ⁷And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ⁸And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that [there is] none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? ⁹Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? ¹⁰Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. ¹¹But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. ¹²And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath [is] in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. ¹³And there was a day when his sons and his daughters [were] eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: ¹⁴And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: ¹⁵And the Sabeans fell [upon them], and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁶While he [was] yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the

sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁷While he [was] yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁸While he [was] yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters [were] eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: ¹⁹And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. ²⁰Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, ²¹And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. ²²In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Chapter 2

¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. ²And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ³And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that [there is] none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. ⁴And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. ⁵But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. ⁶And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he [is] in thine hand; but save his life. ⁷So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. ⁸And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. ⁹Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. ¹⁰But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one

of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. ¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. ¹²And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. ¹³So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that [his] grief was very great.

Chapter 3

¹After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. ²And Job spake, and said, ³Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night [in which] it was said, There is a man child conceived. ⁴Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. ⁵Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. ⁶[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. ⁷Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. ⁸Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning. ⁹Let 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: ¹⁰Because it shut not up the doors of my [mother's] womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes. ¹¹Why died I not from the womb? [why] did I [not] give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? ¹²Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck? ¹³For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, ¹⁴With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves; ¹⁵Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver: ¹⁶Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants [which] never saw light. ¹⁷There the wicked cease [from] troubling; and there the weary be at rest. ¹⁸[There] the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. ¹⁹The small and great are there; and the servant [is] free from his master. ²⁰Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter [in] soul; ²¹Which long for death, but it [cometh] not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures; ²²Which rejoice exceedingly, [and] are glad, when they can find the grave? ²³[Why is light given] to a man whose way

is hid, and whom God hath hedged in? ²⁴For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters. ²⁵For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. ²⁶I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Chapter 4

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, ²[If] we as-say to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking? ³Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands. ⁴Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. ⁵But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. ⁶[Is] not [this] thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways? ⁷Remember, I pray thee, who [ever] perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? ⁸Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. ⁹By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed. ¹⁰The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken. ¹¹The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad. ¹²Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. ¹³In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, ¹⁴Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. ¹⁵Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: ¹⁶It 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], ¹⁷Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker? ¹⁸Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly: ¹⁹How much less [in] them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation [is] in the dust, [which] are crushed before the moth? ²⁰They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding [it]. ²¹Doth not their excellency [which is] in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

Chapter 5

¹Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn? ²For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one. ³I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation. ⁴His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither [is there] any to deliver [them]. ⁵Whose

harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance. ⁶Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; ⁷Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. ⁸I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: ⁹Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: ¹⁰Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields: ¹¹To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. ¹²He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform [their] enterprise. ¹³He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong. ¹⁴They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night. ¹⁵But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. ¹⁶So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth. ¹⁷Behold, happy [is] the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: ¹⁸For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. ¹⁹He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. ²⁰In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword. ²¹Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. ²²At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth. ²³For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. ²⁴And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle [shall be] in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin. ²⁵Thou shalt know also that thy seed [shall be] great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth. ²⁶Thou shalt come to [thy] grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season. ²⁷Lo this, we have searched it, so it [is]; hear it, and know thou [it] for thy good.

Chapter 6

¹But Job answered and said, ²Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together! ³For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up. ⁴For 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. ⁵Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder? ⁶Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there [any] taste in the white of an egg? ⁷The things [that] my soul refused to

touch [are] as my sorrowful meat. ⁸Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant [me] the thing that I long for! ⁹Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off! ¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹What [is] my strength, that I should hope? and what [is] mine end, that I should prolong my life? ¹²[Is] my strength the strength of stones? or [is] my flesh of brass? ¹³[Is] not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me? ¹⁴To him that is afflicted pity [should be shewed] from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty. ¹⁵My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, [and] as the stream of brooks they pass away; ¹⁶Which are blackish by reason of the ice, [and] wherein the snow is hid: ¹⁷What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place. ¹⁸The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish. ¹⁹The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them. ²⁰They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed. ²¹For now ye are nothing; ye see [my] casting down, and are afraid. ²²Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance? ²³Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty? ²⁴Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred. ²⁵How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove? ²⁶Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, [which are] as wind? ²⁷Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig [a pit] for your friend. ²⁸Now therefore be content, look upon me; for [it is] evident unto you if I lie. ²⁹Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness [is] in it. ³⁰Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

Chapter 7

¹[Is there] not an appointed time to man upon earth? [are not] his days also like the days of an hireling? ²As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for [the reward of] his work: ³So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me. ⁴When 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. ⁵My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome. ⁶My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. ⁷O remember that my life [is] wind: mine eye shall no more see good. ⁸The eye of him that hath seen me

shall see me no [more]: thine eyes [are] upon me, and I [am] not. ⁹[As] the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no [more]. ¹⁰He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more. ¹¹Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. ¹²[Am] I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me? ¹³When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint; ¹⁴Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions: ¹⁵So that my soul chooseth strangling, [and] death rather than my life. ¹⁶I loathe [it]; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days [are] vanity. ¹⁷What [is] man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? ¹⁸And [that] thou shouldest visit him every morning, [and] try him every moment? ¹⁹How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle? ²⁰I 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? ²¹And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I [shall] not [be].

Chapter 8

¹Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, ²How long wilt thou speak these [things]? and [how long shall] the words of thy mouth [be like] a strong wind? ³Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? ⁴If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression; ⁵If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; ⁶If thou [wert] pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. ⁷Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. ⁸For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: ⁹(For we [are but of] yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth [are] a shadow:) ¹⁰Shall not they teach thee, [and] tell thee, and utter words out of their heart? ¹¹Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? ¹²Whilst it [is] yet in his greenness, [and] not cut down, it withereth before any [other] herb. ¹³So [are] the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: ¹⁴Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust [shall be] a spider's web. ¹⁵He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure. ¹⁶He [is] green before the sun,

and his branch shooteth forth in his garden. ¹⁷His roots are wrapped about the heap, [and] seeth the place of stones. ¹⁸If he destroy him from his place, then [it] shall deny him, [saying], I have not seen thee. ¹⁹Behold, this [is] the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. ²⁰Behold, God will not cast away a perfect [man], neither will he help the evil doers: ²¹Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. ²²They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

Chapter 9

¹Then Job answered and said, ²I know [it is] so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? ³If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. ⁴[He is] wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened [himself] against him, and hath prospered? ⁵Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. ⁶Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. ⁷Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. ⁸Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. ⁹Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. ¹⁰Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number. ¹¹Lo, he goeth by me, and I see [him] not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not. ¹²Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou? ¹³[If] God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him. ¹⁴How much less shall I answer him, [and] choose out my words [to reason] with him? ¹⁵Whom, though I were righteous, [yet] would I not answer, [but] I would make supplication to my judge. ¹⁶If I had called, and he had answered me; [yet] would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice. ¹⁷For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause. ¹⁸He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness. ¹⁹If [I speak] of strength, lo, [he is] strong; and if of judgment, who shall set me a time [to plead]? ²⁰If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: [if I say], I [am] perfect, it shall also prove me perverse. ²¹[Though] I [were] perfect, [yet] would I not know my soul: I would despise my life. ²²This [is] one [thing], therefore I said [it], He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked. ²³If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent. ²⁴The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, [and] who [is] he? ²⁵Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good. ²⁶They are

passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle [that] hasteth to the prey. ²⁷If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort [myself]: ²⁸I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent. ²⁹[If] I be wicked, why then labour I in vain? ³⁰If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; ³¹Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. ³²For [he is] not a man, as I [am, that] I should answer him, [and] we should come together in judgment. ³³Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, [that] might lay his hand upon us both. ³⁴Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me: ³⁵[Then] would I speak, and not fear him; but [it is] not so with me.

Chapter 10

¹My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. ²I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me. ³[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? ⁴Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? ⁵[Are] thy days as the days of man? [are] thy years as man's days, ⁶That thou inquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? ⁷Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and [there is] none that can deliver out of thine hand. ⁸Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. ⁹Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? ¹⁰Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? ¹¹Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. ¹²Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. ¹³And these [things] hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this [is] with thee. ¹⁴If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity. ¹⁵If 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; ¹⁶For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me. ¹⁷Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war [are] against me. ¹⁸Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! ¹⁹I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. ²⁰[Are] not my days few? cease [then, and] let me alone, that I may take

comfort a little, ²¹Before I go [whence] I shall not return, [even] to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; ²²A land of darkness, as darkness [itself; and] of the shadow of death, without any order, and [where] the light [is] as darkness.

Chapter 11

¹Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, ²Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? ³Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? ⁴For thou hast said, My doctrine [is] pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. ⁵But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee; ⁶And 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]. ⁷Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? ⁸[It is] as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? ⁹The measure thereof [is] longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. ¹⁰If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him? ¹¹For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider [it]? ¹²For vain man would be wise, though man be born [like] a wild ass's colt. ¹³If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him; ¹⁴If iniquity [be] in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. ¹⁵For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear: ¹⁶Because thou shalt forget [thy] misery, [and] remember [it] as waters [that] pass away: ¹⁷And [thine] age shall be clearer than the noon-day; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. ¹⁸And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig [about thee, and] thou shalt take thy rest in safety. ¹⁹Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make [thee] afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee. ²⁰But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope [shall be as] the giving up of the ghost.

Chapter 12

¹And Job answered and said, ²No doubt but ye [are] the people, and wisdom shall die with you. ³But I have understanding as well as you; I [am] not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these? ⁴I am [as] one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright [man is] laughed to scorn. ⁵He that is ready to slip with [his] feet [is as] a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease. ⁶The tabernacles of robbers

prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth [abundantly]. ⁷But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: ⁸Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. ⁹Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? ¹⁰In whose hand [is] the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. ¹¹Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat? ¹²With the ancient [is] wisdom; and in length of days understanding. ¹³With him [is] wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. ¹⁴Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. ¹⁵Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. ¹⁶With him [is] strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver [are] his. ¹⁷He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools. ¹⁸He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. ¹⁹He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. ²⁰He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. ²¹He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty. ²²He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. ²³He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them [again]. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like [a] drunken [man].

Chapter 13

¹Lo, mine eye hath seen all [this], mine ear hath heard and understood it. ²What ye know, [the same] do I know also: I [am] not inferior unto you. ³Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. ⁴But ye [are] forgers of lies, ye [are] all physicians of no value. ⁵O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom. ⁶Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. ⁷Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him? ⁸Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God? ⁹Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye [so] mock him? ¹⁰He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons. ¹¹Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you? ¹²Your remembrances [are] like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay. ¹³Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what [will].

¹⁴Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? ¹⁵Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. ¹⁶He also [shall be] my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. ¹⁷Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. ¹⁸Behold now, I have ordered [my] cause; I know that I shall be justified. ¹⁹Who [is] he [that] will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost. ²⁰Only do not two [things] unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. ²¹Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid. ²²Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me. ²³How many [are] mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. ²⁴Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? ²⁵Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? ²⁶For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. ²⁷Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. ²⁸And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

Chapter 14

¹Man [that is] born of a woman [is] of few days, and full of trouble. ²He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. ³And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? ⁴Who can bring a clean [thing] out of an unclean? not one. ⁵Seeing his days [are] determined, the number of his months [are] with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; ⁶Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day. ⁷For 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. ⁸Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; ⁹[Yet] through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. ¹⁰But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where [is] he? ¹¹[As] the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: ¹²So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens [be] no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. ¹³O 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! ¹⁴If a man die, shall he live [again]? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. ¹⁵Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of

thine hands. ¹⁶For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin? ¹⁷My transgression [is] sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity. ¹⁸And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place. ¹⁹The 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. ²⁰Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away. ²¹His sons come to honour, and he knoweth [it] not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth [it] not of them. ²²But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

Chapter 15

¹Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said, ²Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? ³Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good? ⁴Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God. ⁵For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty. ⁶Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee. ⁷[Art] thou the first man [that] was born? or wast thou made before the hills? ⁸Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? ⁹What knowest thou, that we know not? [what] understandest thou, which [is] not in us? ¹⁰With us [are] both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father. ¹¹[Are] the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee? ¹²Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at, ¹³That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest [such] words go out of thy mouth? ¹⁴What [is] man, that he should be clean? and [he which is] born of a woman, that he should be righteous? ¹⁵Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. ¹⁶How much more abominable and filthy [is] man, which drinketh iniquity like water? ¹⁷I will shew thee, hear me; and that [which] I have seen I will declare; ¹⁸Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid [it]: ¹⁹Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them. ²⁰The wicked man travaileth with pain all [his] days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor. ²¹A dreadful sound [is] in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him. ²²He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword. ²³He wandereth abroad for bread, [saying], Where [is it]? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand. ²⁴Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready

to the battle. ²⁵For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty. ²⁶He runneth upon him, [even] on [his] neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers: ²⁷Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on [his] flanks. ²⁸And he dwelleth in desolate cities, [and] in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps. ²⁹He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth. ³⁰He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away. ³¹Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence. ³²It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green. ³³He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive. ³⁴For the congregation of hypocrites [shall be] desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. ³⁵They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

Chapter 16

¹Then Job answered and said, ²I have heard many such things: miserable comforters [are] ye all. ³Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest? ⁴I 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. ⁵[But] I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage [your grief]. ⁶Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and [though] I forbear, what am I eased? ⁷But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company. ⁸And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, [which] is a witness [against me]: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face. ⁹He teareth [me] in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me. ¹⁰They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me. ¹¹God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked. ¹²I 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. ¹³His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground. ¹⁴He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant. ¹⁵I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust. ¹⁶My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids [is] the shadow of death; ¹⁷Not for [any] injustice in mine

hands: also my prayer [is] pure. ¹⁸O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place. ¹⁹Also now, behold, my witness [is] in heaven, and my record [is] on high. ²⁰My friends scorn me: [but] mine eye poureth out [tears] unto God. ²¹O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man [pleadeth] for his neighbour! ²²When a few years are come, then I shall go the way [whence] I shall not return.

Chapter 17

¹My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves [are ready] for me. ²[Are there] not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation? ³Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who [is] he [that] will strike hands with me? ⁴For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt [them]. ⁵He that speaketh flattery to [his] friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail. ⁶He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret. ⁷Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members [are] as a shadow. ⁸Upright [men] shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite. ⁹The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. ¹⁰But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find [one] wise [man] among you. ¹¹My days are past, my purposes are broken off, [even] the thoughts of my heart. ¹²They change the night into day: the light [is] short because of darkness. ¹³If I wait, the grave [is] mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness. ¹⁴I have said to corruption, Thou [art] my father: to the worm, [Thou art] my mother, and my sister. ¹⁵And where [is] now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? ¹⁶They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when [our] rest together [is] in the dust.

Chapter 18

¹Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, ²How long [will it be ere] ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak. ³Wherefore are we counted as beasts, [and] reputed vile in your sight? ⁴He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place? ⁵Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. ⁶The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him. ⁷The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down. ⁸For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare. ⁹The gin shall take [him] by the heel, [and] the robber shall prevail against him. ¹⁰The snare [is] laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

¹¹Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet. ¹²His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction [shall be] ready at his side. ¹³It shall devour the strength of his skin: [even] the firstborn of death shall devour his strength. ¹⁴His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors. ¹⁵It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because [it is] none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation. ¹⁶His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off. ¹⁷His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street. ¹⁸He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. ¹⁹He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings. ²⁰They that come after [him] shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted. ²¹Surely such [are] the dwellings of the wicked, and this [is] the place [of him that] knoweth not God.

Chapter 19

¹Then Job answered and said, ²How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words? ³These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed [that] ye make yourselves strange to me. ⁴And be it indeed [that] I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself. ⁵If indeed ye will magnify [yourselves] against me, and plead against me my reproach: ⁶Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net. ⁷Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but [there is] no judgment. ⁸He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths. ⁹He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown [from] my head. ¹⁰He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree. ¹¹He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as [one of] his enemies. ¹²His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle. ¹³He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me. ¹⁴My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. ¹⁵They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight. ¹⁶I called my servant, and he gave [me] no answer; I intreated him with my mouth. ¹⁷My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's [sake] of mine own body. ¹⁸Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. ¹⁹All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me. ²⁰My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my

teeth. ²¹Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. ²²Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? ²³Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! ²⁴That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! ²⁵For I know [that] my redeemer liveth, and [that] he shall stand at the latter [day] upon the earth: ²⁶And [though] after my skin [worms] destroy this [body], yet in my flesh shall I see God: ²⁷Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; [though] my reins be consumed within me. ²⁸But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me? ²⁹Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath [bringeth] the punishments of the sword, that ye may know [there is] a judgment.

Chapter 20

¹Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, ²Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for [this] I make haste. ³I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer. ⁴Knowest thou [not] this of old, since man was placed upon earth, ⁵That the triumphing of the wicked [is] short, and the joy of the hypocrite [but] for a moment? ⁶Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds; ⁷[Yet] he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where [is] he? ⁸He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night. ⁹The eye also [which] saw him shall [see him] no more; neither shall his place any more behold him. ¹⁰His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods. ¹¹His bones are full [of the sin] of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust. ¹²Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, [though] he hide it under his tongue; ¹³[Though] he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth: ¹⁴[Yet] his meat in his bowels is turned, [it is] the gall of asps within him. ¹⁵He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly. ¹⁶He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him. ¹⁷He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter. ¹⁸That 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]. ¹⁹Because he hath oppressed [and] hath forsaken the poor; [because] he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not; ²⁰Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired. ²¹There

shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods. ²²In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him. ²³[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. ²⁴He shall flee from the iron weapon, [and] the bow of steel shall strike him through. ²⁵It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors [are] upon him. ²⁶All 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. ²⁷The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. ²⁸The increase of his house shall depart, [and his goods] shall flow away in the day of his wrath. ²⁹This [is] the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

Chapter 21

¹But Job answered and said, ²Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations. ³Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on. ⁴As for me, [is] my complaint to man? and if [it were so], why should not my spirit be troubled? ⁵Mark me, and be astonished, and lay [your] hand upon [your] mouth. ⁶Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh. ⁷Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? ⁸Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. ⁹Their houses [are] safe from fear, neither [is] the rod of God upon them. ¹⁰Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. ¹¹They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. ¹²They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. ¹³They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. ¹⁴Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. ¹⁵What [is] the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? ¹⁶Lo, their good [is] not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me. ¹⁷How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and [how oft] cometh their destruction upon them! [God] distributeth sorrows in his anger. ¹⁸They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. ¹⁹God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know [it]. ²⁰His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. ²¹For what pleasure [hath] he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst? ²²Shall [any] teach God knowledge? seeing he jud-

geth those that are high. ²³One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. ²⁴His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. ²⁵And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. ²⁶They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. ²⁷Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices [which] ye wrongfully imagine against me. ²⁸For ye say, Where [is] the house of the prince? and where [are] the dwelling places of the wicked? ²⁹Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, ³⁰That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. ³¹Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him [what] he hath done? ³²Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb. ³³The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as [there are] innumerable before him. ³⁴How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

Chapter 22

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, ²Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? ³[Is it] any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or [is it] gain [to him], that thou makest thy ways perfect? ⁴Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? ⁵[Is] not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? ⁶For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. ⁷Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. ⁸But [as for] the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it. ⁹Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. ¹⁰Therefore snares [are] round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; ¹¹Or darkness, [that] thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee. ¹²[Is] not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! ¹³And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? ¹⁴Thick clouds [are] a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. ¹⁵Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? ¹⁶Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood: ¹⁷Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them? ¹⁸Yet he filled their houses with good [things]: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. ¹⁹The righteous see [it], and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn. ²⁰Whereas our

substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth. ²¹Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. ²²Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. ²³If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. ²⁴Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the [gold] of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. ²⁵Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. ²⁶For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. ²⁷Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. ²⁸Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. ²⁹When [men] are cast down, then thou shalt say, [There is] lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. ³⁰He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

Chapter 23

¹Then Job answered and said, ²Even to day [is] my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. ³Oh that I knew where I might find him! [that] I might come [even] to his seat! ⁴I would order [my] cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵I would know the words [which] he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. ⁶Will he plead against me with [his] great power? No; but he would put [strength] in me. ⁷There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge. ⁸Behold, I go forward, but he [is] not [there]; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: ⁹On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold [him]: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see [him]: ¹⁰But he knoweth the way that I take: [when] he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. ¹¹My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. ¹²Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary [food]. ¹³But he [is] in one [mind], and who can turn him? and [what] his soul desireth, even [that] he doeth. ¹⁴For he performeth [the thing that is] appointed for me: and many such [things are] with him. ¹⁵Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. ¹⁶For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me: ¹⁷Because I was not cut off before the darkness, [neither] hath he covered the darkness from my face.

Chapter 24

¹Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days? ²[Some] remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed [thereof]. ³They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge. ⁴They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together. ⁵Behold, [as] wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness [yieldeth] food for them [and] for [their] children. ⁶They reap [every one] his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked. ⁷They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that [they have] no covering in the cold. ⁸They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter. ⁹They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor. ¹⁰They cause [him] to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf [from] the hungry; ¹¹[Which] make oil within their walls, [and] tread [their] winepresses, and suffer thirst. ¹²Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly [to them]. ¹³They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof. ¹⁴The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief. ¹⁵The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth [his] face. ¹⁶In the dark they dig through houses, [which] they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light. ¹⁷For the morning [is] to them even as the shadow of death: if [one] know [them, they are in] the terrors of the shadow of death. ¹⁸He [is] swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards. ¹⁹Drought and heat consume the snow waters: [so doth] the grave [those which] have sinned. ²⁰The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree. ²¹He evil entreateth the barren [that] beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow. ²²He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no [man] is sure of life. ²³[Though] it be given him [to be] in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes [are] upon their ways. ²⁴They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all [other], and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn. ²⁵And if [it be] not [so] now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

Chapter 25

¹Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, ²Dominion and fear [are] with him, he maketh peace in his high places. ³Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise? ⁴How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean [that is] born of a woman? ⁵Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. ⁶How much less man, [that is] a worm? and the son of man, [which is] a worm?

Chapter 26

¹But Job answered and said, ²How hast thou helped [him that is] without power? [how] savest thou the arm [that hath] no strength? ³How hast thou counselled [him that hath] no wisdom? and [how] hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is? ⁴To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee? ⁵Dead [things] are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof. ⁶Hell [is] naked before him, and destruction hath no covering. ⁷He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, [and] hangeth the earth upon nothing. ⁸He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. ⁹He holdeth back the face of his throne, [and] spreadeth his cloud upon it. ¹⁰He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. ¹¹The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. ¹²He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. ¹³By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. ¹⁴Lo, these [are] parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

Chapter 27

¹Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, ²[As] God liveth, [who] hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, [who] hath vexed my soul; ³All the while my breath [is] in me, and the spirit of God [is] in my nostrils; ⁴My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. ⁵God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. ⁶My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach [me] so long as I live. ⁷Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous. ⁸For what [is] the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? ⁹Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? ¹⁰Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God? ¹¹I will

teach you by the hand of God: [that] which [is] with the Almighty will I not conceal. ¹²Behold, all ye yourselves have seen [it]; why then are ye thus altogether vain? ¹³This [is] the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, [which] they shall receive of the Almighty. ¹⁴If his children be multiplied, [it is] for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. ¹⁵Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep. ¹⁶Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; ¹⁷He may prepare [it], but the just shall put [it] on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. ¹⁸He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth [that] the keeper maketh. ¹⁹The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he [is] not. ²⁰Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. ²¹The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place. ²²For [God] shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand. ²³[Men] shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

Chapter 28

¹Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold [where] they fine [it]. ²Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass [is] molten [out of] the stone. ³He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death. ⁴The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; [even the waters] forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men. ⁵[As for] the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. ⁶The stones of it [are] the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold. ⁷[There is] a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: ⁸The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. ⁹He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots. ¹⁰He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing. ¹¹He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and [the thing that is] hid bringeth he forth to light. ¹²But where shall wisdom be found? and where [is] the place of understanding? ¹³Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. ¹⁴The depth saith, It [is] not in me: and the sea saith, [It is] not with me. ¹⁵It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed [for] the price thereof. ¹⁶It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. ¹⁷The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it [shall not be for] jewels of fine gold. ¹⁸No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom [is]

above rubies. ¹⁹The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. ²⁰Whence then cometh wisdom? and where [is] the place of understanding? ²¹Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. ²²Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. ²³God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. ²⁴For he looketh to the ends of the earth, [and] seeth under the whole heaven; ²⁵To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. ²⁶When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: ²⁷Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. ²⁸And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that [is] wisdom; and to depart from evil [is] understanding.

Chapter 29

¹Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, ²Oh that I were as [in] months past, as [in] the days [when] God preserved me; ³When his candle shined upon my head, [and when] by his light I walked [through] darkness; ⁴As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God [was] upon my tabernacle; ⁵When the Almighty [was] yet with me, [when] my children [were] about me; ⁶When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; ⁷When I went out to the gate through the city, [when] I prepared my seat in the street! ⁸The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, [and] stood up. ⁹The princes refrained talking, and laid [their] hand on their mouth. ¹⁰The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth. ¹¹When the ear heard [me], then it blessed me; and when the eye saw [me], it gave witness to me: ¹²Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and [him that had] none to help him. ¹³The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. ¹⁴I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment [was] as a robe and a diadem. ¹⁵I was eyes to the blind, and feet [was] I to the lame. ¹⁶I [was] a father to the poor: and the cause [which] I knew not I searched out. ¹⁷And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth. ¹⁸Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply [my] days as the sand. ¹⁹My root [was] spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. ²⁰My glory [was] fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. ²¹Unto me [men] gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. ²²After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. ²³And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth

wide [as] for the latter rain. ²⁴[If] I laughed on them, they believed [it] not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down. ²⁵I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one [that] comforteth the mourners.

Chapter 30

¹But 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. ²Yea, whereto [might] the strength of their hands [profit] me, in whom old age was perished? ³For want and famine [they were] solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste. ⁴Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots [for] their meat. ⁵They were driven forth from among [men], (they cried after them as [after] a thief;) ⁶To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, [in] caves of the earth, and [in] the rocks. ⁷Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. ⁸[They were] children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth. ⁹And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword. ¹⁰They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face. ¹¹Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me. ¹²Upon [my] right [hand] rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction. ¹³They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper. ¹⁴They came [upon me] as a wide breaking in [of waters]: in the desolation they rolled themselves [upon me]. ¹⁵Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud. ¹⁶And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me. ¹⁷My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest. ¹⁸By the great force [of my disease] is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat. ¹⁹He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes. ²⁰I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me [not]. ²¹Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me. ²²Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride [upon it], and dissolvest my substance. ²³For I know [that] thou wilt bring me [to] death, and [to] the house appointed for all living. ²⁴Howbeit he will not stretch out [his] hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction. ²⁵Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was [not] my soul grieved for the poor? ²⁶When I looked for good, then evil came [unto me]: and when I waited for light, there came darkness. ²⁷My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction

prevented me. ²⁸I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, [and] I cried in the congregation. ²⁹I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. ³⁰My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. ³¹My harp also is [turned] to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

Chapter 31

¹I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? ²For what portion of God [is there] from above? and [what] inheritance of the Almighty from on high? ³[Is] not destruction to the wicked? and a strange [punishment] to the workers of iniquity? ⁴Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps? ⁵If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit; ⁶Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity. ⁷If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands; ⁸[Then] let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out. ⁹If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or [if] I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; ¹⁰[Then] let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her. ¹¹For this [is] an heinous crime; yea, it [is] an iniquity [to be punished by] the judges. ¹²For it [is] a fire [that] consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase. ¹³If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; ¹⁴What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? ¹⁵Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb? ¹⁶If I have withheld the poor from [their] desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; ¹⁷Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; ¹⁸(For from my youth he was brought up with me, as [with] a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;) ¹⁹If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; ²⁰If his loins have not blessed me, and [if] he were [not] warmed with the fleece of my sheep; ²¹If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate: ²²[Then] let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone. ²³For destruction [from] God [was] a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure. ²⁴If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, [Thou art] my confidence; ²⁵If I rejoiced because my wealth [was] great, and because mine hand had gotten much; ²⁶If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking [in] brightness; ²⁷And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed

my hand: ²⁸This also [were] an iniquity [to be punished by] the judge: for I should have denied the God [that is] above. ²⁹If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him: ³⁰Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul. ³¹If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied. ³²The stranger did not lodge in the street: [but] I opened my doors to the traveller. ³³If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom: ³⁴Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, [and] went not out of the door? ³⁵Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire [is, that] the Almighty would answer me, and [that] mine adversary had written a book. ³⁶Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, [and] bind it [as] a crown to me. ³⁷I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him. ³⁸If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain; ³⁹If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life: ⁴⁰Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

Chapter 32

¹So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he [was] righteous in his own eyes. ²Then 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. ³Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and [yet] had condemned Job. ⁴Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they [were] elder than he. ⁵When Elihu saw that [there was] no answer in the mouth of [these] three men, then his wrath was kindled. ⁶And 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. ⁷I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. ⁸But [there is] a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. ⁹Great men are not [always] wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. ¹⁰Therefore I said, Harken to me; I also will shew mine opinion. ¹¹Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say. ¹²Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, [there was] none of you that convinced Job, [or] that answered his words: ¹³Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man. ¹⁴Now he hath not directed [his] words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

¹⁵They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. ¹⁶When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, [and] answered no more;) ¹⁷[I said], I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion. ¹⁸For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me. ¹⁹Behold, my belly [is] as wine [which] hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. ²⁰I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer. ²¹Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. ²²For I know not to give flattering titles; [in so doing] my maker would soon take me away.

Chapter 33

¹Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, andarken to all my words. ²Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth. ³My words [shall be of] the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. ⁴The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. ⁵If thou canst answer me, set [thy words] in order before me, stand up. ⁶Behold, I [am] according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay. ⁷Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee. ⁸Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of [thy] words, [saying], ⁹I am clean without transgression, I [am] innocent; neither [is there] iniquity in me. ¹⁰Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy, ¹¹He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths. ¹²Behold, [in] this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man. ¹³Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters. ¹⁴For God speaketh once, yea twice, [yet man] perceiveth it not. ¹⁵In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; ¹⁶Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, ¹⁷That he may withdraw man [from his] purpose, and hide pride from man. ¹⁸He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword. ¹⁹He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong [pain]: ²⁰So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat. ²¹His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones [that] were not seen stick out. ²²Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers. ²³If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: ²⁴Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom. ²⁵His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the

days of his youth: ²⁶He 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. ²⁷He looketh upon men, and [if any] say, I have sinned, and perverted [that which was] right, and it profited me not; ²⁸He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. ²⁹Lo, all these [things] worketh God oftentimes with man, ³⁰To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living. ³¹Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak. ³²If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee. ³³If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

Chapter 34

¹Furthermore Elihu answered and said, ²Hear my words, O ye wise [men]; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge. ³For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat. ⁴Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what [is] good. ⁵For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment. ⁶Should I lie against my right? my wound [is] incurable without transgression. ⁷What man [is] like Job, [who] drinketh up scorning like water? ⁸Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men. ⁹For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God. ¹⁰Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, [that he should do] wickedness; and [from] the Almighty, [that he should commit] iniquity. ¹¹For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to [his] ways. ¹²Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment. ¹³Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world? ¹⁴If he set his heart upon man, [if] he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; ¹⁵All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust. ¹⁶If now [thou hast] understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words. ¹⁷Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just? ¹⁸[Is it fit] to say to a king, [Thou art] wicked? [and] to princes, [Ye are] ungodly? ¹⁹[How much less to him] that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all [are] the work of his hands. ²⁰In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand. ²¹For his eyes [are] upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. ²²[There is] no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide them-

selves. ²³For he will not lay upon man more [than right]; that he should enter into judgment with God. ²⁴He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead. ²⁵Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth [them] in the night, so that they are destroyed. ²⁶He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others; ²⁷Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways: ²⁸So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted. ²⁹When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth [his] face, who then can behold him? whether [it be done] against a nation, or against a man only: ³⁰That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared. ³¹Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne [chastisement], I will not offend [any more]: ³²[That which] I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. ³³[Should it be] according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest. ³⁴Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me. ³⁵Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words [were] without wisdom. ³⁶My desire [is that] Job may be tried unto the end because of [his] answers for wicked men. ³⁷For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth [his hands] among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

Chapter 35

¹Elihu spake moreover, and said, ²Thinkest thou this to be right, [that] thou saidst, My righteousness [is] more than God's? ³For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? [and], What profit shall I have, [if I be cleansed] from my sin? ⁴I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee. ⁵Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds [which] are higher than thou. ⁶If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or [if] thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him? ⁷If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand? ⁸Thy wickedness [may hurt] a man as thou [art]; and thy righteousness [may profit] the son of man. ⁹By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make [the oppressed] to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty. ¹⁰But none saith, Where [is] God my maker, who giveth songs in the night; ¹¹Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven? ¹²There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men. ¹³Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it. ¹⁴Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, [yet] judgment [is] before him; therefore trust

thou in him. ¹⁵But now, because [it is] not [so], he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth [it] not in great extremity: ¹⁶Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

Chapter 36

¹Elihu also proceeded, and said, ²Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that [I have] yet to speak on God's behalf. ³I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. ⁴For truly my words [shall] not [be] false: he that is perfect in knowledge [is] with thee. ⁵Behold, God [is] mighty, and despiseth not [any: he is] mighty in strength [and] wisdom. ⁶He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor. ⁷He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings [are they] on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted. ⁸And if [they be] bound in fetters, [and] be holden in cords of affliction; ⁹Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded. ¹⁰He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity. ¹¹If they obey and serve [him], they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. ¹²But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge. ¹³But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them. ¹⁴They die in youth, and their life [is] among the unclean. ¹⁵He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression. ¹⁶Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait [into] a broad place, where [there is] no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table [should be] full of fatness. ¹⁷But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold [on thee]. ¹⁸Because [there is] wrath, [beware] lest he take thee away with [his] stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee. ¹⁹Will he esteem thy riches? [no], not gold, nor all the forces of strength. ²⁰Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place. ²¹Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction. ²²Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him? ²³Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity? ²⁴Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold. ²⁵Every man may see it; man may behold [it] afar off. ²⁶Behold, God [is] great, and we know [him] not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. ²⁷For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: ²⁸Which the clouds do drop [and] distil upon man abundantly. ²⁹Also can [any] understand the spreadings of the clouds, [or] the noise of

his tabernacle? ³⁰Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea. ³¹For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance. ³²With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it [not to shine] by [the cloud] that cometh betwixt. ³³The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.

Chapter 37

¹At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place. ²Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound [that] goeth out of his mouth. ³He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. ⁴After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard. ⁵God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. ⁶For he saith to the snow, Be thou [on] the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. ⁷He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work. ⁸Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places. ⁹Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north. ¹⁰By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened. ¹¹Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud: ¹²And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. ¹³He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy. ¹⁴Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. ¹⁵Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine? ¹⁶Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge? ¹⁷How thy garments [are] warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south [wind]? ¹⁸Hast thou with him spread out the sky, [which is] strong, [and] as a molten looking glass? ¹⁹Teach us what we shall say unto him; [for] we cannot order [our speech] by reason of darkness. ²⁰Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up. ²¹And now [men] see not the bright light which [is] in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them. ²²Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God [is] terrible majesty. ²³[Touching] the Almighty, we cannot find him out: [he is] excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict. ²⁴Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any [that are] wise of heart.

Chapter 38

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, ²Who [is] this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. ⁴Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. ⁵Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? ⁶Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; ⁷When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or [who] shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, [as if] it had issued out of the womb? ⁹When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, ¹⁰And brake up for it my decreed [place], and set bars and doors, ¹¹And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? ¹²Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; [and] caused the dayspring to know his place; ¹³That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is turned as clay [to] the seal; and they stand as a garment. ¹⁵And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken. ¹⁶Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? ¹⁸Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all. ¹⁹Where [is] the way [where] light dwelleth? and [as for] darkness, where [is] the place thereof, ²⁰That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths [to] the house thereof? ²¹Knowest thou [it], because thou wast then born? or [because] the number of thy days [is] great? ²²Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, ²³Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? ²⁴By what way is the light parted, [which] scattereth the east wind upon the earth? ²⁵Who hath divided a water-course for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; ²⁶To cause it to rain on the earth, [where] no man [is; on] the wilderness, wherein [there is] no man; ²⁷To satisfy the desolate and waste [ground]; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth? ²⁸Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? ²⁹Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? ³⁰The waters are hid as [with] a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. ³¹Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? ³²Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?

or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? ³³Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? ³⁴Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? ³⁵Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we [are]? ³⁶Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? ³⁷Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, ³⁸When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? ³⁹Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰When they couch in [their] dens, [and] abide in the covert to lie in wait? ⁴¹Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Chapter 39

¹Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? [or] canst thou mark when the hinds do calve? ²Canst thou number the months [that] they fulfil? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth? ³They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows. ⁴Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them. ⁵Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass? ⁶Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings. ⁷He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the driver. ⁸The range of the mountains [is] his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing. ⁹Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib? ¹⁰Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee? ¹¹Wilt thou trust him, because his strength [is] great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him? ¹²Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather [it into] thy barn? ¹³[Gavest thou] the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? ¹⁴Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, ¹⁵And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. ¹⁶She is hardened against her young ones, as though [they were] not hers: her labour is in vain without fear; ¹⁷Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding. ¹⁸What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider. ¹⁹Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? ²⁰Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils [is] terrible. ²¹He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in [his] strength: he goeth on to meet the

armed men. ²²He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword. ²³The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield. ²⁴He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that [it is] the sound of the trumpet. ²⁵He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting. ²⁶Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, [and] stretch her wings toward the south? ²⁷Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? ²⁸She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. ²⁹From thence she seeketh the prey, [and] her eyes behold afar off. ³⁰Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain [are], there [is] she.

Chapter 40

¹Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said, ²Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct [him]? he that reproveth God, let him answer it. ³Then Job answered the LORD, and said, ⁴Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. ⁵Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. ⁶Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said, ⁷Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. ⁸Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous? ⁹Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? ¹⁰Deck thyself now [with] majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. ¹¹Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one [that is] proud, and abase him. ¹²Look on every one [that is] proud, [and] bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. ¹³Hide them in the dust together; [and] bind their faces in secret. ¹⁴Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee. ¹⁵Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. ¹⁶Lo now, his strength [is] in his loins, and his force [is] in the navel of his belly. ¹⁷He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. ¹⁸His bones [are as] strong pieces of brass; his bones [are] like bars of iron. ¹⁹He [is] the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach [unto him]. ²⁰Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play. ²¹He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. ²²The shady trees cover him [with] their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. ²³Behold, he drinketh up a river, [and] hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his

mouth. ²⁴He taketh it with his eyes: [his] nose pierceth through snares.

Chapter 41

¹Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord [which] thou lettest down? ²Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? ³Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft [words] unto thee? ⁴Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever? ⁵Wilt thou play with him as [with] a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? ⁶Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants? ⁷Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? ⁸Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. ⁹Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not [one] be cast down even at the sight of him? ¹⁰None [is so] fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me? ¹¹Who hath prevented me, that I should repay [him? whatsoever is] under the whole heaven is mine. ¹²I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion. ¹³Who can discover the face of his garment? [or] who can come [to him] with his double bridle? ¹⁴Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth [are] terrible round about. ¹⁵[His] scales [are his] pride, shut up together [as with] a close seal. ¹⁶One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. ¹⁷They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered. ¹⁸By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes [are] like the eyelids of the morning. ¹⁹Out of his mouth go burning lamps, [and] sparks of fire leap out. ²⁰Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as [out] of a seething pot or caldron. ²¹His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. ²²In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him. ²³The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved. ²⁴His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether [millstone]. ²⁵When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves. ²⁶The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon. ²⁷He esteemeth iron as straw, [and] brass as rotten wood. ²⁸The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble. ²⁹Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear. ³⁰Sharp stones [are] under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire. ³¹He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment. ³²He maketh a path to shine after him; [one] would think the deep [to be] hoary. ³³Upon earth

there is not his like, who is made without fear. ³⁴He be- holdeth all high [things]: he [is] a king over all the children of pride.

Chapter 42

¹Then Job answered the LORD, and said, ²I know that thou canst do every [thing], and [that] no thought can be with- holden from thee. ³Who [is] he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. ⁴Hear, I be- seech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and de- clare thou unto me. ⁵I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. ⁶Wherefore I abhor [myself], and repent in dust and ashes. ⁷And it was [so], that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me [the thing that is] right, as my servant Job [hath]. ⁸Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you [after your] folly, in that ye have not spoken of me [the thing

which is] right, like my servant Job. ⁹So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite [and] Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD com- manded them: the LORD also accepted Job. ¹⁰And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold. ¹²So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his begin- ning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thou- sand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. ¹³He had also seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. ¹⁵And in all the land were no women found [so] fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. ¹⁶After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, [even] four generations. ¹⁷So Job died, [being] old and full of days.