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Job

Chapter 1

¹There was a man in the land of Uz. Job was his name, and that man was blameless and righteous, both fearful of God and turning from evil. ²Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. ³And his stock was 7,000 sheep and 3,000 camels and 500 pairs of oxen and 500 donkeys and a very large retinue. And that man was greater than all the sons of the East. ⁴And his sons went and made a feast, a man in {his} house on his day, and they sent and called their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. ⁵And it happened that when the days of the feast had gone around, Job sent and consecrated them. He arose early in the morning and offered burnt offerings {according to} the number of all of them. For Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and blessed God in their hearts." Thus Job did all the days.

⁶And it was the day, and the sons of God came to present themselves to Yahweh. And the adversary also came in the midst of them. ⁷And Yahweh said to the adversary, "From where have you come?" And the adversary answered Yahweh and said, "From wandering on the earth and from going back and forth on it." ⁸And Yahweh said to the adversary, "Have you set your heart upon my servant Job? For {there is} not like him on the earth, a blameless and righteous man, fearful of God and turning from evil." ⁹And the adversary answered Yahweh and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰Have you not put a hedge around him and around his house and around all that {is} his, from every side? You have blessed the works of his hands, and his cattle have burst forth in the land. ¹¹However, just stretch out your hand and touch all that {is} his, if he will not bless you to your face." ¹²And Yahweh said to the adversary, "Behold, all that {is} his {is} in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." And the adversary went away from the face of Yahweh.

¹³And it was the day, and his sons and his daughters {were} eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother. ¹⁴And a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys {were} feeding at their hand. ¹⁵And Sheba fell {on them} and took them, and they struck the servants with the edge of the sword, and only I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁶That one {was} still speaking and another came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and only I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁷That one {was} still speaking and another came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and rushed against the camels and took them, and they struck the servants with the edge of the sword, and only I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁸That one {was} still speaking and another came and said, "Your sons and your daughters {were} eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother. ¹⁹And behold, a great wind came from across the desert and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and only I alone have escaped to tell you."

²⁰And Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell to the ground and prostrated himself. ²¹And he said, "Naked I came from the womb of my mother, and naked I will return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken. May the name of Yahweh be blessed." ²²In all of this, Job did not sin and he did not ascribe impropriety to God.

Chapter 2

¹And it was the day, and the sons of God came to present themselves to Yahweh, and the adversary also came in their midst to present himself to Yahweh. ²And Yahweh said to the adversary, "From where have you come?" And the adversary answered Yahweh and said, "From wandering on the earth and from going back and forth on it." ³And Yahweh said to the adversary, "Have you set your heart on my servant Job? For there is not like him on the earth, a blameless and righteous man, fearful of God and turning from evil. And still he is holding firmly to his

integrity, although you incited me against him, to devour him for nothing.”⁴ And the adversary answered Yahweh and said, “Skin for skin! Indeed, all that {is} to a man, he will give for his life. ⁵However, just stretch out your hand and touch upon his bones and upon his flesh, if he will not bless you to your face.”⁶ And Yahweh said to the adversary, “Behold him in your hand; only spare his life.”

⁷And the adversary went away from the face of Yahweh, and he struck Job with bad boils from the sole of his foot to his pate. ⁸And he took for himself a shard to scrape himself with it, and he was sitting in the midst of the ash pile. ⁹And his wife said to him, “{Are} you still holding firmly to your integrity? Bless God and die.” ¹⁰But he said to her, “Like the speaking of the foolish one, you are speaking. Indeed, will we receive the good from God and not receive the bad?” In all of this, Job did not sin with his lips.

¹¹And the three friends of Job heard {that} all this evil had come on him, and they each came from his place, Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, and they gathered together to come to sympathize with him and to comfort him. ¹²And they raised their eyes from afar and they did not recognize him, and they raised their voice and wept, and they each tore his robe, and they threw dust heavenward upon their heads. ¹³And they sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and {there was} no speaking a word to him, for they saw that {his} grief was very great.

Chapter 3

¹After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed his day. ²Job answered and said,

³“May the day on which I was born perish,
and the night {that} said, ‘A boy has been conceived.’

⁴That day—may it be dark!

May God not seek it from above,
and may light not shine upon it.

⁵May darkness and a dark shadow claim it;
may a cloud dwell over it;
may the blacknesses of the day terrify it.

⁶That night—may gloom take it!
May it not rejoice among the days of the year;
into the number of the months may it not come.

⁷Behold: That night—may it be barren!
May a joyful shout not come into it.

⁸May the ones cursing a day curse it,
the ones skillful to awaken Leviathan.

⁹May the stars of its twilight be dark;
may it wait for light but {there be} none,
and may it not see the eyelids of the dawn,

¹⁰because it did not close the doors of my womb
and hide trouble from my eyes.

¹¹Why did I not die from the womb,
come out of the belly and expire?

¹²Why did knees welcome me,
and why breasts, that I should suck?

¹³For now I had lain down and was reposing,
I had slept, then it was being rest to me

¹⁴with kings and counselors of the earth,
the ones having built monuments for themselves,

¹⁵or with princes, gold {having been} to them,
the ones having filled their houses with silver.

¹⁶Or, like a hidden stillborn child, I might not have been,
as infants {sometimes} do not see the light.

¹⁷There the wicked stop troubling,
and there the weary in strength rest.

¹⁸Captives relax together;
they do not hear the voice of a taskmaster.

¹⁹Small and great {are} there the same,
and a servant {is} free from his master.

²⁰Why is light given to the miserable,
and life to the bitter in soul,

²¹the ones longing for death, but {it is} not to them,
and they dig for it more than for hidden treasure,

²²the ones rejoicing unto gladness,
and they celebrate when they find a grave,

²³to a man whose way is hidden,
and God has hedged around him?

²⁴For my sighing comes before my food,
my groaning flows out like waters.

²⁵For I feared a fear and it has arrived with me;

what I dreaded has come to me.

²⁶I have not relaxed, and I have not reposed, and I have not rested,
but trouble comes.”

Chapter 4

¹And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

²If a word is tried with you, will you tire?

But to refrain from a word, who is able?

³Behold, you have instructed many,
you have strengthened weak hands.

⁴Your words have upheld the one stumbling,
and buckling knees you have strengthened.

⁵But now it comes to you and you tire;
it touches you and you panic.

⁶{Is} not your fear your confidence,
your hope, even the integrity of your ways?

⁷Remember, now: Who, he {being} innocent, has perished?
And when were the righteous destroyed?

⁸According to what I have seen, the ones plowing misery
and sowing trouble reap it.

⁹By the breath of God they perish,
and by the blast of his nose they cease {to be}.

¹⁰The roar of the lion! The voice of the fierce lion!
But the teeth of the young lions are broken.

¹¹The strong lion perishes for lack of prey,
and the cubs of the lioness are scattered.

¹²Now a word was confided to me,
and my ear received a whisper of it.

¹³In troubling thoughts from visions of the night,
in the falling of deep sleep upon men,

¹⁴fear happened to me, and trembling,

and it frightened all my bones.

¹⁵And a spirit was gliding before my face;
the hair of my flesh was bristling.

¹⁶It was standing still, but I was not recognizing its appearance.

An image {was} in front of my eyes.

{There was} silence, then I heard a voice:

¹⁷'Will a man be more righteous than God?
If a man will be more pure than his Maker?'

¹⁸Behold, he does not trust in his servants,
and he charges his angels with folly.

¹⁹How much less dwellers in houses of clay
that {have} their foundation in the dust!

They crumble them before a moth!

²⁰From morning to evening they are destroyed;
they perish forever without {anyone} noticing.

²¹Is not their tent cord pulled up away from them?
They will die, and not in wisdom.

Chapter 5

¹Call out now; is there one answering you?
To which of the holy ones will you turn?

²For indignation kills the foolish,
and resentment kills the one being simple.

³I myself have seen the foolish taking root,
but right away I cursed his abode.

⁴His children are far from safety,
and they are crushed at the gate,
and {there is} none rescuing {them},

⁵whose harvest the hungry one devours;
they even take it from among the thorns,
and the thirsty ones pant for their wealth.

⁶For misery does not come out from the dust,
and trouble does not sprout from the ground.

⁷For man is born to trouble,
and sons of the flame soar to fly.

⁸But I myself would seek for God,
and to God I would commit my cause,

⁹the one doing great {things} and {there is} no searching,
marvelous {things} until {there is} no number,

¹⁰the one giving rain on the face of the earth
and sending waters on the face of the fields,

¹¹setting the humble on high,
and the ones mourning are high in safety,

¹²frustrating the plans of the crafty,
and their hands do not accomplish an initiative,

¹³catching the cunning in their craftiness,
and the plan of the ones being deceptive is hastened.

¹⁴They encounter darkness by day,
and they grope at midday as at night.

¹⁵But he saves the poor from the sword in their mouths
and from the hand of the mighty.

¹⁶And hope is to the poor,
and injustice shuts her mouth.

¹⁷Behold, blessed is the man God corrects,
and the chastening of the Almighty do not despise.

¹⁸For he injures and binds up,
he wounds and his hands heal.

¹⁹In six troubles he will rescue you,
and in seven, harm will not touch you.

²⁰In famine he will redeem you from death,
and in war, from the hands of the sword.

²¹From the scourge of the tongue you will be hidden,

and you will not fear destruction when it comes.

²²You will laugh at destruction and at famine,
and you will not fear the beast of the earth.

²³For with the stones of the field {will be} your covenant,
and the beast of the field will be made peaceable to you.

²⁴You will know that your tent {is in} peace;
you will visit your sheepfold and you will not miss {anything}.

²⁵And you will know that your seed {will be} great
and your offspring, like the grass of the earth.

²⁶You will come to the grave in old age,
like the lifting of a stack of grain in its time.

²⁷Behold this: We have examined it, thus it {is};
listen to it and know {it} for yourself."

Chapter 6

¹And Job answered and said,

²"If only my anguish, being weighed, were weighed,
and my calamity lay in the balances together {with it}!

³For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas;
therefore my words raved.

⁴For the arrows of the Almighty are in me,
whose poison my spirit is drinking;
the terrors of God array themselves against me.

⁵Does a wild donkey bray over grass?
If an ox bellows over its fodder?

⁶Will the unsavory be eaten without salt?
If there is taste in the white of an egg?

⁷My soul has refused to touch;
they {are} like disease {in} my food.

⁸Who will grant that my request may come?
And may God grant my longing

⁹and may God be willing and may he crush me,
may he loose his hand and cut me off!

¹⁰Yet may it still be my consolation—
indeed, let me exult in pain, may he not spare—
that I have not concealed the sayings of the Holy One.

¹¹What {is} my strength, that I should wait?
And what {is} my end, that I should prolong my life?

¹²If my strength {is} the strength of stones?
If my flesh {is} bronze?

¹³If my help {is} not in me,
and initiative has been taken away from me?

¹⁴To the despairing, covenant faithfulness from his friend,
and the fear of the Almighty he forsakes.

¹⁵My brothers have dealt treacherously like a wadi,
like a channel of wadis they pass away,

¹⁶the ones being dark from ice over it,
it hides itself with snow.

¹⁷In the time they dry up, they are annihilated;
in their being hot, they are exterminated from their place.

¹⁸Caravans turn themselves aside from their way;
they go up into wasteland and they perish.

¹⁹Caravans from Tema looked;
processions of Sheba hoped in them.

²⁰They were ashamed, because they had been confident;
they went as far as it and they were confounded.

²¹For now you are nothing;
you see a terror and you fear.

²²{Is it} that I said, 'Give me {something}'?
Or, 'Make a gift to me from your wealth'?

²³Or, 'Save me from the hand of the enemy'?
Or, 'From the hand of the oppressors rescue me'?

²⁴Teach me, and I will be silent,
and how I have strayed, make me understand.

²⁵How words of uprightness are forceful!
But what does correcting from you correct?

²⁶Do you think to correct my words,
and to the wind the words of one despairing?

²⁷Indeed, you cast {lots} for the fatherless,
and you haggle over your friend.

²⁸But now, be willing, look at me,
and if I would lie to your faces!

²⁹Please turn, let injustice not be;
yes, turn, my righteousness {is} yet in it.

³⁰Is there injustice on my tongue?
If my mouth does not discern iniquity?

Chapter 7

¹{Is} not hardship to a man on earth?
And {are not} his days like the days of a hireling?

²As a slave longs for shade,
and as a hireling awaits his wages,

³so I have been caused to inherit months of futility,
and they have appointed nights of trouble to me.

⁴When I lie down, I say,
'When will I get up?'

But the night extends,
and I am full of tossings until dawn.

⁵My flesh wears the worm and the clod of dust;
my skin breaks and festers.

⁶My days are swifter than a shuttle,
and they end without hope.

⁷Remember that my life {is} a breath;

my eye will not return to see good.

⁸The eye of the one seeing me will not regard me;
your eyes {will be} on me, but I will not exist.

⁹A cloud disappears and goes away;
so the one descending to Sheol does not ascend.

¹⁰He will not return again to his house,
and his place will not know him again.

¹¹Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the distress of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

¹²{Am} I the sea or the sea monster,
that you will set a guard over me?

¹³When I say, 'My couch will comfort me,
my bed will take away my complaint,'

¹⁴then you scare me with dreams
and you terrify me through visions,

¹⁵and my soul chooses strangling,
death, rather than my bones.

¹⁶I loathe; I will not live forever.
Cease from me, for my days {are} vapor.

¹⁷What is man, that you will magnify him
and that you will set your heart on him,

¹⁸and you will visit him in the mornings
and you will test him in the moments?

¹⁹For how long will you not look away from me?
Will you not slacken until I swallow my saliva?

²⁰{If} I have sinned,
what have I done to you, the one watching man?

Why have you made me a target for you?
Indeed, am I a burden to myself?

²¹Why will you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity?

For now I will lie down in the dust,
and you will seek me diligently, but I will not exist.”

Chapter 8

¹And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,

²“Until when will you say these things,
and the words of your mouth {be} a mighty wind?

³Does God pervert justice?

Or does the Almighty pervert righteousness?

⁴If your children sinned against him,
then he put them in the hand of their sins.

⁵If you seek diligently for God,
and to the Almighty you appeal,

⁶if you {are} pure and upright,
surely now he will rouse himself for you
and restore the habitation of your righteousness.

⁷Though your beginning was small,
yet your end will increase greatly.

⁸For inquire now of the former generations
and consider the finding of their fathers.

⁹For we {are} of yesterday and we do not know,
for our days on earth {are} a shadow.

¹⁰Will they not teach you? They will speak to you,
and from their hearts they will bring forth words.

¹¹Does papyrus grow without a marsh?
Does a reed grow without waters?

¹²It {is} still in its greenness, it is not cut down,
but it withers before any {other} plant.

¹³Thus {are} the paths of all the ones forgetting God,
and the hope of the godless will perish,

¹⁴whose confidence snaps

and whose trust {is} the house of a spider.

¹⁵He leans himself against his house and it does not stand;
he takes hold of it, but it does not arise.

¹⁶It {is} lush to the face of the sun,
and its shoots go out over its garden.

¹⁷Its roots are wrapped around a heap;
it looks for a house of rocks.

¹⁸When one destroys it from its place,
then it will deny him, 'I did not see you.'

¹⁹Behold, this is the joy of his way,
and from the dust other {plants} will sprout.

²⁰Behold, God will not reject the innocent,
but he will not hold the hand of evildoers.

²¹He will yet fill your mouth with laughter,
your lips with shouting.

²²The ones hating you will wear shame,
and the tent of the wicked will not exist."

Chapter 9

¹And Job answered and said,

²"I know truly that {this is} so.

But how will a man be righteous with God?

³If he desires to contend with him,
he will not answer him one from a thousand.

⁴{He is} wise in heart and mighty in strength.
Who has hardened himself against him and been whole?—

⁵the one removing mountains and they do not know,
who in his nose overturns them;

⁶the one shaking the earth from its place
and causing its pillars to tremble;

⁷the one speaking to the sun and it does not rise,

and upon the stars he seals;

⁸stretching out the heavens by himself

and treading on the waves of the sea;

⁹making the Bear, Orion, the Pleiades,

and the chambers of the south;

¹⁰doing great {things} until there is no searching

and distinguished {things} until there is no number.

¹¹Behold, he goes by me, but I do not see,

and he passes, but I do not perceive him.

¹²If he takes away, who will turn him back?

Who will say to him, 'What are you doing?'

¹³God will not turn aside his nose;

the helpers of Rahab bow beneath him.

¹⁴Indeed that I will answer him,

choose words with him!—

¹⁵whom, if I were righteous, I would not answer;

I would plead to my judge for mercy.

¹⁶If I called and he answered me,

I would not believe that he was giving ear to my voice,

¹⁷who would break me with a tempest

and multiply my wounds for nothing.

¹⁸He does not allow me to cause my breath to return,

for he fills me with bitterness.

¹⁹If to strength, behold, {he is} mighty!

And if to justice, who will summon him?

²⁰If I were righteous, my mouth would condemn me;

{if} I {were} blameless, yet it would convict me.

²¹I {am} blameless. I do not know my soul;

I loathe my life.

²²It {is} one; therefore I have said,

'The blameless and the wicked, he is destroying.'

²³When a scourge suddenly kills,
he mocks the despair of the innocent {ones}.

²⁴The earth is given into the hand of the wicked.
He covers the faces of its judges.
If not, then who {is} it?

²⁵And my days are swifter than a runner, they flee.
They do not see good.

²⁶They glide with boats of papyrus,
as an eagle pounces on food.

²⁷If I said, 'Let me forget my complaint,
let me change my face,
let me be cheerful,'

²⁸I would fear all my sorrows;
I know that you would not acquit me.

²⁹I am wicked;
why, then, would I toil in vain?

³⁰If I washed myself with water of snow
and cleansed my hands with lye,

³¹then you would plunge me into a ditch,
and my clothes would abhor me.

³²For I would not be answering a man like me,
we would {not} be coming together into judgment.

³³There would be no judge between us
who would lay his hand upon the two of us,

³⁴who would turn from upon me his rod,
and his terror, may it not frighten me.

³⁵I would speak and I would not fear him.
But I {am} not thus with me.

Chapter 10

¹My soul is weary of my life;

I will abandon my complaint upon myself;

I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

²I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me;
cause me to know for what you are accusing me.

³Is it good to you that you will oppress {me},
that you will despise the work of your hands,
but on the plans of the wicked you shine?

⁴{Are} eyes of flesh to you?

If you see according to the seeing of a man?

⁵{Are} your days like the days of a man?

If your years {are} like the days of a man,

⁶that you seek for my iniquity
and for my sin you search,

⁷above your knowledge that I am not wicked
and there is no one rescuing {me} from your hand?

⁸Your hands formed me and made me entirely round about,
yet you are destroying me.

⁹Remember, please, that you made me like clay,
and will you turn me into dust?

¹⁰Have you not poured me like milk
and caused me to curdle like cheese?

¹¹You have clothed me with skin and flesh
and you have knit me together with bones and tendons.

¹²You made life and covenant faithfulness alongside me,
and your visitation has guarded my spirit.

¹³But in your heart you hid these things
(I know that this {was} with you):

¹⁴If I sinned, then you would notice me,
and you would not acquit me of my iniquity.

¹⁵If I am wicked, woe to me!
And {if} I am righteous,

I will not lift my head.

{I am} full of disgrace.

Yes, see my affliction!

¹⁶And should it arise,

you would stalk me like a lion,

and you would return, you would distinguish yourself against me.

¹⁷You would renew your witnesses against me

and you would increase your anger against me;

changes and an army {are} with me.

¹⁸So why did you bring me out from the womb?

Would that I had expired and an eye had not seen me!

¹⁹Would that I had been as though I had not existed!

Would that I had been brought from the womb to the grave!

²⁰{Are} my days not few?

So cease and put from me,

and let me smile a little.

²¹before I go—and do not return—

to the land of darkness and deep darkness,

²²the land of obscurity

like the gloom of dark shadow

and no order,

and it shines like gloom.”

Chapter 11

¹And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said,

²“The multitude of words, will it not be answered?

Or if a man of lips will be justified?

³Will your boastings make people silent?

Or will you mock and no one {is} shaming?

⁴For you have said, ‘My doctrine is pure,

and I am clean in your eyes.’

⁵But who will give God to speak
and open his lips against you
⁶and declare to you the secrets of wisdom?
For {it is} double to understanding.
And know that God is forgetting for you {some} of your iniquity.
⁷Will you find God by searching?
If unto perfection you will find the Almighty?
⁸The height of the heavens! What will you do?
Deeper than Sheol! What will you know?
⁹Its measure {is} longer than the earth
and wider than the sea.
¹⁰If he comes and imprisons and assembles,
then who will turn him back?
¹¹For he knows people of worthlessness,
and will he see iniquity and not notice it?
¹²But an empty man will get a heart
and the colt of a wild donkey will be born to a man.
¹³If you prepare your heart
and stretch out your hands to him;
¹⁴if iniquity {is} in your hand, put it far away,
and do not let unrighteousness dwell in your tents;
¹⁵for then you will lift your face without blemish,
and you will be established and you will not fear;
¹⁶for you will forget trouble;
as waters pass by, you will remember {it}.
¹⁷And life will arise more than noon;
darkness will become like dawn.
¹⁸You will be confident, because there is hope,
and you will look around, you will lie down in safety.
¹⁹Yes, you will recline and no one {will be} making {you} afraid,
and many will stroke your face.

²⁰But the eyes of the wicked will fail,
and escape will perish from them,
and their hope {will be} an expiration of breath.”

Chapter 12

¹And Job answered and said,

²“Truly, then, you {are} the people,
and wisdom will die with you.

³A heart {is} also to me, like you.

I {am} not falling below you.

And with whom {are} not such {things} as these?

⁴I, the one calling on God and he answered him,
have become laughter to his neighbor:

just, blameless—laughter!

⁵In the thought of the secure {there is} contempt for misfortune,
prepared for the ones slipping of foot.

⁶The tents of robbers prosper,
and securities {are} to the provokers of God,
to {the one} who carries God in his hand.

⁷But now ask the beasts, and one will teach you,
the birds of the heavens, and one will declare to you.

⁸Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will recount to you.

⁹Which of all these does not know
that the hand of Yahweh has done this?—

¹⁰in whose hand {is} the life of every living thing
and the breath of all flesh of man.

¹¹Does not the ear test words
and the palate taste the food {that is} to it?

¹²With the aged {is} wisdom,
and in length of days {is} understanding.

¹³With him {are} wisdom and might;

to him {are} counsel and understanding.

¹⁴Behold, he breaks down and it is not rebuilt;

he closes upon a man and it is not opened.

¹⁵Behold, he withholds the waters and they dry up,

and he sends them out and they overthrow the land.

¹⁶With him {are} strength and prudence;

to him {are} the one straying and the one causing to stray.

¹⁷{He is} the one leading counselors away naked,

and judges he makes foolish.

¹⁸He removes the bond of kings

and he wraps a cloth around their loins,

¹⁹the one leading priests away naked,

and the incumbent ones, he overthrows;

²⁰the one removing the lip {that is} to the ones being trusted,

and the discernment of the elders he takes away;

²¹the one pouring contempt on nobles,

and the belt of the mighty ones he loosens;

²²the one revealing deep things out of darkness,

and he brings dark shadow into the light;

²³the one magnifying nations, and he destroys them;

the one enlarging nations, and he exiles them;

²⁴the one removing a heart from the leaders of the people of the earth,

and he causes them to wander in a wasteland {with} no path.

²⁵They grope in darkness and not in light;

he makes them wander like a drunkard.

Chapter 13

¹Behold, my eye has seen all;

my ear has heard and understood it.

²As you know, I also know.

I {am} not falling below you.

³But I will speak with the Almighty,
and to plead with God I desire.

⁴But you {are} plasterers of a lie;
all of you {are} healers of no value.

⁵Who will give {that} being silent, you will be silent?
And it will be to you for wisdom.

⁶Please hear my reasoning
and heed the pleadings of my lips.

⁷Will you speak unrighteously for God,
and will you talk deceitfully for him?

⁸Will you lift his face?
Or will you plead for God?

⁹{Is it} good that he will examine you?
Or will you deceive him as deceiving a man?

¹⁰Reproving, he would reprove you
if in secret you were lifting faces.

¹¹{Would} not his majesty terrify you
and the dread of him fall on you?

¹²Your maxims {are} proverbs of ashes;
your defenses are defenses of clay.

¹³Be silent from me and let me speak,
and let come upon me what {will}.

¹⁴Why do I take my flesh in my teeth
and put my life in my hands?

¹⁵Behold, he kills me, I will hope in him;
I will surely defend my ways to his face.

¹⁶Even this {will be} for salvation to me:
that the godless will not enter to his face.

¹⁷Hearing, hear my word,
and {may} my declaration {be} in your ears.

¹⁸Behold now, I have prepared my defense;

I know that I am righteous.

¹⁹Who {is} he {who} will contend with me?

For then I will be silent and expire.

²⁰Only two {things} do not do to me,

then I will not hide myself from your face:

²¹Withdraw your hand from upon me,

and {with} your fear do not terrify me.

²²And call, and I will answer,

or I will speak, and answer me.

²³How many iniquities and sins {are} to me?

Make me know my transgression and my sin.

²⁴Why do you hide your face

and consider me an enemy to you?

²⁵Will you terrify a driven leaf?

Or will you pursue dry stubble?

²⁶For you write bitter things against me,

and you make me inherit the iniquities of my youth,

²⁷and you put my feet in shackles,

and you watch all of my paths;

you engrave around the soles of my feet.

²⁸And he decays like a rotten thing,

like a garment—a moth has eaten it.

Chapter 14

¹Man, born of woman—

few of days and full of trouble!

²Like a flower, he comes forth and withers,

and like a shadow, he flees and does not stand.

³Even on such do you open your eye,

and do you bring me into judgment with you?

⁴Who will bring clean from unclean?

Not one!

⁵Since his days are determined,
the number of his months {is} with you;
you have set his limit and he will not pass {it},

⁶look away from him, that he may desist
until he fulfills his day like a hireling.

⁷For there is hope for a tree if it is cut down,
that it will sprout again
and its stalk will not cease.

⁸Though its root grows old in the earth
and its stump dies in the ground,

⁹from the scent of waters it will bud
and make a branch like a plant.

¹⁰But a man dies,
and a man weakens and expires,
and where {is} he?

¹¹Waters disappear from a lake
and a river dwindles and dries up,

¹²

and a man lies down and does not arise.
Until the heavens {are} no more,
they will not awake
and they will not be roused from their sleep.

¹³Who will give {that} you will conceal me in Sheol,
{that} you will hide me until the turning of your nose,
{that} you will set a limit for me and remember me?

¹⁴If a man dies, will he live?
All the days of my hardship I will wait
until the coming of my change.

¹⁵You would call, and I would answer you.

You would desire the work of your hands.

¹⁶For then you would number my steps;
you would not watch over my sin.

¹⁷My transgression {would be} sealed in a bag,
and you would plaster over my iniquity.

¹⁸However, a falling mountain crumbles,
and a rock moves from its place,

¹⁹waters wear down stones,
its flooding washes away the dust of the earth,
and you destroy the hope of man.

²⁰You forever overpower him, and he goes away;
changing his face, you send him away.

²¹His sons achieve honor and he does not know,
or they become insignificant and he does not perceive them.

²²Only his flesh grieves for him,
and {only} his soul mourns for him.”

Chapter 15

¹And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

²“Will the wise answer {with} knowledge of wind
and fill his belly {with} the east wind,

³reasoning with a word {that} does not benefit
and {with} words {that} do not have profit in them?

⁴Indeed, you destroy fear,
and you diminish devotion to the face of God,

⁵for your iniquity teaches your mouth,
and you choose the tongue of the crafty.

⁶Your mouth condemns you, and not I,
and your lips testify against you.

⁷Were you born the first man,
and to the face of the hills were you formed?

⁸Do you hear the counsel of God?

Do you limit wisdom to yourself?

⁹What do you know, and we do not know?

{What} do you understand, and it {is} not with us?

¹⁰Both the gray-haired and the aged {are} with us,
greater than your father {in} days.

¹¹{Are} the consolations of God too small for you,
or a word in gentleness to you?

¹²Why does your heart carry you away
and why do your eyes flash,

¹³that you turn your spirit against God
and bring out words from your mouth?

¹⁴What {is} man, that he should be pure,
or that one born of a woman should be righteous?

¹⁵Behold, he does not trust in his holy ones,
and the heavens are not clean in his eyes;

¹⁶indeed that the abominable and the corrupted,
a man drinking iniquity like water!

¹⁷I will show you; listen to me,
and what I have seen, let me also recount,

¹⁸what the wise have declared—
and not hidden—from their fathers.

¹⁹To them alone the land was given,
and no stranger passed in their midst.

²⁰All of the days of the wicked, he is writhing,
and the number of years, they are reserved for the oppressor.

²¹The sound of terrors {is} in his ears;
in prosperity the destroyer comes upon him.

²²He does not believe to return from darkness,
and he is selected for the sword.

²³He {is} wandering for bread—'Where {is it}?'

He knows that the day of darkness {is} prepared at hand.

²⁴Distress and anguish terrify him;

it overpowers him like a king ready for battle,

²⁵because he has stretched out his hand against God

and against the Almighty he has vaunted himself.

²⁶He rushes against him with the neck,

with the thickness of the bosses of his shields,

²⁷though he has covered his face with his fat

and made blubber on the flanks.

²⁸And he lives {in} ruined cities,

{in} houses that no one dwells in,

which are ready {to be} heaps.

²⁹He will not be rich, and his wealth will not stand,

and their possessions will not spread over the land.

³⁰He will not depart from darkness;

a flame will dry up his shoots,

and he will depart at the breath of his mouth.

³¹Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself;

for emptiness will be his recompense.

³²When {it is} not his day, it will be fulfilled,

and his branch will not be green.

³³He will shake off his unripe grapes like a grapevine,

and he will cast off his blossoms like an olive tree.

³⁴For the company of the godless {is} barren,

and fire devours the tents of bribery.

³⁵They conceive trouble and bear iniquity,

and their womb fashions deceit."

Chapter 16

¹And Job answered and said,

²"I have heard many such things;

all of you {are} comforters of trouble.

³{Is there} an end to words of wind?

Or what compels you that you answer?

⁴I also would speak like you

if your souls were where my soul is.

I would join words together against you

and I would shake my head at you. ⁵I would strengthen you with my mouth,

and the moving of my lips would relieve {you}.

⁶If I speak, my pain is not relieved,

but {if} I refrain, what goes from me?

⁷But now he has exhausted me;

you have devastated my whole family,

⁸and you have shriveled me—

it has become a witness,

and my leanness rises up against me,

it testifies against my face.

⁹In his nose, he has torn {me} and he has attacked me;

he gnashes his teeth against me.

My enemy sharpens his eyes against me.

¹⁰They have gaped at me with their mouth;

in reproach they have struck my cheek;

they have gathered themselves together against me.

¹¹God delivers me to sinners,

and into the hands of the wicked he throws me.

¹²I was tranquil, but he has shattered me,

and he has seized my neck and shaken me to pieces.

And he has set me up as a target for him;

13

his archers have surrounded me.

He pierces my kidneys and he does not spare;

he pours my bile on the ground.

¹⁴He breaches me, breach upon the face of breach;
he runs against me like a warrior.

¹⁵I have sewn sackcloth on my skin,
and I have thrust my horn into the dust.

¹⁶My face is red with weeping,
and on my eyelids {is} a dark shadow,

¹⁷although violence {is} not in my hands
and my prayer {is} pure.

¹⁸Earth, do not conceal my blood,
and may {there} not be a {hiding} place for my cry.

¹⁹Even now, behold, my witness {is} in the heavens,
and my advocate {is} in the heights.

²⁰My intercessors {are} my friends;
my eye weeps to God.

²¹And he will argue for a man with God,
and a son of man for his neighbor.

²²For years of number will come,
and I will go {on} a path, I will not return.

Chapter 17

¹My spirit is destroyed, my days are extinguished;
graves {are} for me.

²If {there are} not mockers with me?
And on their provocations my eye lingers.

³Please set down, be surety for me with you.
Who {is} he {who} will strike himself to my hand?

⁴For you have hidden their hearts away from understanding;
therefore you will not exalt {them}.

⁵He {who} denounces friends for a reward,
even the eyes of his sons will fail.

⁶But he has made me a saying of the peoples,

and I have become a spitting in the face,
7and my eye is dim from sorrow,
and my members {are} like a shadow, all of them.
8The upright wonder at this,
and the innocent rouses himself against the godless.
9And the righteous will hold his way,
and the clean of hands will add strength.
10But all of them, may you return, and come now,
but I will not find a wise {person} among you.
11My days have passed, my plans are broken,
the desires of my heart.
12They change night into day.
Light is near from the face of darkness.
13If I hope for Sheol {as} my house,
{if} in the darkness I have spread out my bed,
14{if} I call to the pit, 'You {are} my father,'
to the worm, 'My mother' or 'My sister,'
15where then {would be} my hope?
And my hope, who would see it?
16Will they descend to the bars of Sheol?
If {our} rest {will be} together in the dust?"

Chapter 18

1And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,
2"Until when will you make ends of words?
Consider, and afterward we will speak.
3Why are we regarded as beasts,
{as if} we are stupid in your eyes?
4The one tearing himself in his nose—
will the earth be forsaken for your sake,
or will the rock move from its place?

⁵Indeed, the light of the wicked goes out;
the flame of his fire will not shine.

⁶The light in his tent will be dark,
and his lamp will go out above him.

⁷The steps of his strength will shorten,
and his plan will cast him down.

⁸For he will be cast into a net by his feet,
and he will wander into a pitfall.

⁹A snare will seize {him} by the heel;
a trap will hold onto him.

¹⁰His rope is hidden in the ground,
and his trap for him {on} the path.

¹¹Terrors on every side will frighten him,
and they will chase him at his feet.

¹²His strength becomes hungry,
and disaster {is} prepared at his side.

¹³It devours parts of his skin;
the firstborn of death devours his parts.

¹⁴He is pulled from his tent, his safety,
and one marches him to the king of terrors.

¹⁵One will dwell in his tent, {which is} not to him;
sulfur is scattered upon his home.

¹⁶Below, his roots dry up,
and above, his branch withers.

¹⁷His memory will perish from the earth,
and no name {will be} to him upon the face of the land.

¹⁸They will drive him from light into darkness,
and they will chase him from the world.

¹⁹No son {is} to him, and no grandson among his people,
and no survivor in his dwellings.

²⁰The ones after will wonder at his day,

and the ones before will seize horror.

²¹Surely these {are} the dwellings of the wicked,
and this {is} the place of one {who} does not know God.”

Chapter 19

¹And Job answered and said,

²“Until when will you afflict my soul
and crush me with words?

³These ten times you have reproached me;
you are not ashamed, you mistreat me.

⁴And even {if} truly I have erred,
my error remains with me.

⁵If truly you will exalt yourselves above me
and plead my disgrace against me,

⁶then know that God has wronged me,
and his net has closed around me.

⁷Behold, I cry, ‘Violence!’ but I am not answered;
I call for help, but {there is} no justice.

⁸He has walled up my way and I do not pass,
and he has set darkness upon my paths.

⁹He has stripped my glory from upon me,
and he has removed the crown of my head.

¹⁰He has broken me down on every side, and I have gone away,
and he has removed my hope like a tree.

¹¹And he has kindled his nose against me,
and he regards me as an enemy to him.

¹²His troops come together,
and they build up their ramps against me,
and they encamp around my tent.

¹³He has put my brothers far from me,
and my acquaintances indeed have turned away from me.

14My kin have forsaken me,
and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15Guests of my house and my female servants regard me as a stranger;
I have become a foreigner in their eyes.

16I call to my servant, but he does not answer;
with my mouth I entreat him.

17My breath is strange to my wife,
though I was gracious to the sons of my womb.

18Even young children despise me;
let me arise, and they speak against me.

19All of the friends of my counsel abhor me,
and those I love have been turned against me.

20My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh,
and I have escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21Pity me, pity me, you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me.

22Why do you pursue me as God {would}?
And will you not be satisfied with my flesh?

23Who will give {that} now my words will be written down?
Who will give {that} they will be inscribed on a scroll?

24With a stylus of iron and {with} lead
may they be engraved on a rock forever!

25But I know {that} my redeemer lives,
and {that at} the last he will stand upon the dust,

26and {that} after my skin, they strike this off,
yet from my flesh I will behold God,

27whom I will behold for myself
and my eyes will see, and not a stranger.
My kidneys fail within my belly.

28If you say, 'How we will persecute him!
For the root of the matter is found in me,'

²⁹be afraid for yourselves of the face of the sword,
for {from} wrath {is} the punishment of the sword,
so that you will know that there is judgment.”

Chapter 20

¹And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said,

²“Therefore my thoughts turn me back,
because of my urgency in me.

³I hear a rebuke of dishonor to me,
but a spirit from my understanding answers me.

⁴Do you {not} know this from long ago,
from the placing of man upon the earth,

⁵that the triumph of the wicked {is} from near,
and the joy of the godless {is} for a moment?

⁶Though his height rises to the skies
and his head reaches to the cloud,

⁷he will perish forever like his dung.

The ones having seen him will say, ‘Where {is he}?’

⁸He will fly away like a dream, and they will not find him,
and he will be chased away like a vision of the night.

⁹The eye {that} saw him will not continue,
and his place will no longer observe him.

¹⁰His children will recompense the poor,
and his hands will return his wealth.

¹¹His bones are full of vigor,
but it will lie down with him in the dust.

¹²Although wickedness is sweet in his mouth,
he hides it under his tongue,

¹³he has pity on it and does not forsake it
but keeps it in the midst of his palate,

¹⁴his food changes in his bowels;

{it becomes} the bitterness of asps inside him.

¹⁵He swallows wealth, but he will vomit it;
God will expel it from his belly.

¹⁶He will suck the poison of asps;
the tongue of the viper will kill him.

¹⁷He will not enjoy the streams,
the rivers of torrents of honey and butter.

¹⁸He will return {his} gain and will not consume {it},
and he will not have enjoyment according to the wealth of his commerce.

¹⁹For he has oppressed, he has forsaken the poor;
he has seized a house and he did not build it.

²⁰Because he has not known satisfaction in his belly,
he will not rescue {any} desired {thing} of his.

²¹There is no remnant for his eating;
therefore his prosperity does not endure.

²²In the filling of his wealth it will become narrow to him;
every hand of the troubling will come against him.

²³He will be {about} to fill his belly, he will send the burning of his nose against him,
and he will rain {it} upon him in his eating.

²⁴He flees from a weapon of iron,
a bow of bronze pierces him.

²⁵He pulls, and it comes out of his back,
and the gleaming goes out of his liver.
Terrors {are} upon him!

²⁶All darkness is hidden for his treasured {things};
a fire not blown will devour him;
it will consume the remnant in his tent.

²⁷The heavens will reveal his iniquity,
and the earth will raise itself up against him.

²⁸The wealth of his house will depart,
flowing away on the day of his nose.

²⁹This {is} the portion of the wicked man from God,
and the heritage of his appointment from God.”

Chapter 21

¹And Job answered and said,

²“Hearing, hear my words,
and let this be your consolation.

³Tolerate me and I will speak,
and after I have spoken, you may mock.

⁴As for me, {is} my complaint to a man?
And if, why may my breath not be short?

⁵Look at me and wonder,
and lay the hand upon the mouth.

⁶For when I remember, then I am terrified,
and trembling seizes my flesh.

⁷Why do the wicked live,
grow old, and become mighty {in} power?

⁸Their seed is established with them to their faces,
and their descendants to their eyes.

⁹Their houses {are} peace, without fear,
and the rod of God {is} not upon them.

¹⁰His bull breeds and it does not fail;
his cow calves and it does not miscarry.

¹¹They send out their babes like a flock,
and their children dance.

¹²They lift up the tambourine and the harp,
and they rejoice to the sound of the flute.

¹³They spend their days in prosperity,
and they go down {to} Sheol in a moment.

¹⁴They say to God, ‘Turn away from us,
for we do not desire knowledge of your ways.

15Who {is} the Almighty, that we should serve him?

And how will we profit, that we should pray to him?’

16Behold, their prosperity {is} not in their hand!

{May} the counsel of the wicked {be} far from me!

17How often does the lamp of the wicked go out,

or does their calamity come upon them?

{How often,} in his nose, does he distribute pains?

18{How often} are they like stubble to the face of the wind

or like chaff that a storm carries away?

19‘God lays up his guilt for his sons.’

Let him repay to him, and he will know!

20Let his eyes see his destruction,

and from the wrath of the Almighty let him drink.

21For what {is} his interest in his house after him

when the number of his months is cut off?

22Will one teach knowledge to God,

since he judges the ones being high?

23This one dies in the bone of his perfection;

all of him {is} tranquil and secure.

24His pails are full of milk,

and the marrow of his bones is moistened.

25But that one dies in the soul of bitterness,

and he has not eaten the good.

26They lie down alike in the dust,

and the worm covers over them.

27Behold, I know your thoughts

and the notions you wrest against me.

28For you say, ‘Where {is} the house of the tyrant?

Where {is} the tent of the habitation of the wicked?’

29Have you not asked travelers of the way?

Or do you not acknowledge their signs,

³⁰that the wicked is spared in the day of calamity;
in the day of wrath they are brought forth?
³¹Who will denounce his way to his face?
And what he has done, who will repay to him?
³²Indeed, he will be brought forth to the grave,
and one will watch over the burial mound.
³³The clods of the torrent will be sweet to him,
and every man will extend after him,
and to his face there is not numbering.
³⁴So how do you comfort me in vain?
And falsehood is left in your answers!"

Chapter 22

¹And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,
²"Can a man be useful to God?
For the one being wise is useful to himself.
³{Is it} pleasure to the Almighty that you are righteous?
Or if {it is} gain that you perfect your ways?
⁴For your fear does he rebuke you,
enter into judgment with you?
⁵Is not your wickedness great?
And there is no end to your iniquities!
⁶For you have bound your brother {with a pledge} without cause,
and you have stripped off the clothing of the naked.
⁷You have not quenched the weary with water,
and from the hungry you have withheld bread.
⁸but the man of arm, the earth {was} to him,
and the lifted of face dwelt upon it.
⁹You have sent widows away empty,
and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
¹⁰Therefore snares {are} around you

and fear suddenly terrifies you.

11Or darkness—you cannot see!

And an abundance of waters covers you.

12Is not God in the height of the heavens?

And behold the head of the stars, that they are high!

13But you say, 'What does God know?

Will he judge through thick darkness?

14Clouds {are} a covering to him and he does not see;
indeed, he walks around on the dome of the heavens.'

15Will you keep the old way

that men of iniquity have walked,

16who were carried off and {it was} not time;

their foundations were washed away by a torrent;

17the ones saying to God, 'Turn away from us,'

and, 'What will the Almighty do to them?'

18Yet he filled their houses with good,

so {may} the counsel of the wicked {be} far from me!

19The righteous see and rejoice,

and the innocent scorn them.

20If our enemy is not cut off?

And fire has devoured their possessions!

21Reconcile now with him and be at peace;

by these, good will come to you.

22Now accept instruction from his mouth,

and set his words in your heart.

23If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up,

if you distance unrighteousness from your tent.

24And set gold in the dust,

and Ophir among the stones of the torrents,

25then the Almighty will be your golds

and silver of heights to you.

²⁶For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty,
and you will lift your face to God.
²⁷You will pray to him, and he will hear you,
and your vows you will pay.
²⁸And you will decree a word and it will stand for you,
and on your paths light will shine.
²⁹When they cast down and you say, 'Lifting up!'
then he will save the lowered of eyes.
³⁰He will rescue the not-innocent,
indeed, he will be rescued through the cleanness of your hands."

Chapter 23

¹And Job answered and said,
²"Even today my complaint is bitter;
my hand is heavy upon my groaning.
³Who will give {that} I knew and I would find him?
I would come to his place!
⁴I would set forth my case to his face,
and I would fill my mouth with arguments.
⁵I would know the words he would answer me,
and I would perceive what he would say to me.
⁶Would he argue against me in the greatness of power?
No, he would only set upon me.
⁷There the upright is arguing with him,
and I would escape forever the one judging me.
⁸Behold, I go to the east, but he is not there,
and to the west, but I do not perceive him;
⁹in his working in the north, I do not behold {him};
he turns to the south, but I do not see {him}.
¹⁰Nevertheless, he knows the way {that is} with me;
he has tested me, I have come out like gold.

¹¹My foot has held onto his step;
I have kept {to} his way and I have not turned aside.

¹²I have not departed from the commandment of his lips;
I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion.

¹³But he {is} of one, and who will turn him back?
For his soul desires, and he does.

¹⁴For he will carry out my decree,
and many like these {are} with him.

¹⁵Therefore, I am terrified from his face;
I consider, and I am afraid of him.

¹⁶For God has softened my heart,
and the Almighty has terrified me.

¹⁷For I was not cut off from the face of the darkness,
and from my face gloom covers.

Chapter 24

¹Why are times not set by the Almighty?
And {why} do the ones knowing him not see his days?

²They remove boundary markers;
they seize the flock and pasture {it}.

³The donkey of the fatherless they lead away;
they take in pledge the ox of the widow.

⁴They turn the needy from the way;
the poor of the land are hidden together.

⁵Behold, {like} wild donkeys in the wilderness they go out in their work, searching for food;
the Arabah {is} to him bread for their children.

⁶They gather his fodder in the field,
and the vineyard of the wicked they glean.

⁷They lie naked all night without a garment,
and there is no covering in the cold.

⁸They are wet with the showers of the mountains,

and from {being} without shelter, they hug the rock.

⁹They snatch the fatherless from the breast,
and upon the poor they bind {a pledge}.

¹⁰They go about naked, without clothing,
and, hungry, they carry a sheaf.

¹¹Within their walls they press oil;
they tread their winepresses, but they thirst.

¹²From the city, men groan
and the soul of the wounded cries out,
but God does not ascribe impropriety.

¹³They are among the ones rebelling {against} the light;
they do not regard its ways,
and they do not stay in its paths.

¹⁴At light the murderer arises;
he kills the poor and the needy,
and he is like a thief in the night.

¹⁵And the eye of the adulterer watches {for} twilight,
saying, 'No eye will perceive me,'
and he puts a cover {over} {his} face.

¹⁶One digs {into} houses in the darkness;
by day they shut themselves up;
they do not know the light.

¹⁷For together, morning for them {is} deep darkness,
for one regards the terrors of thick darkness.

¹⁸He {is} swift on the face of the waters;
their portion of the land is cursed;
one does not turn {to} the way of their vineyards.

¹⁹Drought and heat strip away the waters of snow;
Sheol, {those who} have sinned.

²⁰The womb will forget him,
the worm will dine on him,

until he is not remembered
and wickedness is broken like a tree,
²¹the one devouring the barren, who has not borne,
and he does not do good {to} the widow.
²²But he drags away the mighty by his power;
he arises and he does not believe in life.
²³He gives him security and he is supported,
but his eyes are on their ways.
²⁴They are exalted a little, then there is not to them;
indeed, they are brought low;
like all, they are gathered and,
like the tops of ears of grain, they are cut off.
²⁵And if not, then who will falsify me
and make my word nothing?"

Chapter 25

¹And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,
²"Dominion and fear {are} with him,
the one making peace in his heights.
³Is there a number to his troops?
And upon whom does his light not arise?
⁴So how will a man be righteous with God?
Or how will one born of a woman be pure?
⁵Behold, even the moon does not shine
and the stars are not pure in his eyes.
⁶Indeed that a man, a worm,
or a son of man, a grub!"

Chapter 26

¹And Job answered and said,
²"How you have helped {the one} without power!

You have saved the arm of no strength!

³How you have advised {one} without wisdom!

Insight in abundance, you have made known!

⁴With whom did you declare words?

And the breath of whom came out from you?

⁵The Raphaites tremble

from below the waters

and the ones inhabiting them.

⁶Sheol {is} naked before him,

and {there is} no covering to Abaddon,

⁷the one stretching out the north over nothingness,

hanging the earth upon nothing;

⁸the one binding the waters in his clouds,

but the cloud is not torn under them;

⁹the one covering the face of the full moon,

spreading his cloud upon it.

¹⁰He has circled a limit on the face of the waters

unto the boundary of light with darkness.

¹¹The pillars of the heavens tremble

and marvel at his rebuke.

¹²He calmed the sea with his power,

and by his understanding he shattered Rahab.

¹³By his breath the skies {become} clearness;

his hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

¹⁴Behold, these are the edges of his ways,

and how small a word we hear of him!

And the thunder of his power, who will understand?

Chapter 27

¹And Job continued to take up his discourse, and he said,

²"{As} God lives, {who} has taken away my justice,

the Almighty, {who} has made my life bitter,
³that, any of my life still {being} in me,
and breath from God {being} in my nose,
⁴if my lips speak wickedness,
or my tongue, if it utters deceit!
⁵Sacrilege to me if I justify you!
Until I expire, I will not turn my integrity away from me.
⁶I grasp my righteousness and I will not let it go;
my heart will not reproach {me} from my days.
⁷May my enemy be like the wicked,
and the one rising up against me like the unrighteous!
⁸For what {is} the hope of the godless when he cuts {him} off,
when God takes away his life?
⁹Will God hear his cry
when trouble comes upon him?
¹⁰If he will delight himself in the Almighty?
Will he call {to} God in every time?
¹¹I will teach you about the hand of God;
what {is} with the Almighty I will not conceal.
¹²Behold, you have seen {this} yourselves, all of you;
why then do you vainly speak this vanity?
¹³This {is} the portion of a wicked man with God,
and the heritage of oppressors, they receive {it} from the Almighty:
¹⁴If his children multiply, {it is} for the sword,
and his offspring will not have enough bread.
¹⁵His survivor will be buried in death,
and his widows will not lament.
¹⁶If he heaps up silver like the dust
and he piles up clothing like clay mounds,
¹⁷he piles up, but the righteous clothes himself
and the innocent receives silver.

¹⁸He builds his house as a moth {does},
and like a hut {that} a guard makes.

¹⁹He lies down rich, but he does not continue;
he opens his eyes and there is not to him.

²⁰Terrors overwhelm him like waters;
a storm carries him away in the night.

²¹The east wind takes him away, and he leaves;
indeed, it blasts him from his place.

²²And it hurls {itself} upon him and does not pity;
fleeing, he flees from its hand.

²³It claps its hands at him
and hisses at him from his place.

Chapter 28

¹Surely there is a mine for silver,
and a place {where} they refine gold.

²Iron is taken from the dust,
and one smelts copper {from} stone.

³Setting an end to darkness,
he is searching out, to every extremity,
a stone of gloom and deep darkness.

⁴He opens a shaft away from habitation,
the ones forgotten by the foot.
Away from man, they dangle and swing.

⁵The earth, from it comes bread,
but beneath it, it is overturned as with fire.

⁶Its stones {are} the place of sapphire,
and dusts of gold {are} to it.

⁷No bird of prey knows the path,
and the eye of the falcon has not seen it.

⁸The sons of pride have not walked it,

and the lion has not passed over it.

⁹He stretches out his hand against flinty rock;
he overturns mountains from their roots.

¹⁰He cuts out channels among the rocks,
and his eye sees every valuable thing.

¹¹He binds the torrents from flowing,
and he brings a hidden thing {to} light.

¹²But where is wisdom found?
And where is that, the place of understanding?

¹³Man does not know its disposition,
and it is not found in the land of the living.

¹⁴The deep says, 'It {is} not in me,'
and the sea says, 'It is not with me.'

¹⁵Gold is not given for it,
nor is silver weighed {for} its price.

¹⁶It is not valued with the gold of Ophir,
with precious onyx or sapphire.

¹⁷Neither gold nor crystal compares with it,
{nor is} its exchange a vessel of fine gold.

¹⁸Coral and jasper are not mentioned;
indeed, the price of wisdom {is} more than rubies.

¹⁹The topaz of Cush does not equal it;
it is not valued in pure gold.

²⁰From whence, then, does wisdom come?
And where {is} that, the place of understanding?

²¹It is hidden from the eyes of each living {thing};
even from the birds of the heavens it is concealed.

²²Abaddon and death say,
'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'

²³God understands its way,
and he knows its place.

²⁴For he looks to the ends of the earth;
he sees beneath all of the heavens.
²⁵When he made the weight for the wind
and apportioned the waters by measure,
²⁶when he made a decree for the rain
and a path for the flash of the thunders,
²⁷then he saw it and recounted it;
he established it and also explored it.
²⁸And he said to man,
‘Behold, the fear of the Lord—that {is} wisdom,
and to turn from evil {is} understanding.’”

Chapter 29

¹And Job continued to take up his discourse, and he said,
²“Who will give me {to be} as {in} the months of the past,
as {in} the days {when} God was keeping me,
³when his lamp shone over my head,
{when} I walked {in} darkness by his light,
⁴as that I was in the days of my prime,
when the friendship of God {was} upon my tent,
⁵when the Almighty {was} still with me,
my children around me,
⁶when my steps were bathed in butter
and the rock poured out streams of oil for me!
⁷When I went out to the gate of the city,
{when} I took my seat in the square,
⁸young men saw me and hid themselves,
and old men rose, they stood.
⁹The princes refrained from words,
and they put a hand on their mouth.
¹⁰The voice of the nobles—they were hushed,

and their tongue stuck to their palate.

¹¹For the ear heard, and they blessed me,
and the eye saw, and they attested me

¹²because I rescued the afflicted crying out
and the fatherless when {there was} no help to him.

¹³The blessing of the one perishing came upon me,
and I gladdened the heart of the widow.

¹⁴I clothed myself {with} righteousness, and it clothed me;
my justice {was} like a robe and a turban.

¹⁵I was eyes to the blind,
and I {was} feet to the lame.

¹⁶I {was} a father to the needy,
and the case {that} I did not know, I examined it.

¹⁷And I broke the jaws of the unrighteous,
and I made the prey drop from his teeth.

¹⁸And I said, 'I will expire in my nest,
and I will multiply days like sand.

¹⁹My root is spread out to the waters,
and the dew lodges on my branch.

²⁰My glory {is} fresh in me,
and my bow sprouts in my hand.'

²¹They listened to me and they waited,
and they kept silent for my counsel.

²²After my word, they did not also {speak},
for my speech dripped on them.

²³And they waited for me as {for} rain,
and they opened their mouth {as} for the latter rain.

²⁴I smiled on them {when} they did not believe,
and they did not cause the light of my face to fall.

²⁵I chose their way and I sat as a chief,
and I dwelt like a king in an army,

as when one comforts mourners.

Chapter 30

¹But now the fewer in days than me laugh at me,
whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.

²Indeed, the strength of their hands, for what {is it} to me?
In them old age has perished.

³{They are} gaunt from poverty and from hunger,
ones gnawing the dry land yesterday {in} waste and desolation,

⁴ones plucking mallow among the brush,
and the root of broom trees {is} their bread.

⁵They are driven out from the midst;
they shout after them as {after} a thief,

⁶to dwell on the slope of wadis,
{in} holes of the dust and rocks.

⁷Among the shrubs they bray;
they are gathered together under thorn bushes.

⁸Sons of a fool, indeed, sons of {one} without a name!
They are scourged from the land.

⁹But now I have become their song,
and I am a word for them.

¹⁰They abhor me, they stay away from me,
but from my face they do not withhold spit.

¹¹For he has loosed my cord and humbled me,
so they cast away restraint from my face.

¹²On {my} right the brood arise;
they thrust aside my foot,
and they pile up roads of destruction against me.

¹³They destroy my path,
they advance my calamity;
{there is} no help for them.

14As {through} a wide breach they come;
amid the ruin they roll on.

15Terrors are turned against me;
{each} one pursues my dignity like the wind,
and my deliverance passes away like a cloud.

16And now my life pours itself out within me;
days of affliction seize me.

17Night pierces my bones from upon me,
and the ones gnawing me do not rest.

18By great force my clothing is changed;
it binds me like the collar of my tunic.

19He has thrown me into the mud,
and I have become like dust and ashes.

20I cry to you, but you do not answer me;
I stand, but you gaze at me.

21You have changed to {be} cruel to me;
with the strength of your hand you attack me.

22You lift me up on the wind; you make me ride on it,
and you toss me about {in} a storm.

23For I know you are bringing me {to} death
and {to} the house of appointment to all the living.

24Nevertheless, does not one in a heap stretch out a hand?
If in his trouble he does {not} therefore cry out?

25If I did not weep for the difficult of day?
My soul grieved for the needy.

26For I hoped {for} good, but bad came,
and let me wait for light, but darkness comes.

27My innards are boiled and they do not rest;
days of affliction confront me.

28I go about being dark not by the sun;
I stand up in the assembly and cry out.

²⁹I have become a brother to jackals
and a companion to the daughters of clamor.

³⁰My skin is black from upon me,
and my bone burns from heat.

³¹So my harp is to mourning
and my flute to the sound of ones weeping.

Chapter 31

¹I have cut a covenant with my eyes;
how then would I gaze upon a virgin?

²For what {would be} the portion from God above,
or the inheritance from the Almighty in the heights?

³{Is} not calamity for the unrighteous
and disaster for doers of wickedness?

⁴Does he not see my ways
and count all my steps?

⁵If I have walked with falsehood
or my foot has hurried to deceit—

⁶let him weigh me in balances of righteousness,
and God will know my integrity—

⁷if my step has turned aside from the way,
or my heart has gone after my eyes,
or a spot has stuck to my hands,

⁸let me sow and may another eat,
or may my crops be uprooted!

⁹If my heart has been opened by a woman
and I have lurked at the door of my neighbor,

¹⁰may my wife grind for another,
and may others bow down upon her.

¹¹For that {would be} lewdness,
and it would be iniquity of judges.

¹²For it {is} a fire, it consumes unto Abaddon,
and it would uproot all of my harvest.

¹³If I disdained the justice of my male servant or my female servant
in their case against me,

¹⁴then what would I do if God arose?

Or if he visited, how would I answer him?

¹⁵Did not the one making me in the belly make him?

And did {not} one fashion us in the womb?

¹⁶If I have withheld from the desire of the poor,
or I have made the eyes of the widow fail,

¹⁷or I have eaten my morsel alone
and the fatherless did not eat from it—

¹⁸for from my youth he has grown up with me as a father,
and from the belly of my mother I have guided her.

¹⁹If I have seen one perishing from lack of clothing
or {that} there was not a covering for the needy,

²⁰if his loins have not blessed me
and he has {not} warmed himself from the wool of my sheep,

²¹if I have shaken my hand against the fatherless
because I saw my help at the gate,

²²may my upper arm fall from the shoulder blade;
yes, may my arm be broken from its socket!

²³For the destruction of God {was} a dread to me,
and from his majesty, I was not able.

²⁴If I have made gold my hope
and I have said to fine gold, 'My confidence';

²⁵if I have rejoiced because my wealth {was} great
and because my hand had acquired much!

²⁶If I have seen the light when it shone
or the moon walking {in} splendor,

²⁷and my heart opened in secret

and my hand kissed my mouth,

28this also {would be} iniquity of judges,

for I would have denied God above.

29If I have rejoiced at the destruction of one hating me

or lifted myself up because evil found him!

30For I have not caused my palate to sin

by asking {for} his life with a curse.

31If the men of my tent have not said,

'Who will give one {who} has not been satisfied from his flesh?'

32The sojourner has not stayed overnight in the outdoors;

I have opened my doors to the traveler.

33If, like man, I have concealed my sins

by hiding my guilt in my chest,

34because I feared the great multitude

and the contempt of the clans terrified me,

and I kept silent, I did not go out the door!

35Who will give to me one hearing me?

Behold, my mark! May the Almighty answer me!

And the scroll that the man of my case has written?

36If I would not bear it on my shoulder?

I would bind it to me {as} crowns!

37I would declare to him an account of my steps;

I would approach him like a noble.

38If my soil cries out against me

and its furrows weep together,

39if I have eaten its yield without silver

or caused the breath of its masters to expire,

40may a thorn grow instead of wheat

and a weed instead of barley!"

The words of Job have ended.

Chapter 32

¹And the three of these men ceased from answering Job, because he {was} righteous in his eyes. ²Then the nose burned of Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite, from the clan of Ram. His nose burned against Job upon him declaring himself righteous rather than God. ³And against the three of his friends his nose burned upon that they had not found an answer but they had declared Job wrong. ⁴Now Elihu had awaited Job with words, because they {were} older in days than he {was}. ⁵But Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouths of the three of the men, and his nose burned.

⁶And Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite answered and said,

"I {am} young in days and you {are} aged.

Upon that, I was timid and I was afraid of telling you my knowledge.

⁷I said, 'Let days speak,

and let a multitude of years teach wisdom.'

⁸Nevertheless, a spirit, it {is} in man,

and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

⁹The great are not wise,

and the aged do {not} understand justice.

¹⁰Therefore I say, 'Listen to me;

I also will declare my knowledge.'

¹¹Behold, I waited for your words;

I listened to your reasonings

while you searched {for} words.

¹²Indeed, I paid attention to you,

but behold, there was no one proving Job wrong,

{not one} of you answering his words,

¹³lest you say, 'We have found wisdom!'

Let God refute him, not man.

¹⁴Now he has not arrayed words against me,

and I will not answer him with your words.

¹⁵They are dismayed; they do not answer any longer;

words have gone from them.

¹⁶Shall I wait because they are not speaking,

because they stand, they answer no more?

¹⁷I also will answer {on} my part;

I also will declare my knowledge.

¹⁸For I am full of words;

the spirit in my belly compels me.

¹⁹Behold, my belly {is} like wine {that} has no vent;

like new wineskins, it is bursting open.

²⁰I will speak and refresh myself;

I will open my lips and answer.

²¹Now let me not lift the face of a man,

and let me not give a title to a man.

²²For I do not know giving titles;

my Maker would soon take me away.

Chapter 33

¹But now, Job, please hear my words;

yes, listen to all of my words.

²Behold, I have now opened my mouth;

my tongue has spoken on my palate.

³My words {are} {from} the uprightness of my heart,

and my lips speak pure knowledge.

⁴The Spirit of God made me;

yes, the breath of the Almighty enlivened me.

⁵If you can, answer me;

array to my face; station yourself.

⁶Behold, I am for God according to your mouth.

I too have been formed from clay;

⁷behold, my fear will not terrify you,

and my pressure will not be heavy on you.

⁸Indeed, you have spoken in my ears,

and I have heard the sound of the words.

⁹I {am} pure, without transgression;

I {am} innocent, and iniquity {is} not to me.

10Behold, he finds occasions against me;
he considers me an enemy to him.

11He puts my feet in shackles;
he watches all of my paths.'

12Behold, {in} this you are not right.
I will answer you,
for God is greater than man.

13Why do you contend against him,
that he does not answer any of one's words?

14For God speaks once—yes, twice;
one does not perceive it.

15In a dream, in a vision of the night,
in the falling of deep sleep upon men,
in slumbers upon a bed,

16then he opens the ear of men
and seals their correction^[1]

17to bring a man back from {his} doing
and to conceal pride from a man.

18He spares his soul from the pit
and his life from crossing over by a weapon.

19He is also chastened with pain on his bed
and the contention of his bones {is} continual.

20so his life abhors bread,
and his soul food of desire.

21His flesh wastes from sight,
and his bones, not seen, are exposed,

22and his soul draws near to the pit,
and his life to the ones causing death.

23If there is an angel for him, an interpreter,
one of a thousand,

to declare to a man his uprightness,
24and he is gracious to him and says,
'Redeem him from going down to the pit,
I have found a ransom,'
25his flesh becomes fresher than {in} childhood;
it returns to the days of his youth.
26He will pray to God, and he will accept him,
and he will see his face with joy,
and he will restore to the man his righteousness.
27He will sing to men and say,
'I sinned and I turned aside uprightness,
but he did not requite to me.
28He has redeemed my soul from going over into the pit,
and my life will see light.'
29Behold, God does all these {things} twice, thrice, with a man
30to bring his soul back from the pit
for being enlightened with the light of the living.
31Heed, Job; listen to me.
Be silent, and I will speak.
32If there are words, answer me;
speak, for I desire to justify you.
33If not, you listen to me;
be silent, and I will teach you wisdom.

33:16 ^[1]

Chapter 34

1And Elihu answered and said,
2"Hear my words, wise {ones},
and listen to me, ones knowing.
3For the ear tests words,
and the palate tastes food.

⁴Let us choose justice for ourselves;
let us know among ourselves what is good.

⁵For Job has said, 'I am righteous,
but God has taken away my justice.

⁶Would I lie about my justice?
My arrow is incurable, without transgression.'

⁷What man {is} like Job?
He drinks scorn like water,

⁸and he travels in company with doers of iniquity
and walks with men of wickedness!

⁹For he has said, 'It does not benefit a man
when he delights {himself} with God.'

¹⁰Therefore, men of heart, listen to me:
Sacrilege to God from wickedness, and the Almighty from iniquity!

¹¹For the deed of a man he repays to him,
and according to the path of a man, he causes it to find him.

¹²Indeed, God truly does not act wickedly,
and the Almighty does not pervert justice.

¹³Who appointed {him} over the earth?
And who set the world, all of it?

¹⁴If he set his heart upon himself,
{if} he gathered his Spirit and his breath to himself,

¹⁵all flesh would expire together,
and man would return to the dust.

¹⁶But if understanding, hear this;
listen to the sound of my words.

¹⁷Will one hating justice indeed govern?
Or if you will condemn the Righteous {One}, the Mighty {One},

¹⁸the one saying 'Worthless!' to a king,
'Wicked!' {to} nobles,

¹⁹who does not lift the faces of princes

and does not acknowledge the rich to the face of the poor,
for all of them {are} the work of his hands.

²⁰{In} a moment they die,
and {in} the middle of the night people are shaken and they pass,
and they take away the mighty, not by a hand.

²¹For his eyes {are} upon the ways of a man,
and he sees all of his steps.

²²There is no darkness and there is no deep darkness
for the doers of iniquity to be hidden there.

²³For he does not set upon a man further,
to go to God for judgment.

²⁴He shatters the mighty {with} no investigation,
and he establishes others instead of them.

²⁵Because he regards their deeds,
he overthrows {them} in the night, and they are crushed.

²⁶He strikes them for their wickednesses
in the place of the ones seeing,

²⁷that because they turned from after him
and they did not consider any of his ways,

²⁸to cause the cry of the poor to come to him,
and he heard the cry of the lowly.

²⁹If he is silent, then who will condemn {him}?
If he hides {his} face, then who will perceive him?
Yet {he is} over a nation and over a man alike,

³⁰from the reigning of a godless man,
from snares of the people.

³¹If one says to God,
'I have borne, I will not offend,

³²besides [what] I see, you teach me;
if I have done iniquity, I will not continue,'

³³from with you will he repay it?

Since you despise, then you will choose and not I.

So what you know, speak.

³⁴Men of heart will say to me,

and a man of wisdom hearing me,

³⁵Job does not speak with knowledge,

and his words {are} not with understanding.'

³⁶If only Job were tested to the end

upon {his} answers among men of iniquity.

³⁷For he adds transgression to his sin;

he claps among us,

and he multiplies his words against God."

Chapter 35

¹And Elihu answered and said,

²"Do you consider this to {be} justice?

You say, 'I am more righteous than God'!

³For you have said, 'What does it benefit you?

What do I gain more than my sin?'

⁴I will answer you {with} words,

and your friends with you.

⁵Observe the heavens and see,

and look, the clouds soar above you.

⁶If you sin, what do you accomplish against him?

Or {if} your transgressions multiply, what do you do to him?

⁷If you are righteous, what do you give to him,

or what does he receive from your hand?

⁸Your wickedness {is} to a man like you,

and your righteousness {is} to a son of man.

⁹From the multitude of oppressions they make a cry;

they shout from the arm of the mighty.

¹⁰But one does not say, 'Where is God my Maker,

the one giving songs in the night,
¹¹the one teaching us more than the beasts of the earth,
making us wiser than the birds of the heavens?
¹²There they cry out, but he does not answer
from the face of the pride of evil {ones}.
¹³Surely God does not hear vanity,
and the Almighty does not regard it.
¹⁴How much less that you say you do not see him,
the case {is} to his face, and you are waiting for him,
¹⁵and now that {in} his nose, he does not visit,
and he does not take much notice of transgression!
¹⁶So Job opens his mouth {in} vain;
without knowledge, he multiplies words.”

Chapter 36

¹And Elihu continued and said,
²“Be patient with me a little and I will show you,
for [there are} yet words to God.
³I will carry my knowledge to from afar,
and I will attribute righteousness to my Maker.
⁴For truly my words {will} not {be} false;
the complete in knowledge {is} with you.
⁵Behold, God {is} mighty, and he does not despise;
mighty, strong in heart.
⁶He does not keep the wicked alive,
but he gives the lowly justice.
⁷He does not withdraw his eyes from the righteous,
but he sets them on a throne with kings forever,
and they rise high.
⁸But if {they are} bound in chains
and they are caught in cords of affliction,

⁹then he declares to them their deeds and their transgressions,
for they magnified themselves,

¹⁰and he opens their ear to correction
and says that they shall return from iniquity.

¹¹If they hear and serve {him},
they will complete their days in good
and their years in pleasantness.

¹²But if they do not hear, they will cross over by a weapon,
and they will expire as without knowledge.

¹³And the godless of heart keep the nose;
they do not cry out when he binds them.

¹⁴Their soul dies in youth,
and their life {is} among the cultic prostitutes.

¹⁵He delivers the afflicted by his affliction,
and he opens their ear by oppression.

¹⁶And indeed, he has drawn you from the mouth of distress
{to} a broad place {with} no constriction under it,
and the setting of your table he has filled {with} fatness.

¹⁷But you are full of the judgment of the wicked;
judgment and justice take hold.

¹⁸For wrath, lest it entice you into clapping,
and the greatness of a ransom will not deliver you.

¹⁹Will he esteem your riches?
Not gold or all of the strengths of wealth!

²⁰Do not desire the night,
{which is} to the departing of peoples {from} their place.

²¹Watch yourself, do not turn to sin,
for you have chosen upon that rather than affliction.

²²Behold, God causes to be high in his power.
Who {is} a teacher like him?

²³Who has appointed his way to him?

Or who has said, 'You have committed unrighteousness?'

²⁴Remember that you magnify his work,
which men have sung.

²⁵Every man has looked upon it;
man has regarded from afar.

²⁶Behold, God {is} great, but we do not know {him};
the number of his years, indeed, {there is} no searching.

²⁷For he draws up the drops of water;
they distill {as} rain into his stream,

²⁸which the clouds pour down;
they drop upon man {in} abundance.

²⁹Indeed, if one will understand the spread of the cloud,
the thunder from his hut?

³⁰Behold, he spreads his lightning upon it,
and he covers the roots of the sea.

³¹For by them he judges the peoples;
he gives food in abundance.

³²He covers over his hands {with} lightning
and he enjoins upon it against the mark.

³³He declares his shout about it;
the cattle also about the thing arising.

Chapter 37

¹Indeed, my heart trembles at this,
and it leaps from its place.

²Hearing, hear the roar of his voice
and the sound {that} comes from his mouth!

³He lets it loose under all of the heavens,
and his lightning to the edges of the earth.

⁴A voice roars after it;
he thunders with the voice of his majesty,

and he does not restrain them when his voice is heard.

⁵God thunders marvelously with his voice,
doing great {things} and we do not know.

⁶For he says to the snow, 'Be {on} the earth,'
and {to} the shower of rain,
{to} the shower of rains, 'Strength!'

⁷He seals the hand of every man
for the knowing of all of men of his making.

⁸And the beast goes into {its} den
and remains in its lairs.

⁹The storm comes from the chamber,
and the cold from the north winds.

¹⁰From the breath of God ice is made,
and the breadth of the waters {is} in narrowness.

¹¹Indeed, he loads the cloud with moisture;
he scatters the cloud of his lightning.

¹²And it is turning itself around by his counsels
for them doing all of what he commands them
above the face of the habitation of the earth.

¹³If to the rod, if to his earth, if to kindness, he causes it to find it.

¹⁴Do hear this, Job;
stand and consider the marvelous {things} of God.

¹⁵Do you know of the placing of God upon them,
and his cloud causes lightning to flash?

¹⁶Do you know about the balancing of the cloud,
the wonders of the perfect in knowledges?

¹⁷{You} whose garments {are} hot
in the quieting of the earth from the south,

¹⁸will you hammer out the sky with him,
strong as a cast mirror?

¹⁹Teach us what we shall say to him;

we can not array, from the face of darkness.

²⁰Shall it be recounted to him that I would speak?

If a man spoke, that he would be swallowed up?

²¹And now, they do not look at the bright light that {is} in the skies

when the wind has passed through and cleansed them.

²²Out of the north comes gold;

around God {is} awesome majesty.

²³The Almighty, we do not find him!

{He is} great {in} power,

and he does not oppress justice and an abundance of righteousness.

²⁴Therefore, fear him, men.

He does not regard any of the wise of heart."

Chapter 38

¹And Yahweh answered Job from the storm and said,

²"Who {is} this, darkening counsel

by words without knowledge?

³Now gird up your loins like a man,

and I will question you and you will inform me.

⁴Where were you in my founding of the earth?

Declare, if you know understanding.

⁵Who set its measurements? If you know!

Or who stretched a line over it?

⁶On what were its foundations sunk?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷in the singing together of the stars of the morning,

and all the sons of God shouted?

⁸And {who} enclosed the sea with doors

in its issuing from the womb, {when} it came out,

⁹in my making the cloud its clothing

and thick darkness its swaddling bands?

10And I broke upon it my boundary,
and I set a bar and doors,
11and I said, 'Unto here you will come, but you will not continue,
and here one has set for the pride of your waves.'
12From your days, have you commanded the morning?
Have you caused the dawn to know its place,
13for taking hold of the edges of the earth,
and the wicked are shaken from it?
14It is changed like clay {under} a seal,
and they stand out like a garment.
15And from the wicked, their light is withheld,
and their high arm is broken.
16Have you gone to the springs of the sea?
Or have you walked around in the recesses of the deep?
17Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
18Have you given attention to the breadths of the earth?
Declare, if you know all of it.
19Where {is} this, the way {to where} light dwells,
and darkness, where {is} this, its place,
20that you would take it to its territory,
and that you would perceive the paths of its house?
21You know, for you were born then,
and the number of your days {is} many!
22Have you entered into the storehouses of the snow,
or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,
23which I keep for a time of trouble,
for a day of battle and war?
24Where {is} this, the way {to where} the light is distributed,
the east wind scatters over the earth?
25Who cut a channel for the downpour,

or a way for the lightning of the thunder,

²⁶to cause rain upon a land {where} no man {is},
a wilderness {with} no man in it,

²⁷to satisfy the waste and the desolation,
and to cause the shoot of the grass to sprout?

²⁸Is there a father to the rain?
Or who begets the drops of dew?

²⁹From whose womb does ice come?
And the frost of the skies, who bears it?

³⁰As {under} stone, the waters hide themselves,
and the face of the deep freezes.

³¹Will you tie the bands of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion?

³²Will you bring out Mazzaroth in its time?
Or will you guide the Bear with its sons?

³³Do you know the statutes of the skies?
If you will establish its rule over the earth?

³⁴Will you raise your voice to the cloud
and an abundance of waters will cover you?

³⁵Will you send out lightning bolts and they will go,
and they will say to you, 'Behold, us'?

³⁶Who has put wisdom in the clouds,
or who has given understanding to the mist?

³⁷Who by wisdom will number the clouds?
Or the water skins of the skies, who will tilt

³⁸in the hardening of the dust into a mass,
and the clods stick together?

³⁹Will you hunt prey for a lioness
or satisfy the life of {her} cubs

⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens,
{when} they lie in wait in a shelter for an ambush?

⁴¹Who provides to the raven its food

when its children cry out to God,
{when} they stagger without food?

Chapter 39

¹Do you know the time of the bearing of the goats of the rock?

Will you watch the fawning of the does?

²Will you number the months they will fulfill?

Or will you know the time of their bearing?

³They crouch down, they deliver their offspring;
they cast forth their labor pains.

⁴Their sons become strong, they grow up in the field;
they go out, and they do not return to them.

⁵Who set the wild donkey free?

And who untied the ropes of the donkey,

⁶whose house I have made the Arabah,
and his habitations the salt land?

⁷It laughs at the commotion of the city;
the shouts of the driver it does not hear.

⁸It ranges the mountains {as} its pasture,
and it seeks after every green thing.

⁹Will the wild ox consent to serve you?
If it will lodge by your manger?

¹⁰Will you bind a wild ox in a furrow {with} its rope?
If it will harrow the valleys after you?

¹¹Will you trust in it because its strength is great?
Will you leave your labor to it?

¹²Will you depend on it, that it will bring in your seed
and gather {it} {to} your threshing floor?

¹³The wing of ostriches flaps vigorously.
If {it is} a kind feather and plumage?

¹⁴For it leaves its eggs on the earth,

and it warms them in the dust,
15and it forgets that a foot might crush it
and a beast of the field might trample it.
16It treats its sons harshly, as if not to it;
vain {is} its labor, without fear,
17because God has caused it to forget wisdom,
and he has not given understanding to it.
18As for the time it lifts itself on high,
it laughs at the horse and at its rider.
19Have you given strength to the horse?
Have you clothed its neck {with} a mane?
20Have you made it jump like a locust?
The majesty of its snorting is terrifying!
21They paw in the valley, and it rejoices in strength;
it goes out to meet the weaponry.
22It laughs at fear and it is not frightened,
and it does not turn back from the face of the sword.
23The quiver rattles upon him,
the flashing of the spear and the javelin.
24With shaking and rage it swallows the ground,
and it does not stand still when {there is} the sound of the horn.
25In the abundance of the horn, it says, 'Aha!'
And it smells the battle from far away,
the thunder of the princes and the battle-cry.
26By your wisdom does the hawk soar,
does it stretch its wings toward the south?
27If at your mouth the eagle mounts up
and that its nest is high?
28It dwells and lodges {on} a crag,
on the peak of a crag and a stronghold.
29From there it seeks food;

its eyes look to from afar.

³⁰And its eaglets suck up blood,
and at where the slain {are}, there it is."

Chapter 40

¹And Yahweh answered Job and said,

²"{Is} a reprover to contend with the Almighty?

The one correcting God, let him answer it!" ³And Job answered Yahweh and said,

⁴"Behold, I am slight; how shall I answer you?

I put my hand over my mouth.

⁵I spoke once, but I will not answer,

and twice, but I will not continue." ⁶And Yahweh answered Job from the storm and said,

⁷"Now gird up your loins like a man!

I will question you, and you will inform me.

⁸Would you actually annul my judgment?

Would you condemn me so that you may be right?

⁹Or if like God an arm {is} to you?

Or like him will you thunder with a voice?

¹⁰Then adorn yourself {in} majesty and greatness,
and clothe yourself {in} glory and splendor.

¹¹Scatter the outbursts of your nose,
and look at every proud one and bring him down.

¹²Look at every proud one and subdue him,
and trample the wicked under them.

¹³Hide them in the dust together;
cover their faces in the hidden {place}.

¹⁴And then I will praise you,
because your right hand can save you.

¹⁵Now behold Behemoth, which I made with you;
it eats grass like an ox.

¹⁶Now behold, its strength {is} in his loins,

and its power {is} in the muscles of his belly.

¹⁷It bends its tail like a cedar;

the sinews of its thighs are intertwined.

¹⁸Its bones {are} tubes of bronze;

its legs {are} like bars of iron.

¹⁹It {is} the first of the ways of God.

Its Maker has brought near its sword.

²⁰For the hills provide food for it,

and all of the beasts of the field play there.

²¹It lies beneath lotus trees,

in the covering of the reed and the marsh.

²²The lotus trees cover it {with} their shade;

the willows of the river surround it.

²³Behold, a river will overflow, it does not tremble;

it is confident, if the Jordan should surge to its mouth.

²⁴Will one capture it with its eyes?

Will one pierce {its} nose with cords?

Chapter 41

¹Will you draw out Leviathan with a hook?

Or will you tie its tongue with a rope?

²Will you put a rope into its nose,

or will you pierce its jaw with a hook?

³Will it multiply supplications to you?

If it will speak tender {things} to you?

⁴Will it cut a covenant with you?

Will you take it for a servant forever?

⁵Will you play with it as {with} a bird?

Or will you tie it for your girls?

⁶Will partners bargain over it?

Will they divide it among merchants?

⁷Can you fill its hide with harpoons
or its head with spears of fish?

⁸Put your hand on it;
remember the battle; do not continue!

⁹Behold, his hope is deceived;
is one {not} cast down even at its appearance?

¹⁰{One is} not fierce, that he will awaken it.
Then who {is} he {who} will stand to my face?

¹¹Who has anticipated me and I shall repay?
Beneath all of the skies, it {is} to me.

¹²I will not keep silent {about} its limbs
or the matter of its strengths or the beauty of its form.

¹³Who has removed the face of its clothing?
Into the double of its bridle, who has entered?

¹⁴The doors of its face, who has opened?
Around its teeth {is} terror!

¹⁵Rows of shields {are its} pride,
shut together {with} a tight seal.

¹⁶One with one, they are close,
and air does not come between them.

¹⁷A man with his brother, they are joined together;
they clasp themselves and they do not separate themselves.

¹⁸Light flashes from its snortings,
and its eyes {are} like the eyelids of the dawn.

¹⁹Flames come from its mouth;
sparks of fire leap out!

²⁰From its nostrils goes smoke
like a blown pot and a reed.

²¹Its breath kindles coals,
and a flame goes out from its mouth.

²²Strength lodges in its neck,

and fear leaps up to its face.

²³The folds of its flesh join together;
they are firm on it, they will not be moved.

²⁴Its heart is hard like stone;
yes, it is hard like a lower millstone.

²⁵At its rising, the mighty fear;
from its thrashings, they withdraw.

²⁶The sword reaching it does not stand;
the spear, the dart, the javelin.

²⁷It regards iron as straw,
bronze as rotten wood.

²⁸The son of the bow does not make it flee;
with it, the stones of the sling are turned into chaff.

²⁹Clubs are regarded as chaff,
and it laughs at the rattling of a spear.

³⁰Beneath it are points of a shard;
it spreads {like} a threshing sledge upon the mud.

³¹It makes the deep boil like a pot;
it makes the sea like an ointment pot.

³²It makes a path shine behind it;
one considers the deep {to be} white-haired.

³³Upon the dust there is not its equal,
the one made without fear.

³⁴It sees all of the high;
it {is} king over all of the sons of pride."

Chapter 42

¹And Job answered Yahweh and said,

²"I know that you are able {to do} everything,
and no plan is withheld from you.

³Who is this, concealing counsel without knowledge?"

Therefore I have declared, but I did not understand,
{things} too wonderful for me, and I did not know.

⁴Listen, now, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you will inform me.'

⁵With the hearing of my ear I had heard {about} you,
but now my eye sees you.

⁶Therefore I despise,

and I repent in dust and ashes."

⁷And it happened, after Yahweh had spoken these words to Job, that Yahweh said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My nose burns against you and against the two of your friends, for you have not spoken about me what is right as my servant Job {has}. ⁸So now take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. And Job my servant will pray for you; I will surely lift his face, lest I deal with you {according to your} folly. For you have not said what is right about me like my servant Job." ⁹And Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite {and} Zophar the Naamathite went and did as Yahweh had spoken to them, and Yahweh lifted the face of Job.

¹⁰And Yahweh turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends, and Yahweh added {to} all that {was} to Job to double. ¹¹And all of his brothers and all of his sisters and all of the ones knowing him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house. And they consoled him and comforted him for all of the troubles that Yahweh had brought upon him, and they each gave one kesitah to him and each {gave} one earring of gold. ¹²And Yahweh blessed the finish of Job more than his start. And it was to him 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys. ¹³And it was to him seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴And he called the name of the first Jemimah and the name of the second Keziah and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. ¹⁵And one was not found {among} women {as} beautiful as the daughters of Job in all of the land. And their father gave an inheritance to them in the midst of their brothers. ¹⁶And Job lived 140 years after this, and he saw his sons and the sons of his sons, {to} four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, old and full of days.

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