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Job

1 ¹ There 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. ² Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. ³ And 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. ⁴ And 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. ⁵ And 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.

⁶ And 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. ⁷ And 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." ⁸ And 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." ⁹ And the adversary answered Yahweh and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have 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.

¹¹ However, just stretch out your hand and touch all that **is** his, if he will not bless you to your face."

¹² And 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.

¹³ And it was the day, and his sons and his daughters **were** eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother.

¹⁴ And a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys **were** feeding at their hand. ¹⁵ And 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." ¹⁶ That 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." ¹⁷ That 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."

¹⁸ That 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. ¹⁹ And 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."

²⁰ And Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell to the ground and prostrated

himself. ²¹ And 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." ²² In all of this, Job did not sin and he did not ascribe impropriety to God.

2 ¹ And 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.

² And 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." ³ And 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. ⁵ However, 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."

⁷ And 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. ⁸ And he took for himself a shard to scrape himself with it, and he was sitting in the midst of the ash pile.

⁹ And his wife said to him, "**Are** you still holding firmly to your integrity? Bless God and die."

¹⁰ But 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.

¹¹ And 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.

¹² And 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.

¹³ And 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.

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

³ "May the day on which I was born perish,

and the night **that** said, 'A boy has been conceived.'

⁴ That day—may it be dark!

May God not seek it from above,

and may light not shine upon it.

⁵ May darkness and a dark shadow claim it;

may a cloud dwell over it;

may the blacknesses of the day terrify it.

⁶ That 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.

7 Behold: That night—may it be barren!

May a joyful shout not come into it.

8 May the ones cursing a day curse it,

the ones skillful to awaken Leviathan.

9 May 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,

10 because it did not close the doors of my womb

and hide trouble from my eyes.

11 Why did I not die from the womb,

come out of the belly and expire?

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

13 For now I had lain down and was reposing,

I had slept, then it was being rest to me

14 with kings and counselors of the earth,

the ones having built monuments for themselves,

15 or with princes, gold **having been** to them,

the ones having filled their houses with silver.

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

17 There the wicked stop troubling,

and there the weary in strength rest.

18 Captives relax together;

they do not hear the voice of a taskmaster.

19 Small and great **are** there the same,

and a servant **is** free from his master.

20 Why is light given to the miserable,

and life to the bitter in soul,

21 the ones longing for death, but **it is** not to them,

and they dig for it more than for hidden treasure,

22 the ones rejoicing unto gladness,

and they celebrate when they find a grave,

23 to a man whose way is hidden,

and God has hedged around him?

24 For my sighing comes before my food,

my groaning flows out like waters.

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

what I dreaded has come to me.

26 I have not relaxed, and I have not reposed, and I have not rested,

but trouble comes.”

4 ¹ And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

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

But to refrain from a word, who is able?

3 Behold, you have instructed many,

you have strengthened weak hands.

4 Your words have upheld the one stumbling,

and buckling knees you have strengthened.

5 But 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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 fear happened to me, and trembling,
and it frightened all my bones.

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

16 It 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?'

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

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

They crumble them before a moth!

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

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

5 **1** Call out now; is there one answering you?

To which of the holy ones will you turn?

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

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

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

5 whose harvest the hungry one devours;

- they even take it from
among the thorns,
and the thirsty ones pant for
their wealth.
- 6** For misery does not come out
from the dust,
and trouble does not sprout
from the ground.
- 7** For man is born to trouble,
and sons of the flame soar to
fly.
- 8** But I myself would seek for
God,
and to God I would commit
my cause,
- 9** the one doing great **things**
and **there is** no searching,
marvelous **things** until **there**
is no number,
- 10** the one giving rain on the
face of the earth
and sending waters on the
face of the fields,
- 11** setting the humble on high,
and the ones mourning are
high in safety,
- 12** frustrating the plans of the
crafty,
and their hands do not
accomplish an initiative,
- 13** catching the cunning in
their craftiness,
and the plan of the ones
being deceptive is hastened.
- 14** They encounter darkness by
day,
and they grope at midday as
at night.
- 15** But he saves the poor from
the sword in their mouths
and from the hand of the
mighty.
- 16** And hope is to the poor,
and injustice shuts her
mouth.
- 17** Behold, blessed is the man
God corrects,
and the chastening of the
Almighty do not despise.
- 18** For he injures and binds up,
he wounds and his hands
heal.
- 19** In six troubles he will rescue
you,
and in seven, harm will not
touch you.
- 20** In famine he will redeem
you from death,
and in war, from the hands
of the sword.
- 21** From the scourge of the
tongue you will be hidden,
and you will not fear
destruction when it comes.
- 22** You will laugh at destruction
and at famine,
and you will not fear the
beast of the earth.
- 23** For with the stones of the
field **will be** your covenant,
and the beast of the field will
be made peaceable to you.
- 24** You will know that your tent
is in peace;
you will visit your sheepfold
and you will not miss
anything.
- 25** And you will know that your
seed **will be** great
and your offspring, like the
grass of the earth.
- 26** You will come to the grave
in old age,
like the lifting of a stack of
grain in its time.
- 27** Behold this: We have
examined it, thus it **is**;
listen to it and know **it** for
yourself."

6 ¹ And Job answered and said,

² “If only my anguish, being weighed, were weighed,
and my calamity lay in the balances together **with it**!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁰ Yet 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.

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

¹² If my strength **is** the strength of stones?

If my flesh **is** bronze?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

²¹ For 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’?

²³ Or, ‘Save me from the hand of the enemy’?

Or, ‘From the hand of the oppressors rescue me’?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 **1** **Is** not hardship to a man on earth?
And **are not** his days like the days of a hireling?

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

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

4 When I lie down, I say,
‘When will I get up?’
But the night extends,
and I am full of tossings until dawn.

5 My flesh wears the worm and the clod of dust;

my skin breaks and festers.

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

7 Remember that my life **is** a breath;
my eye will not return to see good.

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

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

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

11 Therefore 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?

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

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

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

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

17 What is man, that you will magnify him

and that you will set your heart on him,

18 and you will visit him in the mornings

and you will test him in the moments?

19 For 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?

21 Why 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."

8 ¹ And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,

2 "Until when will you say these things,

and the words of your mouth **be** a mighty wind?

3 Does God pervert justice?
Or does the Almighty pervert righteousness?

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

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

6 if you **are** pure and upright,

surely now he will rouse himself for you
and restore the habitation of your righteousness.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 whose confidence snaps
and whose trust **is** the house of a spider.

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

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

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

18 When one destroys it from its place,
 then it will deny him, 'I did not see you.'
19 Behold, this is the joy of his way,
 and from the dust other **plants** will sprout.
20 Behold, God will not reject the innocent,
 but he will not hold the hand of evildoers.
21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughter,
 your lips with shouting.
22 The ones hating you will wear shame,
 and the tent of the wicked will not exist."

9 ¹ And Job answered and said,
² "I know truly that **this is** so.
 But how will a man be righteous with God?
³ If 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? —
⁵ the one removing mountains and they do not know,
 who in his nose overturns them;
⁶ the one shaking the earth from its place
 and causing its pillars to tremble;
⁷ the one speaking to the sun and it does not rise,
 and upon the stars he seals;

⁸ stretching out the heavens by himself
 and treading on the waves of the sea;
⁹ making the Bear, Orion, the Pleiades,
 and the chambers of the south;
¹⁰ doing great **things** until there is no searching
 and distinguished **things** until there is no number.
11 Behold, he goes by me, but I do not see,
 and he passes, but I do not perceive him.
12 If he takes away, who will turn him back?
 Who will say to him, 'What are you doing?'
13 God will not turn aside his nose;
 the helpers of Rahab bow beneath him.
14 Indeed that I will answer him,
 choose words with him!—
15 whom, if I were righteous, I would not answer;
 I would plead to my judge for mercy.
16 If I called and he answered me,
 I would not believe that he was giving ear to my voice,
17 who would break me with a tempest
 and multiply my wounds for nothing.
18 He does not allow me to cause my breath to return,
 for he fills me with bitterness.
19 If to strength, behold, **he is** mighty!
 And if to justice, who will summon him?

20 If I were righteous, my mouth would condemn me;
 if I were blameless, yet it would convict me.
21 I **am** blameless. I do not know my soul;
 I loathe my life.
22 It **is** one; therefore I have said,
 'The blameless and the wicked, he is destroying.'
23 When a scourge suddenly kills,
 he mocks the despair of the innocent **ones**.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked.
 He covers the faces of its judges.
 If not, then who **is** it?
25 And my days are swifter than a runner, they flee.
 They do not see good.
26 They glide with boats of papyrus,
 as an eagle pounces on food.
27 If I said, 'Let me forget my complaint,
 let me change my face,
 let me be cheerful,'
28 I would fear all my sorrows;
 I know that you would not acquit me.
29 I am wicked;
 why, then, would I toil in vain?
30 If I washed myself with water of snow
 and cleansed my hands with lye,
31 then you would plunge me into a ditch,
 and my clothes would abhor me.
32 For I would not be answering a man like me,

 we would **not** be coming together into judgment.
33 There would be no judge between us
 who would lay his hand upon the two of us,
34 who would turn from upon me his rod,
 and his terror, may it not frighten me.
35 I would speak and I would not fear him.
 But I **am** not thus with me.
10 ¹ My soul is weary of my life;
 I will abandon my complaint upon myself;
 I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me;
 cause me to know for what you are accusing me.
3 Is 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,
6 that you seek for my iniquity and for my sin you search,
7 above your knowledge that I am not wicked
 and there is no one rescuing **me** from your hand?
8 Your hands formed me and made me entirely round about,
 yet you are destroying me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 If 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!

16 And should it arise,
you would stalk me like a lion,
and you would return, you would distinguish yourself against me.

17 You would renew your witnesses against me
and you would increase your anger against me;
changes and an army **are** with me.

18 So why did you bring me out from the womb?
Would that I had expired and an eye had not seen me!

19 Would 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.

21 Before I go—and do not return—
to the land of darkness and deep darkness,

22 the land of obscurity
like the gloom of dark shadow
and no order,
and it shines like gloom.”

11 ¹ And 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?

3 Will your boastings make people silent?
Or will you mock and no one **is** shaming?

4 For you have said, ‘My doctrine is pure,
and I am clean in your eyes.’

5 But who will give God to speak
and open his lips against you

6 and 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.

7 Will you find God by searching?
If unto perfection you will find the Almighty?

8 The height of the heavens!
What will you do?

Deeper than Sheol! What
will you know?

9 Its measure **is** longer than the
earth

and wider than the sea.

10 If he comes and imprisons
and assembles,

then who will turn him back?

11 For he knows people of
worthlessness,

and will he see iniquity and
not notice it?

12 But an empty man will get a
heart

and the colt of a wild donkey
will be born to a man.

13 If you prepare your heart
and stretch out your hands
to him;

14 if iniquity **is** in your hand,
put it far away,

and do not let
unrighteousness dwell in
your tents;

15 for then you will lift your
face without blemish,
and you will be established
and you will not fear;

16 for you will forget trouble;
as waters pass by, you will
remember **it**.

17 And life will arise more than
noon;

darkness will become like
dawn.

18 You will be confident,
because there is hope,
and you will look around,
you will lie down in safety.

19 Yes, you will recline and no
one **will be** making **you** afraid,
and many will stroke your
face.

20 But the eyes of the wicked
will fail,

and escape will perish from
them,

and their hope **will be** an
expiration of breath."

12 ¹ And Job answered and
said,

2 "Truly, then, you **are** the
people,

and wisdom will die with
you.

3 A heart **is** also to me, like
you.

I **am** not falling below you.
And with whom **are** not such
things as these?

4 I, the one calling on God and
he answered him,

have become laughter to his
neighbor:

just, blameless—laughter!

5 In the thought of the secure
there is contempt for
misfortune,

prepared for the ones
slipping of foot.

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

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

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

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

10 in whose hand **is** the life of every living thing
 and the breath of all flesh of man.
11 Does not the ear test words and the palate taste the food **that is** to it?
12 With the aged **is** wisdom, and in length of days **is** understanding.
13 With him **are** wisdom and might;
 to him **are** counsel and understanding.
14 Behold, he breaks down and it is not rebuilt;
 he closes upon a man and it is not opened.
15 Behold, he withholds the waters and they dry up,
 and he sends them out and they overthrow the land.
16 With 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.
18 He removes the bond of kings
 and he wraps a cloth around their loins,
19 the one leading priests away naked,
 and the incumbent ones, he overthrows;
20 the one removing the lip **that is** to the ones being trusted,
 and the discernment of the elders he takes away;
21 the one pouring contempt on nobles,
 and the belt of the mighty ones he loosens;

22 the one revealing deep things out of darkness,
 and he brings dark shadow into the light;
23 the one magnifying nations, and he destroys them;
 the one enlarging nations, and he exiles them;
24 the 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.
25 They grope in darkness and not in light;
 he makes them wander like a drunkard.

13 ¹ Behold, my eye has seen all;
 my ear has heard and understood it.
² As you know, I also know.
 I **am** not falling below you.
³ But I will speak with the Almighty,
 and to plead with God I desire.
⁴ But you **are** plasterers of a lie;
 all of you **are** healers of no value.
⁵ Who will give **that** being silent, you will be silent?
 And it will be to you for wisdom.
⁶ Please hear my reasoning
 and heed the pleadings of my lips.
⁷ Will you speak unrighteously for God,
 and will you talk deceitfully for him?
⁸ Will 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?

10 Reproving, 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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 Behold now, I have prepared
my defense;
I know that I am righteous.

19 Who **is** he **who** will contend
with me?
For then I will be silent and
expire.

20 Only two **things** do not do to
me,
then I will not hide myself
from your face:

21 Withdraw your hand from
upon me,
and **with** your fear do not
terrify me.

22 And call, and I will answer,
or I will speak, and answer
me.

23 How many iniquities and
sins **are** to me?
Make me know my
transgression and my sin.

24 Why do you hide your face
and consider me an enemy
to you?

25 Will you terrify a driven
leaf?
Or will you pursue dry
stubble?

26 For you write bitter things
against me,
and you make me inherit the
iniquities of my youth,

27 and you put my feet in
shackles,
and you watch all of my
paths;
you engrave around the
soles of my feet.

28 And he decays like a rotten
thing,
like a garment—a moth has
eaten it.

14 ¹ Man, born of woman—
few of days and full of
trouble!

² Like a flower, he comes forth
and withers,
and like a shadow, he flees
and does not stand.

³ Even on such do you open
your eye,
and do you bring me into
judgment with you?

⁴ Who will bring clean from
unclean?
Not one!

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 Waters 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.

13 Who 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?

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

until the coming of my change.

15 You would call, and I would answer you.
You would desire the work of your hands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 Only his flesh grieves for him,
and **only** his soul mourns for him."

15 ¹ And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 "Will the wise answer **with** knowledge of wind
and fill his belly **with** the east wind,

3 reasoning with a word **that** does not benefit

- and **with** words **that** do not
have profit in them?
- 4** Indeed, you destroy fear,
and you diminish devotion to
the face of God,
- 5** for your iniquity teaches your
mouth,
and you choose the tongue
of the crafty.
- 6** Your mouth condemns you,
and not I,
and your lips testify against
you.
- 7** Were you born the first man,
and to the face of the hills
were you formed?
- 8** Do you hear the counsel of
God?
Do you limit wisdom to
yourself?
- 9** What do you know, and we do
not know?
What do you understand,
and it **is** not with us?
- 10** Both 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?
- 12** Why does your heart carry
you away
and why do your eyes flash,
- 13** that you turn your spirit
against God
and bring out words from
your mouth?
- 14** What **is** man, that he should
be pure,
or that one born of a woman
should be righteous?
- 15** Behold, he does not trust in
his holy ones,
and the heavens are not
clean in his eyes;
- 16** indeed that the abominable
and the corrupted,
a man drinking iniquity like
water!
- 17** I will show you; listen to me,
and what I have seen, let me
also recount,
- 18** what the wise have declared
—
and not hidden—from their
fathers.
- 19** To them alone the land was
given,
and no stranger passed in
their midst.
- 20** All of the days of the wicked,
he is writhing,
and the number of years,
they are reserved for the
oppressor.
- 21** The sound of terrors **is** in his
ears;
in prosperity the destroyer
comes upon him.
- 22** He does not believe to
return from darkness,
and he is selected for the
sword.
- 23** He **is** wandering for bread
—‘Where **is** it?’
He knows that the day of
darkness **is** prepared at
hand.
- 24** Distress and anguish terrify
him;
it overpowers him like a king
ready for battle,
- 25** because he has stretched
out his hand against God
and against the Almighty he
has vaunted himself.
- 26** He rushes against him with
the neck,
with the thickness of the
bosses of his shields,

27 though he has covered his face with his fat

and made blubber on the flanks.

28 And he lives **in** ruined cities,
in houses that no one dwells in,
which are ready **to be** heaps.

29 He will not be rich, and his wealth will not stand,
and their possessions will not spread over the land.

30 He will not depart from darkness;
a flame will dry up his shoots,
and he will depart at the breath of his mouth.

31 Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself;
for emptiness will be his recompense.

32 When **it is** not his day, it will be fulfilled,
and his branch will not be green.

33 He will shake off his unripe grapes like a grapevine,
and he will cast off his blossoms like an olive tree.

34 For the company of the godless **is** barren,
and fire devours the tents of bribery.

35 They conceive trouble and bear iniquity,
and their womb fashions deceit."

16 ¹ And 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?

4 I 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. ⁵ I would strengthen you with my mouth,
and the moving of my lips would relieve **you**.

6 If I speak, my pain is not relieved,
but **if** I refrain, what goes from me?

7 But now he has exhausted me;
you have devastated my whole family,

8 and you have shriveled me—it has become a witness,
and my leanness rises up against me,
it testifies against my face.

9 In his nose, he has torn **me** and he has attacked me;
he gnashes his teeth against me.

My enemy sharpens his eyes against me.

10 They have gaped at me with their mouth;
in reproach they have struck my cheek;
they have gathered themselves together against me.

11 God delivers me to sinners,
and into the hands of the wicked he throws me.

12 I 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.

14 He breaches me, breach upon the face of breach;

he runs against me like a warrior.

15 I have sewn sackcloth on my skin,

and I have thrust my horn into the dust.

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

17 although violence **is** not in my hands

and my prayer **is** pure.

18 Earth, do not conceal my blood,

and may **there** not be a **hiding** place for my cry.

19 Even now, behold, my witness **is** in the heavens,

and my advocate **is** in the heights.

20 My intercessors **are** my friends;

my eye weeps to God.

21 And he will argue for a man with God,

and a son of man for his neighbor.

22 For years of number will come,

and I will go **on** a path, I will not return.

17 ¹ My spirit is destroyed, my days are extinguished; graves **are** for me.

² If **there are** not mockers with me?

And on their provocations my eye lingers.

3 Please set down, be surety for me with you.

Who **is** he **who** will strike himself to my hand?

4 For you have hidden their hearts away from understanding;

therefore you will not exalt **them**.

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

6 But he has made me a saying of the peoples, and I have become a spitting in the face,

7 and my eye is dim from sorrow,

and my members **are** like a shadow, all of them.

8 The upright wonder at this, and the innocent rouses himself against the godless.

9 And the righteous will hold his way, and the clean of hands will add strength.

10 But all of them, may you return, and come now, but I will not find a wise **person** among you.

11 My days have passed, my plans are broken, the desires of my heart.

12 They change night into day. Light is near from the face of darkness.

13 If 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,'

15 where then **would be** my
hope?

And my hope, who would see
it?

16 Will they descend to the
bars of Sheol?

If **our** rest **will be** together in
the dust?"

18 ¹ And Bildad the Shuhite
answered and said,

2 "Until when will you make
ends of words?

Consider, and afterward we
will speak.

3 Why are we regarded as
beasts,

as if we are stupid in your
eyes?

4 The one tearing himself in his
nose—

will the earth be forsaken for
your sake,
or will the rock move from
its place?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 The ones after will wonder
at his day,
and the ones before will
seize horror.

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

19 ¹ And Job answered and said,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

²⁴ With a stylus of iron and **with** lead

may they be engraved on a rock forever!

25 But I know **that** my redeemer lives,

and **that at** the last he will stand upon the dust,

26 and **that** after my skin, they strike this off,

yet from my flesh I will behold God,

27 whom I will behold for myself

and my eyes will see, and not a stranger.

My kidneys fail within my belly.

28 If you say, 'How we will persecute him!

For the root of the matter is found in me,'

29 be 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."

20 ¹ And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said,

2 "Therefore my thoughts turn me back,

because of my urgency in me.

3 I hear a rebuke of dishonor to me,

but a spirit from my understanding answers me.

4 Do you **not** know this from long ago,

from the placing of man upon the earth,

5 that the triumph of the wicked **is** from near,

and the joy of the godless **is** for a moment?

6 Though his height rises to the skies

and his head reaches to the cloud,

7 he will perish forever like his dung.

The ones having seen him will say, 'Where **is he**?'

8 He will fly away like a dream, and they will not find him,

and he will be chased away like a vision of the night.

9 The eye **that** saw him will not continue,

and his place will no longer observe him.

10 His children will recompense the poor,

and his hands will return his wealth.

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

12 Although wickedness is sweet in his mouth,

he hides it under his tongue,

13 he has pity on it and does not forsake it

but keeps it in the midst of his palate,

14 his food changes in his bowels;

it becomes the bitterness of asps inside him.

15 He swallows wealth, but he will vomit it;

God will expel it from his belly.

16 He will suck the poison of asps;

the tongue of the viper will kill him.

17 He will not enjoy the streams,

the rivers of torrents of honey and butter.

18 He will return **his** gain and will not consume **it**,

and he will not have
enjoyment according to the
wealth of his commerce.

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

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

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

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

23 He 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.

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

25 He pulls, and it comes out of
his back,
and the gleaming goes out of
his liver.

Terrors **are** upon him!

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

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

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

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

21 ¹ And Job answered and
said,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 They lift up the tambourine
and the harp,

and they rejoice to the sound
of the flute.

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

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

15 Who **is** the Almighty, that we
should serve him?
And how will we profit, that
we should pray to him?'

16 Behold, their prosperity **is**
not in their hand!
May the counsel of the
wicked **be** far from me!

17 How 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!

20 Let his eyes see his
destruction,
and from the wrath of the
Almighty let him drink.

21 For what **is** his interest in
his house after him
when the number of his
months is cut off?

22 Will one teach knowledge to
God,
since he judges the ones
being high?

23 This one dies in the bone of
his perfection;

all of him **is** tranquil and
secure.

24 His pails are full of milk,
and the marrow of his bones
is moistened.

25 But that one dies in the soul
of bitterness,
and he has not eaten the
good.

26 They lie down alike in the
dust,
and the worm covers over
them.

27 Behold, I know your
thoughts
and the notions you wrest
against me.

28 For you say, 'Where **is** the
house of the tyrant?
Where **is** the tent of the
habitation of the wicked?'

29 Have you not asked
travelers of the way?
Or do you not acknowledge
their signs,

30 that the wicked is spared in
the day of calamity;
in the day of wrath they are
brought forth?

31 Who will denounce his way
to his face?
And what he has done, who
will repay to him?

32 Indeed, he will be brought
forth to the grave,
and one will watch over the
burial mound.

33 The clods of the torrent will
be sweet to him,
and every man will extend
after him,
and to his face there is not
numbering.

34 So how do you comfort me
in vain?
And falsehood is left in your
answers!"

22 ¹ And 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?

4 For your fear does he rebuke
you,
enter into judgment with
you?

5 Is not your wickedness great?
And there is no end to your
iniquities!

6 For you have bound your
brother **with a pledge** without
cause,
and you have stripped off the
clothing of the naked.

7 You have not quenched the
weary with water,
and from the hungry you
have withheld bread.

8 But the man of arm, the earth
was to him,
and the lifted of face dwelt
upon it.

9 You have sent widows away
empty,
and the arms of the
fatherless have been broken.

10 Therefore snares **are** around
you
and fear suddenly terrifies
you.

11 Or darkness—you cannot
see!
And an abundance of waters
covers you.

12 Is not God in the height of
the heavens?
And behold the head of the
stars, that they are high!

13 But you say, ‘What does God
know?

Will he judge through thick
darkness?

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

15 Will you keep the old way
that men of iniquity have
walked,

16 who were carried off and **it**
was not time;
their foundations were
washed away by a torrent;

17 the ones saying to God,
‘Turn away from us,’
and, ‘What will the Almighty
do to them?’

18 Yet he filled their houses
with good,
so **may** the counsel of the
wicked **be** far from me!

19 The righteous see and
rejoice,
and the innocent scorn
them.

20 ‘If our enemy is not cut off?
And fire has devoured their
possessions!’

21 Reconcile now with him and
be at peace;
by these, good will come to
you.

22 Now accept instruction from
his mouth,
and set his words in your
heart.

23 If you return to the
Almighty, you will be built up,
if you distance
unrighteousness from your
tent.

24 And set gold in the dust,
and Ophir among the stones
of the torrents,

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

23 ¹ And Job answered and
said,

2 "Even today my complaint is
bitter;
my hand is heavy upon my
groaning.
3 Who will give **that** I knew and
I would find him?
I would come to his place!
4 I would set forth my case to
his face,
and I would fill my mouth
with arguments.
5 I would know the words he
would answer me,
and I would perceive what
he would say to me.
6 Would he argue against me in
the greatness of power?
No, he would only set upon
me.

7 There the upright is arguing
with him,
and I would escape forever
the one judging me.
8 Behold, I go to the east, but
he is not there,
and to the west, but I do not
perceive him;
9 in his working in the north, I
do not behold **him**;
he turns to the south, but I
do not see **him**.
10 Nevertheless, he knows the
way **that is** with me;
he has tested me, I have
come out like gold.
11 My foot has held onto his
step;
I have kept **to** his way and I
have not turned aside.
12 I have not departed from the
commandment of his lips;
I have treasured the words
of his mouth more than my
portion.
13 But he **is** of one, and who
will turn him back?
For his soul desires, and he
does.
14 For he will carry out my
decree,
and many like these **are** with
him.
15 Therefore, I am terrified
from his face;
I consider, and I am afraid of
him.
16 For God has softened my
heart,
and the Almighty has
terrified me.
17 For I was not cut off from
the face of the darkness,
and from my face gloom
covers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 They are wet with the
showers of the mountains,
and from **being** without
shelter, they hug the rock.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 He **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.

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

20 The womb will forget him,
the worm will dine on him,
until he is not remembered
and wickedness is broken
like a tree,

21 the one devouring the barren, who has not borne, and he does not do good to the widow.

22 But he drags away the mighty by his power; he arises and he does not believe in life.

23 He gives him security and he is supported, but his eyes are on their ways.

24 They 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.

25 And if not, then who will falsify me and make my word nothing?"

25 ¹ And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,

2 "Dominion and fear **are** with him, the one making peace in his heights.

3 Is there a number to his troops? And upon whom does his light not arise?

4 So how will a man be righteous with God? Or how will one born of a woman be pure?

5 Behold, even the moon does not shine and the stars are not pure in his eyes.

6 Indeed that a man, a worm, or a son of man, a grub!"

26 ¹ And Job answered and said,

2 "How you have helped **the one** without power! You have saved the arm of no strength!

3 How you have advised **one** without wisdom! Insight in abundance, you have made known!

4 With whom did you declare words? And the breath of whom came out from you?

5 The Raphaite tremble from below the waters and the ones inhabiting them.

6 Sheol **is** naked before him, and **there is** no covering to Abaddon,

7 the one stretching out the north over nothingness, hanging the earth upon nothing;

8 the one binding the waters in his clouds, but the cloud is not torn under them;

9 the one covering the face of the full moon, spreading his cloud upon it.

10 He has circled a limit on the face of the waters unto the boundary of light with darkness.

11 The pillars of the heavens tremble and marvel at his rebuke.

12 He calmed the sea with his power, and by his understanding he shattered Rahab.

- 13** By his breath the skies
become clearness;
his hand pierced the fleeing
serpent.
- 14** Behold, 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?"

27 ¹ And 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,
- 3** that, any of my life still being
in me,
and breath from God being
in my nose,
- 4** if my lips speak wickedness,
or my tongue, if it utters
deceit!
- 5** Sacrilege to me if I justify
you!
Until I expire, I will not turn
my integrity away from me.
- 6** I grasp my righteousness and
I will not let it go;
my heart will not reproach
me from my days.
- 7** May my enemy be like the
wicked,
and the one rising up against
me like the unrighteous!
- 8** For what is the hope of the
godless when he cuts him off,
when God takes away his
life?
- 9** Will God hear his cry
when trouble comes upon
him?
- 10** If he will delight himself in
the Almighty?

Will he call to God in every
time?

- 11** I will teach you about the
hand of God;
what is with the Almighty I
will not conceal.
- 12** Behold, you have seen this
yourselves, all of you;
why then do you vainly
speak this vanity?
- 13** This is the portion of a
wicked man with God,
and the heritage of
oppressors, they receive it
from the Almighty:
- 14** If his children multiply, it is
for the sword,
and his offspring will not
have enough bread.
- 15** His survivor will be buried
in death,
and his widows will not
lament.
- 16** If he heaps up silver like the
dust
and he piles up clothing like
clay mounds,
- 17** he piles up, but the
righteous clothes himself
and the innocent receives
silver.
- 18** He builds his house as a
moth does,
and like a hut that a guard
makes.
- 19** He lies down rich, but he
does not continue;
he opens his eyes and there
is not to him.
- 20** Terrors overwhelm him like
waters;
a storm carries him away in
the night.
- 21** The east wind takes him
away, and he leaves;
indeed, it blasts him from his
place.

22 And it hurls **itself** upon him
and does not pity;

fleeing, he flees from its
hand.

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

28 ¹ Surely there is a mine
for silver,

and a place **where** they
refine gold.

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁸ The sons of pride have not
walked it,
and the lion has not passed
over it.

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

¹⁰ He cuts out channels among
the rocks,

and his eye sees every
valuable thing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 ¹ And 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,
- 3 when his lamp shone over my
head,
when I walked **in** darkness
by his light,
- 4 as that I was in the days of
my prime,
when the friendship of God
was upon my tent,
- 5 when the Almighty **was** still
with me,
my children around me,
- 6 when my steps were bathed
in butter
and the rock poured out
streams of oil for me!

- 7 When I went out to the gate
of the city,
when I took my seat in the
square,
- 8 young men saw me and hid
themselves,
and old men rose, they
stood.
- 9 The princes refrained from
words,
and they put a hand on their
mouth.
- 10 The voice of the nobles—
they were hushed,
and their tongue stuck to
their palate.
- 11 For the ear heard, and they
blessed me,
and the eye saw, and they
attested me
- 12 because I rescued the
afflicted crying out
and the fatherless when
there was no help to him.
- 13 The blessing of the one
perishing came upon me,
and I gladdened the heart of
the widow.
- 14 I clothed myself **with**
righteousness, and it clothed
me;
my justice **was** like a robe
and a turban.
- 15 I was eyes to the blind,
and I **was** feet to the lame.
- 16 I **was** a father to the needy,
and the case **that** I did not
know, I examined it.
- 17 And I broke the jaws of the
unrighteous,
and I made the prey drop
from his teeth.
- 18 And I said, ‘I will expire in
my nest,
and I will multiply days like
sand.

19 My root is spread out to the waters,

and the dew lodges on my branch.

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

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

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

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

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

25 I chose their way and I sat as a chief,
and I dwelt like a king in an army,
as when one comforts mourners.

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

² Indeed, 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,

⁴ ones plucking mallow among the brush,

and the root of broom trees **is** their bread.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁶ And now my life pours itself out within me;

days of affliction seize me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 I go about being dark not by
the sun;

I stand up in the assembly
and cry out.

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

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

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

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

2 For 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?

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

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

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

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

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

9 If my heart has been opened
 by a woman
 and I have lurked at the door
 of my neighbor,
10 may my wife grind for
 another,
 and may others bow down
 upon her.
11 For that **would be** lewdness,
 and it would be iniquity of
 judges.
12 For it **is** a fire, it consumes
 unto Abaddon,
 and it would uproot all of my
 harvest.
13 If I disdained the justice of
 my male servant or my female
 servant
 in their case against me,
14 then what would I do if God
 arose?
 Or if he visited, how would I
 answer him?
15 Did not the one making me
 in the belly make him?
 And did **not** one fashion us in
 the womb?
16 If I have withheld from the
 desire of the poor,
 or I have made the eyes of
 the widow fail,
17 or I have eaten my morsel
 alone
 and the fatherless did not
 eat from it—
18 for from my youth he has
 grown up with me as a father,
 and from the belly of my
 mother I have guided her.
19 If I have seen one perishing
 from lack of clothing
 or **that** there was not a
 covering for the needy,
20 if his loins have not blessed
 me

and he has **not** warmed
 himself from the wool of my
 sheep,
21 if I have shaken my hand
 against the fatherless
 because I saw my help at the
 gate,
22 may my upper arm fall from
 the shoulder blade;
 yes, may my arm be broken
 from its socket!
23 For the destruction of God
was a dread to me,
 and from his majesty, I was
 not able.
24 If I have made gold my hope
 and I have said to fine gold,
 ‘My confidence’;
25 if I have rejoiced because
 my wealth **was** great
 and because my hand had
 acquired much!
26 If I have seen the light when
 it shone
 or the moon walking **in**
 splendor,
27 and my heart opened in
 secret
 and my hand kissed my
 mouth,
28 this also **would be** iniquity of
 judges,
 for I would have denied God
 above.
29 If I have rejoiced at the
 destruction of one hating me
 or lifted myself up because
 evil found him!
30 For I have not caused my
 palate to sin
 by asking **for** his life with a
 curse.
31 If the men of my tent have
 not said,
 ‘Who will give one **who** has
 not been satisfied from his
 flesh?’!

32 The sojourner has not stayed overnight in the outdoors;

I have opened my doors to the traveler.

33 If, like man, I have concealed my sins

by hiding my guilt in my chest,

34 because I feared the great multitude

and the contempt of the clans terrified me,

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

35 Who 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?

36 If I would not bear it on my shoulder?

I would bind it to me **as** crowns!

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

I would approach him like a noble.

38 If my soil cries out against me

and its furrows weep together,

39 if I have eaten its yield without silver

or caused the breath of its masters to expire,

40 may a thorn grow instead of wheat

and a weed instead of barley!"

The words of Job have ended.

32 ¹ And the three of these men ceased from answering Job, because he **was** righteous in his eyes. ² Then 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. ³ And against the three of his friends his nose burned upon that they had not found an answer but they had declared Job wrong. ⁴ Now Elihu had awaited Job with words, because they **were** older in days than he **was**. ⁵ But Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouths of the three of the men, and his nose burned.

6 And 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.

7 I said, 'Let days speak, and let a multitude of years teach wisdom.'

8 Nevertheless, a spirit, it **is** in man,

and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

9 The great are not wise, and the aged do **not** understand justice.

10 Therefore I say, 'Listen to me;

I also will declare my knowledge.'

11 Behold, I waited for your words;

I listened to your reasonings while you searched **for** words.

12 Indeed, I paid attention to you,

but behold, there was no one proving Job wrong, **not one** of you answering his words,

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

Let God refute him, not man.

14 Now he has not arrayed words against me,
and I will not answer him
with your words.

15 They are dismayed; they do not answer any longer;
words have gone from them.

16 Shall I wait because they are not speaking,
because they stand, they answer no more?

17 I also will answer **on** my part;
I also will declare my knowledge.

18 For I am full of words;
the spirit in my belly compels me.

19 Behold, my belly **is** like wine **that** has no vent;
like new wineskins, it is bursting open.

20 I will speak and refresh myself;
I will open my lips and answer.

21 Now let me not lift the face of a man,
and let me not give a title to a man.

22 For I do not know giving titles;
my Maker would soon take me away.

33 ¹ But now, Job, please hear my words;
yes, listen to all of my words.

² Behold, I have now opened my mouth;
my tongue has spoken on my palate.

³ My words **are from** the uprightness of my heart,
and my lips speak pure knowledge.

⁴ The Spirit of God made me;
yes, the breath of the Almighty enlivened me.

⁵ If you can, answer me;
array to my face; station yourself.

⁶ Behold, I am for God according to your mouth.
I too have been formed from clay;

⁷ behold, my fear will not terrify you,
and my pressure will not be heavy on you.

⁸ Indeed, you have spoken in my ears,
and I have heard the sound of the words.

⁹ 'I **am** pure, without transgression;
I **am** innocent, and iniquity **is** not to me.

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

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

¹² Behold, **in** this you are not right.

I will answer you,
for God is greater than man.

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

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

¹⁵ In a dream, in a vision of the night,

in the falling of deep sleep
upon men,
in slumbers upon a bed,
16 then he opens the ear of
men
and seals their correction¹
17 to bring a man back from
his doing
and to conceal pride from a
man.
18 He spares his soul from the
pit
and his life from crossing
over by a weapon.
19 He is also chastened with
pain on his bed
and the contention of his
bones **is** continual.
20 So his life abhors bread,
and his soul food of desire.
21 His flesh wastes from sight,
and his bones, not seen, are
exposed,
22 and his soul draws near to
the pit,
and his life to the ones
causing death.
23 If there is an angel for him,
an interpreter,
one of a thousand,
to declare to a man his
uprightness,
24 and he is gracious to him
and says,
'Redeem him from going
down to the pit,
I have found a ransom,'
25 his flesh becomes fresher
than **in** childhood;
it returns to the days of his
youth.
26 He 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.
27 He will sing to men and say,
'I sinned and I turned aside
uprightness,
but he did not requite to me.
28 He has redeemed my soul
from going over into the pit,
and my life will see light.'
29 Behold, God does all these
things twice, thrice, with a man
30 to bring his soul back from
the pit
for being enlightened with
the light of the living.
31 Heed, Job; listen to me.
Be silent, and I will speak.
32 If there are words, answer
me;
speak, for I desire to justify
you.
33 If not, you listen to me;
be silent, and I will teach
you wisdom."

34 ¹ And Elihu answered
and said,

2 "Hear my words, wise **ones**,
and listen to me, ones
knowing.
3 For the ear tests words,
and the palate tastes food.
4 Let us choose justice for
ourselves;
let us know among ourselves
what is good.
5 For Job has said, 'I am
righteous,
but God has taken away my
justice.
6 Would I lie about my justice?
My arrow is incurable,
without transgression.'

7 What man **is** like Job?
 He drinks scorn like water,
8 and he travels in company
 with doers of iniquity
 and walks with men of
 wickedness!
9 For he has said, 'It does not
 benefit a man
 when he delights **himself**
 with God.'
10 Therefore, men of heart,
 listen to me:
 Sacrilege to God from
 wickedness, and the
 Almighty from iniquity!
11 For the deed of a man he
 repays to him,
 and according to the path of
 a man, he causes it to find
 him.
12 Indeed, God truly does not
 act wickedly,
 and the Almighty does not
 pervert justice.
13 Who appointed **him** over the
 earth?
 And who set the world, all of
 it?
14 If he set his heart upon
 himself,
if he gathered his Spirit and
 his breath to himself,
15 all flesh would expire
 together,
 and man would return to the
 dust.
16 But if understanding, hear
 this;
 listen to the sound of my
 words.
17 Will one hating justice
 indeed govern?
 Or if you will condemn the
 Righteous **One**, the Mighty
One,

18 the one saying 'Worthless!'
 to a king,
 'Wicked!' **to** nobles,
19 who 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.
21 For his eyes **are** upon the
 ways of a man,
 and he sees all of his steps.
22 There is no darkness and
 there is no deep darkness
 for the doers of iniquity to be
 hidden there.
23 For he does not set upon a
 man further,
 to go to God for judgment.
24 He shatters the mighty **with**
 no investigation,
 and he establishes others
 instead of them.
25 Because he regards their
 deeds,
 he overthrows **them** in the
 night, and they are crushed.
26 He strikes them for their
 wickednesses
 in the place of the ones
 seeing,
27 that because they turned
 from after him
 and they did not consider
 any of his ways,
28 to cause the cry of the poor
 to come to him,

1. Some modern versions have *and terrifies them with warnings*.

and he heard the cry of the lowly.

29 If 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,

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

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

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

33 from with you will he repay it?
Since you despise, then you will choose and not I.
So what you know, speak.

34 Men of heart will say to me,
and a man of wisdom hearing me,

35 'Job does not speak with knowledge,
and his words **are** not with understanding.'

36 If only Job were tested to the end
upon **his** answers among men of iniquity.

37 For he adds transgression to his sin;
he claps among us,
and he multiplies his words against God."

35 ¹ And Elihu answered and said,

² "Do you consider this to **be** justice?
You say, 'I am more righteous than God'!

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

What do I gain more than my sin?'

4 I will answer you **with** words,
and your friends with you.

5 Observe the heavens and see,
and look, the clouds soar above you.

6 If you sin, what do you accomplish against him?
Or **if** your transgressions multiply, what do you do to him?

7 If you are righteous, what do you give to him,
or what does he receive from your hand?

8 Your wickedness **is** to a man like you,
and your righteousness **is** to a son of man.

9 From the multitude of oppressions they make a cry;
they shout from the arm of the mighty.

10 But one does not say, 'Where is God my Maker,
the one giving songs in the night,

11 the one teaching us more than the beasts of the earth,
making us wiser than the birds of the heavens?'

12 There they cry out, but he does not answer
from the face of the pride of evil **ones**.

13 Surely God does not hear vanity,
and the Almighty does not regard it.

14 How much less that you say you do not see him,
the case **is** to his face, and you are waiting for him,

15 and now that **in** his nose, he does not visit,

and he does not take much notice of transgression!

16 So Job opens his mouth **in** vain;

without knowledge, he multiplies words.”

36 ¹ And Elihu continued and said,

² “Be patient with me a little and I will show you,
for **there are** yet words to God.

³ I will carry my knowledge to from afar,
and I will attribute righteousness to my Maker.

⁴ For truly my words **will not be** false;
the complete in knowledge **is** with you.

⁵ Behold, God **is** mighty, and he does not despise;
mighty, strong in heart.

⁶ He does not keep the wicked alive,
but he gives the lowly justice.

⁷ He does not withdraw his eyes from the righteous,
but he sets them on a throne with kings forever,
and they rise high.

⁸ But if **they are** bound in chains
and they are caught in cords of affliction,

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

¹⁰ and he opens their ear to correction

and says that they shall return from iniquity.

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁶ And 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.

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

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

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

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

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

22 Behold, God causes to be high in his power.
 Who **is** a teacher like him?
23 Who has appointed his way to him?
 Or who has said, 'You have committed unrighteousness?'
24 Remember that you magnify his work,
 which men have sung.
25 Every man has looked upon it;
 man has regarded from afar.
26 Behold, God **is** great, but we do not know **him**;
 the number of his years,
 indeed, **there is** no searching.
27 For he draws up the drops of water;
 they distill **as** rain into his stream,
28 which the clouds pour down;
 they drop upon man **in** abundance.
29 Indeed, if one will understand the spread of the cloud,
 the thunder from his booth?
30 Behold, he spreads his lightning upon it,
 and he covers the roots of the sea.
31 For by them he judges the peoples;
 he gives food in abundance.
32 He covers over his hands **with** lightning
 and he enjoins upon it against the mark.
33 He declares his shout about it;
 the cattle also about the thing arising.

37 ¹ Indeed, my heart trembles at this,
 and it leaps from its place.
2 Hearing, hear the roar of his voice
 and the sound **that** comes from his mouth!
3 He lets it loose under all of the heavens,
 and his lightning to the edges of the earth.
4 A voice roars after it;
 he thunders with the voice of his majesty,
 and he does not restrain them when his voice is heard.
5 God thunders marvelously with his voice,
 doing great **things** and we do not know.
6 For he says to the snow, 'Be **on** the earth,'
 and **to** the shower of rain, **to** the shower of rains,
 'Strength!'
7 He seals the hand of every man
 for the knowing of all of men of his making.
8 And the beast goes into **its** den
 and remains in its lairs.
9 The storm comes from the chamber,
 and the cold from the north winds.
10 From the breath of God ice is made,
 and the breadth of the waters **is** in narrowness.
11 Indeed, he loads the cloud with moisture;
 he scatters the cloud of his lightning.

12 And 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.

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

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

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

16 Do 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,

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

19 Teach us what we shall say
to him;
we can not array, from the
face of darkness.

20 Shall it be recounted to him
that I would speak?
If a man spoke, that he
would be swallowed up?

21 And now, they do not look at
the bright light that **is** in the
skies
when the wind has passed
through and cleansed them.

22 Out of the north comes gold;
around God **is** awesome
majesty.

23 The Almighty, we do not find
him!
He is great **in** power,

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

24 Therefore, fear him, men.
He does not regard any of
the wise of heart."

38 ¹ And Yahweh answered
Job from the storm and said,

2 "Who **is** this, darkening
counsel
by words without
knowledge?

3 Now gird up your loins like a
man,
and I will question you and
you will inform me.

4 Where were you in my
founding of the earth?
Declare, if you know
understanding.

5 Who set its measurements? If
you know!
Or who stretched a line over
it?

6 On what were its foundations
sunk?

Or who laid its cornerstone,
7 in the singing together of the
stars of the morning,
and all the sons of God
shouted?

8 And **who** enclosed the sea
with doors
in its issuing from the womb,
when it came out,

9 in my making the cloud its
clothing
and thick darkness its
swaddling bands?

10 And I broke upon it my
boundary,
and I set a bar and doors,

11 and I said, 'Unto here you
will come, but you will not
continue,

- and here one has set for the pride of your waves.'
- 12** From your days, have you commanded the morning?
Have you caused the dawn to know its place,
- 13** for taking hold of the edges of the earth,
and the wicked are shaken from it?
- 14** It is changed like clay **under** a seal,
and they stand out like a garment.
- 15** And from the wicked, their light is withheld,
and their high arm is broken.
- 16** Have you gone to the springs of the sea?
Or have you walked around in the recesses of the deep?
- 17** Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
- 18** Have you given attention to the breadths of the earth?
Declare, if you know all of it.
- 19** Where **is** this, the way **to where** light dwells,
and darkness, where **is** this, its place,
- 20** that you would take it to its territory,
and that you would perceive the paths of its house?
- 21** You know, for you were born then,
and the number of your days **is** many!
- 22** Have you entered into the storehouses of the snow,
or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,
- 23** which I keep for a time of trouble,
- for a day of battle and war?
- 24** Where **is** this, the way **to where** the light is distributed,
the east wind scatters over the earth?
- 25** Who cut a channel for the downpour,
or a way for the lightning of the thunder,
- 26** to cause rain upon a land **where** no man **is**,
a wilderness **with** no man in it,
- 27** to satisfy the waste and the desolation,
and to cause the shoot of the grass to sprout?
- 28** Is there a father to the rain?
Or who begets the drops of dew?
- 29** From whose womb does ice come?
And the frost of the skies, who bears it?
- 30** As **under** stone, the waters hide themselves,
and the face of the deep freezes.
- 31** Will you tie the bands of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion?
- 32** Will you bring out Mazzaroth in its time?
Or will you guide the Bear with its sons?
- 33** Do you know the statutes of the skies?
If you will establish its rule over the earth?
- 34** Will you raise your voice to the cloud
and an abundance of waters will cover you?
- 35** Will you send out lightning bolts and they will go,
and they will say to you, 'Behold, us'?

36 Who has put wisdom in the clouds,
 or who has given understanding to the mist?
37 Who by wisdom will number the clouds?
 Or the water skins of the skies, who will tilt
38 in the hardening of the dust into a mass,
 and the clods stick together?
39 Will you hunt prey for a lioness
 or satisfy the life of **her** cubs
40 when they crouch in their dens,
when they lie in wait in a shelter for an ambush?
41 Who provides to the raven its food
 when its children cry out to God,
when they stagger without food?
39 ¹ Do you know the time of the bearing of the goats of the rock?
 Will you watch the fawning of the does?
² Will you number the months they will fulfill?
 Or will you know the time of their bearing?
³ They crouch down, they deliver their offspring;
 they cast forth their labor pains.
⁴ Their sons become strong, they grow up in the field;
 they go out, and they do not return to them.
⁵ Who set the wild donkey free?
 And who untied the ropes of the donkey,

6 whose house I have made the Arabah,
 and his habitations the salt land?
7 It laughs at the commotion of the city;
 the shouts of the driver it does not hear.
8 It ranges the mountains **as** its pasture,
 and it seeks after every green thing.
9 Will the wild ox consent to serve you?
 If it will lodge by your manger?
10 Will you bind a wild ox in a furrow **with** its rope?
 If it will harrow the valleys after you?
11 Will you trust in it because its strength is great?
 Will you leave your labor to it?
12 Will you depend on it, that it will bring in your seed
 and gather **it to** your threshing floor?
13 The wing of ostriches flaps vigorously.
 If **it is** a kind feather and plumage?
14 For it leaves its eggs on the earth,
 and it warms them in the dust,
15 and it forgets that a foot might crush it
 and a beast of the field might trample it.
16 It treats its sons harshly, as if not to it;
 vain **is** its labor, without fear,
17 because God has caused it to forget wisdom,
 and he has not given understanding to it.

18 As for the time it lifts itself
on high,
it laughs at the horse and at
its rider.

19 Have you given strength to
the horse?

Have you clothed its neck
with a mane?

20 Have you made it jump like
a locust?
The majesty of its snorting is
terrifying!

21 They paw in the valley, and
it rejoices in strength;
it goes out to meet the
weaponry.

22 It laughs at fear and it is not
frightened,
and it does not turn back
from the face of the sword.

23 The quiver rattles upon him,
the flashing of the spear and
the javelin.

24 With shaking and rage it
swallows the ground,
and it does not stand still
when **there is** the sound of
the horn.

25 In 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.

26 By your wisdom does the
hawk soar,
does it stretch its wings
toward the south?

27 If at your mouth the eagle
mounts up
and that its nest is high?

28 It dwells and lodges **on** a
crag,
on the peak of a crag and a
stronghold.

29 From there it seeks food;

its eyes look to from afar.

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

40 ¹ And Yahweh answered
Job and said,

2 "**Is** a reprovener to contend
with the Almighty?
The one correcting God, let
him answer it!"

3 And Job answered Yahweh
and said,

4 "Behold, I am slight; how
shall I answer you?
I put my hand over my
mouth.

5 I spoke once, but I will not
answer,
and twice, but I will not
continue."

6 And 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.

8 Would you actually annul my
judgment?
Would you condemn me so
that you may be right?

9 Or if like God an arm **is** to
you?
Or like him will you thunder
with a voice?

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

11 Scatter the outbursts of
your nose,

and look at every proud one
and bring him down.

12 Look at every proud one and
subdue him,

and trample the wicked
under them.

13 Hide them in the dust
together;

cover their faces in the
hidden **place**.

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

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

16 Now behold, its strength **is**
in his loins,
and its power **is** in the
muscles of his belly.

17 It bends its tail like a cedar;
the sinews of its thighs are
intertwined.

18 Its bones **are** tubes of
bronze;
its legs **are** like bars of iron.

19 It **is** the first of the ways of
God.
Its Maker has brought near
its sword.

20 For the hills provide food for
it,
and all of the beasts of the
field play there.

21 It lies beneath lotus trees,
in the covering of the reed
and the marsh.

22 The lotus trees cover it **with**
their shade;
the willows of the river
surround it.

23 Behold, a river will overflow,
it does not tremble;
it is confident, if the Jordan
should surge to its mouth.

24 Will one capture it with its
eyes?

Will one pierce **its** nose with
cords?

41 ¹ Will you draw out
Leviathan with a hook?

Or will you tie its tongue
with a rope?

2 Will you put a rope into its
nose,

or will you pierce its jaw
with a hook?

3 Will it multiply supplications
to you?

If it will speak tender **things**
to you?

4 Will it cut a covenant with
you?

Will you take it for a servant
forever?

5 Will you play with it as **with** a
bird?

Or will you tie it for your
girls?

6 Will partners bargain over it?
Will they divide it among
merchants?

7 Can you fill its hide with
harpoons

or its head with spears of
fish?

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

9 Behold, 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?

11 Who has anticipated me and
I shall repay?

Beneath all of the skies, it **is**
to me.

- 12** I will not keep silent **about** its limbs
or the matter of its strengths
or the beauty of its form.
- 13** Who has removed the face of its clothing?
Into the double of its bridle,
who has entered?
- 14** The doors of its face, who has opened?
Around its teeth **is** terror!
- 15** Rows of shields **are its** pride,
shut together **with** a tight seal.
- 16** One with one, they are close,
and air does not come between them.
- 17** A man with his brother, they are joined together;
they clasp themselves and they do not separate themselves.
- 18** Light flashes from its snortings,
and its eyes **are** like the eyelids of the dawn.
- 19** Flames come from its mouth;
sparks of fire leap out!
- 20** From its nostrils goes smoke like a blown pot and a reed.
- 21** Its breath kindles coals,
and a flame goes out from its mouth.
- 22** Strength lodges in its neck,
and fear leaps up to its face.
- 23** The folds of its flesh join together;
they are firm on it, they will not be moved.
- 24** Its heart is hard like stone;
yes, it is hard like a lower millstone.
- 25** At its rising, the mighty fear;

from its thrashings, they withdraw.

- 26** The sword reaching it does not stand;
the spear, the dart, the javelin.
- 27** It regards iron as straw,
bronze as rotten wood.
- 28** The son of the bow does not make it flee;
with it, the stones of the sling are turned into chaff.
- 29** Clubs are regarded as chaff,
and it laughs at the rattling of a spear.
- 30** Beneath it are points of a shard;
it spreads **like** a threshing sledge upon the mud.
- 31** It makes the deep boil like a pot;
it makes the sea like an ointment pot.
- 32** It makes a path shine behind it;
one considers the deep **to be** white-haired.
- 33** Upon the dust there is not its equal,
the one made without fear.
- 34** It sees all of the high;
it **is** king over all of the sons of pride."

42 ¹ And Job answered Yahweh and said,

- 2** "I know that you are able **to do** everything,
and no plan is withheld from you.
- 3** 'Who 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.

4 ‘Listen, now, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you
will inform me.’

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

6 Therefore I despise,
and I repent in dust and
ashes.”

7 And 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**. **8** So 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.” **9** And
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.

10 And Yahweh turned the
captivity of Job when he prayed for
his friends, and Yahweh added **to**
all that **was** to Job to double.

11 And 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. **12** And 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. **13** And it was to him
seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the
first Jemimah and the name of the
second Keziah and the name of the
third Keren-Happuch. **15** And 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. **16** And Job
lived 140 years after this, and he
saw his sons and the sons of his
sons, **to** four generations. **17** And
Job died, old and full of days.