

JOB

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Chapter 42

A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from “Yahweh” to “God” and vice versa, there is a new line.

Verses expressing false theology from the standpoint of Christian Science are underlined. **Verses in accord with C.S. theology are in bold.** Verses which are indeterminate have been left unmarked.

(Because of Microsoft software problems, verses can independently move from where they have been placed. A ` has been placed on each vacant line in order to try to stop the verses from moving so much from where they have been placed.)

1769 King James Version	1769 King James Version
<p>` ` `</p> <p>1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. 3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. 4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before theLORD, and Satan came also among them. 7 And theLORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered theLORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou</p>	<p><u>PROSE PROLOGUE</u></p> <p>Setting of the story of Job</p> <p>1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and this man was perfect and upright, and <u>feared¹ Yahweh</u> and was careful not to commit evil. 2 Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. 3 His substance was seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yokes of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so this man was the wealthiest of all the people of the east. 4 His sons feasted in their houses, each on his birthday, and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 And when the days of their feasting were finished, Job sent and sanctified them and rose up early in the morning <u>and offered burnt offerings for all of them.</u> For Job thought, <u>“It may be that my children have sinned and cursed Yahweh in their hearts.”</u> Thus Job continually offered burnt offerings for them. 6 <u>Now there was a day when the heavenly beings came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan also came among them.</u> 7 <u>And Yahweh said to Satan, “Where did you come from?”</u> Then Satan answered Yahweh, <u>“From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.”</u> 8 <u>And Yahweh said to Satan, “Have you considered</u></p>

considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

15 And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and

My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who fears Yahweh, and is careful to avoid committing evil?"

9 Then Satan answered Yahweh, "Does Job fear Yahweh for nothing?"

10 "Have You not set protection around him, around his house, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance has increased in the land.

11 "But put forth Your hand [exercise Your power] now and take away all that he has, and he will curse You to Your face [directly to You]."

12 And Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not harm his body." So Satan went forth from the presence of Yahweh.

13 And there was a day when Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house.

14 And a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them.

15 "And the Sabeans fell upon them and took them away; they have slain your servants with the edge of the sword, and I only have escaped to tell you."

16 While this messenger was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of Yahweh has fallen from heaven and has burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them. And only I have escaped to tell you."

17 While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The Chaldeans came in three bands and fell upon the camels. And they have carried them away and slain the servants with the edge of the sword, and only I have escaped to tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, another came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house.

19 "And, behold, a great wind came from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people; and they are dead. And only I have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Job arose and rent² (tore) his robe and shaved his head and fell down upon the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said, "I came naked out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return to the earth. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away; blessed is the name of Yahweh."

<p>worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.</p>	<p><u>22 In all this Job did not sin nor blame Yahweh as it was wrong to do.</u> `. `. `. `. `.</p>
<p>2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. 2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. 4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. 5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. `. 6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. `. `. `. 7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. `. `. `.</p>	<p><u>2:1 Again there was a day when the divine beings came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan also came among them to present himself before Yahweh.</u> <u>2 And Yahweh said to Satan, "From where did you come?" And Satan answered Yahweh, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."</u> <u>3 And Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who fears Yahweh and is careful not to engage in evil? And he still holds fast his integrity, although you moved Me against him to destroy him without cause."</u> <u>4 And Satan answered Yahweh, "Skin for skin, yes, all that people have they will give for their life.</u> <u>5 "But put forth Your hand [exercise Your power] now, and touch their bones and their flesh; and they will curse You to Your face [directly to You]."</u> <u>6 And Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but save his life."</u> `. <p style="text-align: center;">Sickness afflicts Job</p> <u>7 So Satan went forth from the presence of Yahweh and struck Job with sore boils from the soles of his feet to his top of his head.</u> <u>8 And Job took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself with, and he sat down among the ashes.</u> <u>9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still retain your integrity? Curse Yahweh, and die."</u> <u>10 But he said to her, "Your words are foolish. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of Yahweh, and never receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.</u> `. `. `.</p>

<p>11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.</p> <p>12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.</p> <p>13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Job's three friends come to him to sympathize and comfort him</p> <p>11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came, each from his own house: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with Job and to comfort him.</p> <p>12 And when they raised their eyes far off and did not know him, they raised their voices and wept. And each rent (tore) his robe and sprinkled dust upon his head.</p> <p>13 So they sat down with him upon the ground for seven days and seven nights, and none of them spoke a word to him; for they saw that his grief was very great.</p>
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<p>3:1 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.</p> <p>2 And Job spake, and said,</p> <p>3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.</p> <p>4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.</p> <p>5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.</p> <p>6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.</p> <p>7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.</p> <p>8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.</p> <p>9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:</p> <p>10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.</p> <p>11 Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?</p> <p>12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAIN POETICAL SECTION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Job is in deep despair</p> <p><u>3:1 After this opened Job his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.</u></p> <p><u>2 [Job speaks.]</u></p> <p><u>3 Let the day perish on which I was born and the night when it was said, "A child has been born."</u></p> <p><u>4 Let that day be darkness; let Yahweh not see it from above; nor let sunlight shine upon it.</u></p> <p><u>5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.</u></p> <p><u>6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined to the days of the year; let it not be counted in the number of the months.</u></p> <p><u>7 Let that night be empty; let no joyful voice come into it.</u></p> <p><u>8 Let those who curse, curse that day, who are ready to raise up cries of mourning.</u></p> <p><u>9 Let the stars of its twilight be dark; let it look for light but have none; do not let it see the dawning of the day.</u></p> <p><u>10 because it did not shut up my mother's womb, nor did it hide sorrow from my eyes.</u></p> <p><u>11 Why did I not die, coming from the womb? Why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the womb?</u></p> <p><u>12 Why did my mother hold me on her knees? Or</u></p>
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<p>and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. 5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. 6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways? 7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? ` 8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. 9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed. 10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken. 11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad. 12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. 13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, 14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. 15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: 16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, ` ` 17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker? 18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly: 19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth? 20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it. 21 Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.</p>	<p>5 But now sorrow has come upon you, and you faint; it touches you, and you are troubled. 6 Because of the uprightness of your ways, should you not have hope? 7 Remember, whoever perished, being innocent? Or when were the righteous cut off? ` ` Evil brings suffering to the instigator 8 I have seen that those who plow iniquity and sow wickedness reap the same. <u>9 By the blast of Yahweh they perish, and by the breath of His nostrils [His spirit] they are consumed.</u> <u>10 The roaring of the lion, the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.</u> <u>11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey, and the strong lion's cubs are scattered abroad.</u> <u>12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and my ear received a little of it.</u> <u>13 In visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on people.</u> <u>14 fear came upon me and trembling, which made all my bones shake.</u> <u>15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up.</u> <u>16 It stood still, but I could not discern its form; an image was before my eyes; there was silence; then I heard a voice, saying.</u> ` ` Mortals are flawed and born to trouble <u>17 "Shall mortals be more just than Yahweh? Shall people be purer than their Maker?"</u> <u>18 "Behold, Yahweh puts no trust in His servants; He charges even His angels with folly.</u> 19 "How much less perfect are those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed as easily as a moth? 20 "They are destroyed from morning to evening; they perish forever without anyone regarding it. 21 "Does not their excellence which is in them go away? They die without wisdom." ` `</p>
<p>5:1 Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn? ` `</p>	<p>5:1 [Eliphaz Continues.] Call now, if anyone will answer you. And to which of the righteous ones will you turn? ` `</p>

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.
 3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.
 4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.
 5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.

6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

15 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth:

Bad things happen to the foolish
2 For wrath kills the foolish person, and envy slays the silly one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking root, but suddenly their habitation is cursed.
4 Their children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate; nor is there anyone to deliver them.
5 The hungry eat up their harvest, and take it even out of the thorns; the robber swallows up their substance.

Bad things happen
6 Although affliction does not come forth from the dust, neither does trouble spring out of the ground,
7 yet mortals are born to trouble, as surely as sparks fly upward.

Seek to God, who does great things
8 I would seek to God, and to God I would commit my cause.
9 God does great and unsearchable things, marvelous things without number.
10 He gives rain upon the earth and sends water upon the fields.
11 He sets on high those who are low, and raises those who mourn to safety.

Those who try to take advantage of others will be frustrated
12 Yahweh disappoints the planning of the wicked, so that their hands cannot perform their desires.
13 Yahweh catches the clever ones in their own nets, and the counsel of the stubborn is rendered useless.
14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

Yahweh blesses the poor
15 But Yahweh saves the poor from the sword, from the mouth and from the hand of the mighty.
16 So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts its mouth.

The action of God versus the action of Yahweh
17 Behold, blessed is the person whom God

<p>therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: 18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. 19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. 20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword. 21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. 22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth. 23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. 24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin. 25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth. 26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season. 27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.</p>	<p>corrects; therefore, do not despise the chastening of the Almighty. <u>18 For Yahweh hurts, but He also heals; He wounds, but His hands make [He makes] whole.</u> 19 God will save you from six troubles; yes, in seven troubles no evil will touch you. 20 In famine He will rescue you from death, and in war from the power of the sword. 21 You will be protected from the damage of the tongue; neither will you be afraid of destruction when it comes. 22 You will laugh at destruction and famine; neither will you be afraid of the beasts of the earth. 23 For you will be in harmony with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the earth will be at peace with you. 24 And you will know that your home is in peace, and you will inspect your holdings and find nothing stolen. 25 You will also know that your descendants will be great and your offspring as numerous as the grass of the earth. 26 You will come to your grave in a full age like a shock of corn does in its season. 27 Know this; we have proven it; so it is; hear it, and know it for your good.</p>
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<p>6:1 But Job answered and said, 2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together! 3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up. 4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me. 5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder? 6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg? 7 The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat. 8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Job Replies to Eliphaz</p> <p>6:1 Job said: <u>2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed and my calamity laid in the balances together with it!</u> <u>3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore, my words are useless.</u> <u>4 For the arrows of the Almighty Yahweh have pierced me, the poison of which drinks up my spirit; the terrors of Yahweh set themselves in array against me.</u> <u>5 Does the wild donkey bray over grass? Or does the ox bellow over its fodder?</u> <u>6 Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?</u> <u>7 The things that my soul (material sense) refused to touch are now my sorrowful food.</u> <u>8 Oh, that I might have my request, and that Yahweh would grant me the thing that I long for!</u></p>
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9 Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

10 Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

11 What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

13 Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

14 To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away;

16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid:

17 What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.

19 The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.

21 For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down, and are afraid.

22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?

23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?

27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend.

28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie.

29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea,

9 Oh that it would please Yahweh to destroy me, that He would let loose His *hand* [power], and cut me off!

10 Then I would have comfort; yes, I would revel in my sorrow. Let Him not spare, but rather put me out of my misery; for I have always been an obedient servant.

11 What is left, that I should hope? And what is my end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh made of bronze?

13 Is there any help for me? And is any wisdom left in me?

14 To those who are afflicted, pity should be shown by their friends, unless they have abandoned the fear of the Almighty.

15 My companions have dealt deceitfully, like a stream. Like the water of streams, they disappear.

16 In winter they are black because of the ice, and they are hidden by the snow.

17 When times become warm, they vanish; when it is hot, they dry up.

18 Caravans get lost in the desert and perish.

19 The caravans of Tema searched; the companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were disappointed because they had hoped for an oasis; they came there and were devastated.

21 Now you have become like that; you see my casting down and are afraid.

22 Have I asked you to bring to me, or give me some of your substance,

23 or deliver me from the enemy's hand, or save me from the hand of the mighty?

Job asks to be taught his faults

24 If you can explain to me and cause me to understand how I have erred, I will hold my tongue.

25 How forcible are right words! But what does your arguing prove?

26 Do you imagine to correct my words and the speeches of one who is desperate, which are like the wind?

27 Yes, you overwhelm the fatherless, and you dig a pit for your friend.

28 Therefore now look upon me, for it would be evident to you if I were lying.

<p>return again, my righteousness is in it. 30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things? ` `</p>	<p>29 Change your thinking about me, for I am righteous. 30 Is there iniquity on my tongue? Cannot my taste discern? ` `</p>
<p>` 7:1 Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling? 2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work: ` 3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me. 4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day. 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome. 6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. 7 O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good. 8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not. ` 9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. 10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more. 11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. 12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me? 13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint; 14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions: 15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life. 16 I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity. `</p>	<p>Life can be terrible for a mortal 7:1 [Job Continues Answering Eliphaz] Is there not an appointed time to humanity upon the earth? Are not their days like the days of a hired servant? <u>2 As servants toiling in the sun earnestly desire the shadow, and as hirelings look for the reward of their work,</u> <u>3 so I have been given months of emptiness, and miserable nights.</u> <u>4 When I lie down, I wonder when I will arise and the night be gone? And I am full of tossings to and fro until the dawning of the day.</u> <u>5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken and has become loathsome.</u> <u>6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle and are spent without hope.</u> <u>7 O remember that my life is wind; my eye will no more see good.</u> <u>8 The eyes of any who have seen me will see me no more; your eyes are upon me, and soon I will be gone.</u> <u>9 As a cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so all who go down to the grave will come up no more.</u> <u>10 They will not return any more to their houses; neither will their place know them anymore.</u> <u>11 Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul (material sense).</u> <u>12 Am I a sea or a whale, that You set a watch over me?</u> <u>13 When I think that my bed will comfort me, and my couch will ease my complaint,</u> <u>14 then, Yahweh, You scare me with dreams and terrify me through visions,</u> <u>15 so that I would choose strangling and death rather than life.</u> <u>16 I loathe it; I do not want to live always; let me alone; for my days are worthless.</u> ` `</p>

<p>17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? 18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment? 19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle? 20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself? 21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yahweh controls humanity</p> <p><u>17 What is humanity, Yahweh, that You pay attention to them, and that You set Your heart (affection) upon them,</u> <u>18 and that You visit them every morning and test them every moment?</u> <u>19 How long until You depart from me, and let me alone till I swallow down my spit?</u> <u>20 I have sinned; what does that do to You, O You preserver of humanity? Why have You set me up like a target, so that I am a burden to myself?</u> <u>21 And why do You not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity? For now I will sleep in the dust, and You will seek me in the morning, but I will not be.</u></p>
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<p>8:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 2 How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind? 3 Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? 4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression; 5 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; 6 If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. 7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. 8 For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: 9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:) 10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bildad Speaks</p> <p>If Job is righteous and prays to Yahweh, Yahweh will make everything right for him, but the wicked will come to a bad end.</p> <p>8:1 Bildad said: 2 How long will you speak these things? And how long shall the words of your mouth be like a strong wind? <u>3 Does Yahweh make wrong judgments? Does the Almighty twist justice in an evil way?</u> <u>4 If your children have sinned against Yahweh, then He has cast them away for their transgression.</u></p> <p>If Job would seek God, God would bless him 5 Job, if you would seek to God now and make your supplication to the Almighty, 6 if you were pure and upright, surely now He would act for you, and make the habitation of your righteousness prosperous. 7 Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would greatly increase. <u>8 For ask, I pray you, the former age, and search the wisdom of our ancestors.</u> <u>9 for we were born only yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow.</u> <u>10 shall they not teach you, and tell you, and utter words out of their hearts?</u></p>
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<p>11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? 12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. 13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: 14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. 15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure. 16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden. 17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones. 18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee. 19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. 20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers: 21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. 22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The consequences of being without Yahweh</p> <p>11 Can the papyrus grow up without mud? Can the reed grow without water? <u>12 While it is still green, and not cut down, it withers before any other herb.</u> <u>13 So are the paths of all who forget Yahweh, And the hopes of hypocrites shall perish.</u> 14 Their hope shall be cut off, and whatever they trust shall be like a spider's web. 15 They shall feel safe in their house, but it shall not stand; they shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure. 16 They are green in the sun, and their branches shoot forth in their garden. 17 But their roots are wrapped around the stone heap, the place of stones. 18 If evil persons are destroyed from a place, then the place shall deny them, saying, "I have not seen you." 19 That is the inevitable end of their way, but out of the earth others shall grow to replace them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The results of being righteous vs. the results of being wicked</p> <p><u>20 Behold, Yahweh will not cast away a perfect person; neither will He help evil doers</u> <u>21 till He fills your mouth with laughing and your lips with rejoicing.</u> <u>22 Those who hate you shall be clothed with shame, and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nothing.</u></p>
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<p>9:1 Then Job answered and said, 2 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? 3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. 4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered? 5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Job Replies to Bildad, regarding the excellence of God and the failings of mortals</p> <p>9:1 Job said: 2 I know that it is so. But how can one be just enough to answer God? 3 If one argues with God, a person cannot answer Him one out of a thousand questions. 4 He is wise in heart [His love] and mighty in strength. Who have hardened themselves against Him and have prospered? <u>5 Yahweh removes the mountains, and they do</u></p>
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not: which overturneth them in his anger.
 6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.
 7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and seaeth up the stars.
 8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.
 9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.
 10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.
 11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
 12 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?
 13 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.
 14 How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?
 15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.
 16 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.
 17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.
 18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.
 19 If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?
 20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.
 21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.
 22 This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.
 23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.
 24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?
 25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.
 26 They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

not know it; He overturns them in His anger.
6 He shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble.
7 He commands the sun, and it does not rise; and He seals up the stars.
8 He alone spreads out the heavens and *treads upon* [controls] the waves of the sea.
9 God makes Arcturus, Orion, the Pleiades, and the stars of the south.
10 He does great things past finding out, yes, and wonders without number.
11 Behold, He goes by me, and I do not see Him; He passes on, but I do not perceive Him.
12 Behold, Yahweh takes away; who can hinder Him? Who will say to Him, "What are you doing?"
13 If He will not withdraw His anger, even the proud helpers of Rahab bow down to Him.
14 How much less can I answer Him, and choose words to reason with Him?
15 Even if I were perfect, I would not answer Him,
but I would ask for mercy from God my Judge.
16 If I had called, and He had answered me I would still not believe that He would hear my argument.
17 For Yahweh breaks me with a tempest and multiplies my wounds without cause.
18 He will not allow me to take my breath, but fills me with bitterness.
19 If I speak of strength, behold, He is strong, and if of justice, who shall set me a time to plead?
20 If I justify myself, my own mouth shall condemn me; if I say, 'I am perfect,' it shall prove me a liar.
21 Even if I were perfect, I would still be ignorant; I despise my life.
22 He destroys the perfect as well as the wicked.
23 If a disaster slays suddenly, He will laugh at the trial of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; He blindfolds the eyes of the judges of the earth. If it is not He, then who does it?
25 Now my days are swifter than a fast messenger; they flee away; they do not see any good.
26 They have passed away like the swift ships, like the eagle that hastens to the prey.
27 If I try to forget my complaint, leave my sorrow, and comfort myself,

<p>27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself: 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent. 29 If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain? 30 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; 31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. 33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both. 34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me: 35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.</p>	<p>28 I am still afraid of all my sorrows, for I know that <u>You will not hold me innocent.</u> 29 <u>If I am wicked, why then do I labor in vain?</u> 30 <u>Even if I wash myself with snow water and make my hands utterly clean,</u> 31 <u>You still might plunge me into the ditch, so that my own clothes would abhor me.</u> 32 <u>For He is not a person as I am, so that I could answer Him, and we could come to trial together.</u> 33 <u>Neither is there any referee to come between us who could judge us both.</u> 34 <u>If He would take His rod away from me, so that my fear of Him would not terrify me,</u> 35 <u>then I would speak and not fear Him, but it is not so with me.</u> ` ` `</p>
<p>10:1 My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. ` 2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me. 3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked? 4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? 5 Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days, 6 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? 7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand. 8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? 10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? 11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. 12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy</p>	<p>10:1 [Job Continues Answering Bildad.] <u>My soul (material sense) is weary of my life; I will free my tongue to complain; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul (material sense).</u> 2 <u>Yahweh, do not condemn me; show me why You contend with me.</u> 3 <u>Is it good that You should oppress, that You should despise the work of Your hands, and make your light shine upon the counsel of the wicked?</u> 4 <u>Do You have mortal eyes? Or do You see as a person sees?</u> 5 <u>Are Your days like the days of a person? Are Your years like a person's years</u> 6 <u>so that You inquire after my iniquity and search after my sin?</u> 7 <u>You know that I am not wicked. And there is no one who can save me out of Your <i>hand</i> [power].</u> 8 <u>Your hands [You] have made me and fashioned me, yet You destroy me.</u> 9 <u>Remember, I implore You, that You have made me as though from clay. And will You make me into dust again?</u> 10 <u>Have You not poured me out like milk and curdled me like cheese?</u> 11 <u>You have clothed me with skin and flesh and have given me bones and sinews.</u> 12 <u>You have granted me life and loving care, and</u></p>

<p>visitation hath preserved my spirit. 13 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee. 14 If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity. 15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction; 16 For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me. 17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me. 18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! 19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. 20 Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, 21 Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; 22 A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.</p>	<p><u>Your presence has preserved my spirit.</u> <u>13 And these things You have hidden in Your heart [self]; I know that this is with You.</u> <u>14 If I sin, then You record it, and You will not forget my iniquity.</u> <u>15 If I am wicked, woe to me; and even if I am righteous, I will still not lift up my head, for I am full of shame seeing my affliction.</u> <u>16 For it increases. You hunt me like a fierce lion, and repeatedly You show Yourself all-powerful upon me.</u> <u>17 You renew Your witnesses against me, and increase Your indignation upon me; changes and fresh armies come against me.</u> <u>18 Therefore, why did You bring me forth out of the womb? I wish that I had given up the ghost and no eye had seen me!</u> <u>19 I would have been as though I had not been; I would have been carried from the womb to the grave.</u> <u>20 Are not my days few? Cease then, and let me alone, that I may take a little comfort</u> <u>21 before I go from where I shall not return, to the land of darkness and the shadow of death,</u> <u>22 a land of darkness, like darkness itself, and of the shadow of death without any order, and where the light is like darkness.”</u></p>
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<p>、 、 、 、 、 11:1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, 2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? 3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? 4 For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. 5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee; 、 、 、</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zophar Responds to Job</p> <p style="text-align: center;">、</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mortals are lying to themselves when they think that they are righteous</p> <p>11:1 Zophar said: <u>2 Should not this multitude of words be answered? And should someone full of talk be allowed to justify himself?</u> <u>3 Should your lies make people hold their peace? And when you mock, shall no one make you ashamed?</u> <u>4 For you have said, ‘My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in Your eyes [sight].’</u> <u>5 But oh that Yahweh would speak, and open His lips [speak] against you,</u> 、 、 、</p>
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6 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.

7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

10 If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?

11 For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it?

12 For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.

13 If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;

14 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:

16 Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away:

17 And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

Mortals are evil in ways of which their limited minds are unaware

6 and that He would show you the secrets of wisdom, that your sins are double to that which is seen! Therefore, know that Yahweh exacts of you less than your iniquity deserves.

It is good to seek to live a Godly life

7 Can you by searching find out God? Can you find out the Almighty to the whole measure of His perfection?

8 It is as high as heaven. What can you do? Deeper than hell. What can you know?

9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.

10 If Yahweh cuts off, or shuts up or gathers together, then who can hinder Him?

11 For he knows the worthlessness of people: He sees all wickedness. Will He not then take note of it?

12 For the foolish wish to be wise, though they are born simple as a wild donkey's colt.

If people will not let evil dwell with them, God will greatly bless them

13 Prepare your heart, and stretch out your hands toward Him.

14 If iniquity is in your hands, put it far away and do not let wickedness dwell in your tents

15 For then you will lift up your face without spot; yes, you will be sure and will not fear,

16 because you will forget your misery and remember it like waters that pass away.

17 And your age will be brighter than the noonday; you will shine forth; you will be like the morning.

18 And you will be secure because there is hope; yes, you will look around you, and see no more threat, and you will take your rest in safety.

19 Also, you will lie down, and no one will make you afraid;

The wicked will not succeed

20 But the eyes of the wicked will fail, and they will not escape; and their hope will be like the giving up of the ghost.

<p>12:1 And Job answered and said, 2 No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. 3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these? 4 I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn. 5 He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease. 6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.</p> <p>7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:</p> <p>8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. 9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? 10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. 11 Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat? 12 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. 13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.</p> <p>14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. 15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. 16 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.</p> <p>17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Job Replies to Zophar</p> <p>12:1 Job said: 2 No doubt you think that you are the voice of the people and that wisdom will die with you. 3 But I understand as well as you; I am not inferior to you; yes, who does not know such things as these? 4 I am like one mocked by his neighbor, although I call upon God, and He answers me; the just upright person is laughed to scorn. 5 Those whose feet are slipping are despised in the thought of those who are at ease. <u>6 Robbers prosper, and those who provoke Yahweh are secure, into whose hand Yahweh brings abundance.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The greatness and goodness of God</p> <p>7 But ask the animals now, and they shall teach you, and the birds of the air, and they shall tell you. 8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you, and the fish of the sea shall declare to you. 9 Who does not know that the <i>hand</i> [action] of God has worked all this? 10 In God's <i>hand</i> [care] is the spirit of every living thing and the breath of all humanity. 11 Does not the ear test words just as the mouth tests food? 12 With the ancient is wisdom, and in length of days is understanding. 13 With Him are wisdom and strength. He has counsel and understanding.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The action of Yahweh</p> <p><u>14 Behold, Yahweh breaks down, and it cannot be built again. He shuts up someone, and there can be no opening.</u> <u>15 Behold, Yahweh withholds the water, and the earth dries up; also He sends the water out, and it overruns the earth.</u> <u>16 With Him is strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are His.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The works of Yahweh</p> <p><u>17 Yahweh leads counselors away plundered and</u></p>
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<p>maketh the judges fools. 18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. 19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. 20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. 21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty. 22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. 23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again. 24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. 25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.</p>	<p><u>makes judges fools.</u> <u>18 He loosens the bonds of kings and puts a belt around their waists.</u> <u>19 He leads princes away plundered and overthrows the mighty.</u> <u>20 He takes away the speech of the trusty and takes away the understanding of the aged.</u> <u>21 He pours contempt upon princes and weakens the strength of the mighty.</u> <u>22 He uncovers deep things out of the darkness and brings out to light the shadow of death.</u> <u>23 He increases nations, and destroys them; He enlarges nations and then crushes them.</u> <u>24 He takes away the reason of the leaders of the people of the earth and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.</u> <u>25 They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them stagger like a drunk.</u> ` `</p>
<p>13:1 Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it. ` ` ` 2 What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you. 3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. 4 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value. 5 O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom. 6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. 7 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him? 8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God? 9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him? 10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons. 11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?</p>	<p>13:1 [Job Continues Answering Zophar.] Behold, my eye has seen all this; my ear has heard and understood it. ` ` ` <p style="text-align: center;">Job wishes to reason with God</p> 2 What you know, I know also; I am not inferior to you. 3 I want to speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. 4 But you are forgers of lies; you are all physicians of no value. 5 I wish that you would be silent! That would be your best wisdom. 6 Now hear my reasoning, and listen to the pleadings of my lips. <u>7 Will you speak wickedly for Yahweh? And talk deceitfully for Him?</u> <u>8 Do you take His side? Are you actually arguing in His defense?</u> <u>9 Is it good for Him to search you out? Do you think you can deceive Him as you would some people?</u> <u>10 He will surely punish you if you secretly show partiality.</u> <u>11 Shall not His excellence make you afraid? And His dread fall upon you?</u></p>

<p>12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay. 13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will. 14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? 15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. 16 He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. 17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. 18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified. 19 Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost. 20 Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. 21 Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid. 22 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me. 23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? 25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? 26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. 27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. 28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.</p>	<p>12 Your tired old sayings are as dead as ashes, your bodies like bodies of clay. 13 Be silent; let me alone so that I may speak, and let come on me what will. 14 Therefore I accept my danger and put my life in my hand. <u>15 Though Yahweh slays me, I will trust in Him; but I will maintain my own ways before Him.</u> <u>16 He also shall be my salvation, for a hypocrite will not come before Him.</u> 17 Hear my speech and my declaration diligently with your ears. 18 Behold, now I have prepared my case; I know that I shall be justified. 19 Who will accuse me? For now, if I hold my tongue, I will give up the ghost. <u>20 Only agree not to do two things; then I will not hide myself from You.</u> <u>21 Yahweh, withdraw Your <i>hand</i> [affliction] far from me, and let not dread of You make me afraid.</u> <u>22 Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer me.</u> <u>23 How many are my iniquities and sins? Tell me my transgression and my sin.</u> <u>24 Why do You hide Your[self] <i>face</i>, and hold me as Your enemy?</u> <u>25 Will You break a leaf driven to and fro? And will You pursue dry stubble?</u> <u>26 For You write bitter things against me, and charge me with the iniquities of my youth.</u> <u>27 You also put my feet in the stocks, and closely watch all my paths; You closely examine my footprints.</u> <u>28 You consume me like a rotten thing, like a garment that is moth-eaten.</u></p>
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<p>14:1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. 2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. 3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The shortcomings of mortals</p> <p>14:1 [Job Continues Answering Zophar.] Mortals who are born of a woman are of few days and full of trouble. 2 They come forth like a flower and are cut down; they also flee like a shadow and do not survive. <u>3 Yahweh, do You <i>open your eyes</i> [look] upon such a one, and bring me into judgment with You?</u> <u>4 Who can bring a clean thing out of something</u></p>
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<p>one.</p> <p>5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;</p> <p>6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.</p> <p>7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.</p> <p>8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;</p> <p>9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.</p> <p>10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?</p> <p>11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:</p> <p>12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.</p> <p>13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!</p> <p>14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.</p> <p>、</p> <p>、</p> <p>、</p> <p>、</p> <p>15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.</p> <p>、</p> <p>16 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?</p> <p>17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.</p> <p>18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.</p> <p>19 The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.</p> <p>、</p> <p>20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.</p> <p>21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not;</p>	<p><u>unclean? No one.</u></p> <p><u>5 Mortal man's days are determined; the number of their months are with You. You have appointed their limits that they cannot pass;</u></p> <p>6 Turn from mortals so that they may rest till they shall accomplish their time like hired workers.</p> <p>7 For there is hope regarding a tree, that if it is cut down, it will sprout again, and that the tender branch of it will not cease.</p> <p>8 Though its root becomes old in the earth and its stump dies in the ground,</p> <p>9 yet through the help of water it will bud and bring forth new shoots like a plant.</p> <p>10 But mortals die, and waste away; yes, mortals give up the ghost. And where are they?</p> <p>11 As the waters fail from the sea and the flood lessens and dries up,</p> <p>12 so mortals lie down and do not rise till the heavens are no more; they will not awake nor be raised out of their sleep.</p> <p><u>13 O Yahweh, if only You would hide me in the grave, that You would let me hide until Your wrath is past, that You would appoint me a set time and resurrect me!</u></p> <p>14 If mortals die, shall they live again? All the days of my appointed time I will wait till my release comes.</p> <p>、</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Job envisions the future</p> <p>15 God, You will call, and I will answer You; You have a love for <i>the work of Your hands</i> [Your work].</p> <p>16 You will not count all my steps. You will not keep track of my sin.</p> <p>17 My transgressions will be sealed up in a bag, and You will do away with my iniquity.</p> <p>18 And surely a mountain wears down and comes to nothing, and rock is removed out of its place.</p> <p>19 The waters wear away the stones; <u>Yahweh, You wash away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth, and You destroy the hope of mortals.</u></p> <p><u>20 You prevail forever against them, and they pass away; You change their countenance and send them away.</u></p> <p><u>21 Their children achieve honor, and the parents do</u></p>
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<p>and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.</p> <p>22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.</p>	<p><u>not know it; or the children are brought low, but the parents do not perceive it.</u></p> <p>The fate of mortals</p> <p>22 But their flesh upon them shall have pain, and the soul (material sense) within each of them shall mourn.</p>
<p>15:1 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,</p> <p>2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?</p> <p>3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?</p> <p>4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.</p> <p>5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chooseth the tongue of the crafty.</p> <p>6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.</p> <p>7 Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills?</p> <p>8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?</p> <p>9 What knowest thou, that we know not? what understandest thou, which is not in us?</p> <p>10 With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father.</p> <p>11 Are the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?</p> <p>12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,</p> <p>13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth?</p> <p>14 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?</p>	<p>THE SECOND DIALOGUE</p> <p>Eliphaz Speaks</p> <p>Mortals are not wise</p> <p>15:1 Eliphaz said:</p> <p>2 Thinking yourself wise, you utter false “wisdoms;” your belly is full of the east wind.</p> <p>3 You reason with unprofitable talk, and with speeches with which you can do no good.</p> <p>4 Yes, you cast off the fear of Yahweh, and discourage prayer before Yahweh.</p> <p><u>5 For your mouth utters your iniquity, and you choose the tongue of the clever twister of words.</u></p> <p><u>6 Your own mouth condemns you, and not I; yes, your own lips testify against you.</u></p> <p>Is Job wise?</p> <p>7 Are you the first person who was born? Were you made before the hills?</p> <p>8 Do you know the secrets of God? And do only you have wisdom?</p> <p>9 What do you know that we do not know? What do you understand which is not in us?</p> <p>10 With us are both the gray-haired and very aged who are much older than your parents.</p> <p>11 Are the consolations of Yahweh nothing to you?</p> <p><u>What are you hiding?</u></p> <p><u>12 You have allowed your feelings to carry you away. And what are your eyes seeing.</u></p> <p>13 that you turn your spirit against Yahweh, and let such words go out of your mouth?</p> <p>All mortals are unrighteous</p> <p>14 Can mortals be completely pure? And can a mortal who is born of a woman be wholly righteous?</p>

15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

16 How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare;

18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it:

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

21 A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

27 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on his flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.

32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

15 Behold, Yahweh puts no trust even in His saints (righteous followers); yes, even the heavens are not pure in His sight.

16 How much more abominable and filthy are mortals, who drink iniquity like water?

17 I will show you; hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare,

18 which wise persons have been told by their parents and have not hidden it,

19 to whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20 Wicked people are tormented with pain all their days, and the number of their years is hidden to the oppressors.

21 A dreadful sound is in their ears; in their prosperity the destroyer shall come upon them.

22 They know that they will not return out of darkness, and the sword awaits them.

23 They wander abroad for bread, saying, "Where is it?" They know that their day of darkness is at hand.

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24 Trouble and anguish will make them afraid; trouble will prevail against them, like a king ready for the battle.

25 For they stretch out their hands against Yahweh, and strengthen themselves against the Almighty.

26 They try to fight against the Almighty with weapons,

27 their faces and their thighs covered with their fatness.

28 But they dwell in desolate cities and in houses which no one inhabits, which are ready to become heaps of ruin.

29 They shall not be rich; neither shall their substance continue; neither shall they prolong its perfection upon the earth.

30 They shall not depart out of darkness; flames shall dry up their branches, and as quickly as a breath they shall disappear.

31 If they trust in what is worthless, worthlessness shall be their reward.

32 Their lives will end before their time, and their branches shall no longer be green.

33 They shall shake off their unripe grapes as a grapevine does, and cast off their flowers as the

<p>34 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.</p> <p>35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.</p>	<p>olive trees do.</p> <p>34 For the congregation of hypocrites will be desolate, and fire will consume the tents where bribery dwells.</p> <p>35 They conceive mischief and bring forth what is worthless, and their belly prepares deceit.</p>
<p>16:1 Then Job answered and said, 2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all. 3 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest? 4 I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you. 5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.</p> <p>6 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased?</p> <p>7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company. 8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face. 9 He teareth me in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me. 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me. 11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked. 12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark. 13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground. 14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant. 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust. 16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Job Replies to Eliphaz</p> <p>16:1 Job said: 2 I have heard many such things; you are all miserable comforters. 3 Will these vain words have an end? What emboldens you that you answer? 4 I also could speak as you do; if you were in my place, I could heap up words against you, and shake my head at you. 5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips would intend to calm your grief. 6 Though I speak, my grief is not calmed. And though I forbear, am I eased?</p> <p><u>7 But now Yahweh has made me weary; You have made desolate all my family.</u> <u>8 And You have filled me with wrinkles, which are a witness against me; and my leanness rising up in me witnesses against me.</u> 9 Those who hate me tear me in their wrath; they gnash upon me with their teeth; my enemy's eyes glare at me. 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have struck me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me. <u>11 Yahweh has delivered me to the ungodly and turned me over to the hands of the wicked.</u> <u>12 I was at ease, but He has broken me asunder; He has also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for a target.</u> <u>13 His archers encompass me, He cuts my kidneys open and does not spare; He pours out my gall upon the ground.</u> <u>14 He breaks me with wound upon wound; He charges at me like a giant.</u> 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin and sit desolate in the dust. 16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids</p>

<p>is the shadow of death; 17 Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure. 18 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place. ` ` 19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high. 20 My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God. 21 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour! 22 When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.</p>	<p>is the shadow of death, 17 although not for any injustice in my hands: also my prayer is pure. 18 O earth, do not cover my blood or let my cry be unheard. ` ` Job longs for a better state of affairs 19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven; and my record is there. 20 My friends scorn me, but my eye looks to God for help. <u>21 O that someone might plead for a person with Yahweh, as someone pleads for a neighbor!</u> <u>22 When a few years have come and gone, then I will go the way from which I will not return.</u></p>
<p>17:1 My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me. ` 2 Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation? 3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he that will strike hands with me? 4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them. 5 He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail. 6 He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret. ` ` 7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow. 8 Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite. ` 9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. 10 But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you. 11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart. 12 They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness. 13 If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my</p>	<p>17:1 [Job Continues Answering Eliphaz.] My life is broken; my days are extinct; the grave is ready for me. 2 Are there not mockers with me? My eye continues to see their lack of compassion. 3 Make me a promise, a pledge. Who will vouch for me? 4 <u>For, Yahweh, You have hidden their heart from understanding; therefore, you shall not exalt them.</u> 5 As for those who speak flattery to their friends, the eyes of their children shall fail. 6 <u>Yahweh has made me a curse of the people, and I have become like one in whose face people spit.</u> ` ` Wise sayings 7 My eye also is dim because of sorrow, and all my members are as frail as a shadow. 8 Upright persons shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up themselves against the hypocrite. 9 The righteous shall hold on their way, and those who have pure hands shall be stronger and stronger. 10 As for you all, return, and come before me, but still I do not find one wise person among you. 11 My days are past; my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart. 12 These friends call the night day, saying that the light is near in the face of darkness. 13 If I wait, the grave is my house; I have made my</p>

<p>bed in the darkness. 14 I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister. ` 15 And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? 16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.</p>	<p>bed in the darkness. 14 I have said to corruption, "You are my father," and to the worm, "You are my mother and my sister." 15 And where is my hope now? As for my hopes, who shall see them? 16 They shall go down into the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.</p>
<p>` ` ` 18:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 2 How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak. 3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight? 4 He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place? ` ` 5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. 6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him. 7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down. 8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare. 9 The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him. 10 The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way. 11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet. 12 His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side. 13 It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength. 14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors. 15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bildad Speaks to Job</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The sorrows of a mortal</p> <p>18:1 Bildad said: 2 How long will it be before you bring your words to an end? When you cease, we will discuss. 3 Why are we considered beasts and reputed vile in your sight? 4 You who tear yourself in your anger, shall the earth be forsaken for you? And shall rocks be removed out of their place for you? ` ` Wicked mortals eventually come to a bad end 5 Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of their fire shall not shine. 6 The light shall be dark in their tents, and their lamp shall be put out. 7 Their strength shall fade, and their own plans shall bring them down. 8 For they are cast into a net by their own feet, and they walk into a snare. 9 A trap shall catch them by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against them. 10 The snare is laid for them on the ground and a trap for them on their path. 11 Terrors shall make them afraid on every side and shall drive them to flee. 12 Their strength shall be bitten by hunger, and destruction shall be ready to attack them. 13 It shall devour their skin; the firstborn of death shall devour their strength. 14 Their confidence shall be rooted out of their tent, and destruction shall bring them to the king of terrors. 15 It shall dwell in their tent because safety is not theirs; brimstone shall be scattered upon their habitation.</p>

<p>16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.</p> <p>17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.</p> <p>18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.</p> <p>19 He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.</p> <p>20 They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.</p> <p>21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.</p>	<p>16 Their roots shall be dried up in the earth, and above their branch shall be cut off.</p> <p>17 Their remembrance shall perish from the earth, and they shall have no name in the street.</p> <p>18 They shall be driven from light into darkness and chased out of the world.</p> <p>19 They shall have neither son nor daughter among their people, nor any remaining in their dwellings.</p> <p>20 Those who come after them shall be astonished at their fate, as those who went before were frightened.</p> <p>21 Surely this is the end of the wicked, and this is the fate of those who do not know God.</p>
<p>19:1 Then Job answered and said,</p> <p>2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?</p> <p>3 These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me.</p> <p>4 And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.</p> <p>5 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach:</p> <p>6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.</p> <p>7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.</p> <p>8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.</p> <p>9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.</p> <p>10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.</p> <p>11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies.</p> <p>12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.</p> <p>13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.</p> <p>14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.</p> <p>15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.</p> <p>16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Job Replies to Bildad</p> <p>19:1 Job said:</p> <p>2 How long will you vex my soul (material sense), and break me in pieces with words?</p> <p>3 These ten times you have reproached me; are you not ashamed that you make yourselves enemies to me?</p> <p>4 If I have erred, my error remains with myself.</p> <p>5 If indeed you will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach,</p> <p><u>6 know now that Yahweh has overthrown me, and has encompassed me with His net.</u></p> <p><u>7 Behold, I cry out for being wronged, but I am not heard; I cry aloud, but there is no justice.</u></p> <p><u>8 He has fenced up my way so that I cannot pass, and He has set darkness in my paths.</u></p> <p><u>9 He has stripped me of my glory and taken the crown from my head.</u></p> <p><u>10 He has destroyed me on every side, and I am gone; and He has uprooted my hope like a tree.</u></p> <p><u>11 He has kindled His wrath against me, and He counts me to Him as one of His enemies.</u></p> <p><u>12 His troops are gathered and surround me, and camp around my tent.</u></p> <p><u>13 He has put my relatives far from me, and my acquaintances are truly estranged from me.</u></p> <p>14 My relatives have failed me, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.</p> <p>15 Those who lived in my house and my female servants count me as a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.</p> <p>16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I</p>

<p>intreated him with my mouth. 17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's sake of mine own body. ` 18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. 19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me. 20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth. 21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. ` 22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? 23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! 24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! ` ` 25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. 28 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me? 29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.</p>	<p>pleaded to him with my mouth. 17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I pleaded with her for the sake of the children of my own body. 18 Yes, young children despised me; I arose, and they spoke against me. 19 All my close friends abhorred me, and those whom I loved have turned against me. 20 I am only skin and bones and my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. <u>21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, my friends; for the hand of Yahweh has touched [afflicted] me.</u> <u>22 Why do you too, persecute me as well as Yahweh, and are not satisfied with taking my flesh?</u> 23 Oh, that my words were now written! Oh, that they were printed in a book! 24 Oh, that they were engraved by an iron pen in the rock forever! ` ` One day God will be clearly seen 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He will stand [rule] at the latter day upon the earth 26 and though worms destroy this body after my skin, yet in my flesh I shall see God. 27 I shall see God for myself; my eyes [I] shall behold Him, and not another; how my heart longs within me. <u>28 You say, "How can we persecute him, seeing the root of the matter is found in him?"</u> <u>29 Be afraid of Yahweh's sword, for wrath brings the punishments of the sword, and you will know there is a judgment.</u></p>
<p>` 20:1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, 2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste. 3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer. 4 Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth, ` 5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and</p>	<p>Zophar Speaks to Job 20:1 Zophar said: 2 My thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste. 3 I have heard your words which insult me, and the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer. 4 Have you not known this for a long time, since people were placed upon the earth, ` The fate of the wicked 5 that the triumph of the wicked is short, and the</p>

the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?
 6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens,
 and his head reach unto the clouds;
 7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they
 which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be
 found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of
 the night.

9 The eye also which saw him shall see him no
 more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

10 His children shall seek to please the poor, and his
 hands shall restore their goods.

11 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which
 shall lie down with him in the dust.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth,
 though he hide it under his tongue;

13 Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it
 still within his mouth:

14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall
 of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall
 vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his
 belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's
 tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks
 of honey and butter.

18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and
 shall not swallow it down: according to his
 substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not
 rejoice therein.

19 Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken
 the poor; because he hath violently taken away an
 house which he builded not;

20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he
 shall not save of that which he desired.

21 There shall none of his meat be left; therefore
 shall no man look for his goods.

22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in
 straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon
 him.

23 When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast
 the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain it

joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

6 Though their excellence mounts up to the heavens
 and their heads reach to the clouds,

7 yet they shall perish forever like their own dung;
 those who have seen them shall say, "Where are
 they?"

8 They shall fly away like a dream and shall not be
 found; yes, they shall be chased away like a vision of
 the night.

9 The eye that saw them shall not see them any
 more; neither shall their place any more see them.

10 Their children shall seek to please the poor, and
 their hands shall restore the goods of the poor.

11 Their bones are full of the sin of their youth,
 which shall lie down with them in the dust.

12 Though wickedness is sweet in their mouth,
 though they hide it under their tongues,

13 though they do not want to let it go, nor forsake
 it, but keep it still within their mouths,

14 yet the food in their stomach will turn bitter; it is
 like the poison of asps within them.

15 They have swallowed down riches, and they will
 vomit them up again; Yahweh will make sure of it.

16 They will suck the poison of asps; the viper's bite
 will slay them.

17 They will not see the rivers, the streams flowing
 with milk and honey.

18 That which they labored for, they must give back
 and not swallow down; the restitution will be
 according to their actions, and they will not rejoice
 in it.

19 Because they have oppressed and have forsaken
 the poor and because they have violently taken
 away a house which they did not build,

20 surely they will not feel quietness in their
 stomach, they will not keep any of that which they
 desired.

21 None of their food will be left; therefore no one
 will look for their goods.

22 In the fullness of their sufficiency, suddenly they
 will be in trouble; every hand of the wicked will
 come against them.

The fury of Yahweh will come down upon them.

23 When they are about to fill their stomach,
 Yahweh will cast the fury of His wrath upon them
 and will rain it upon them while they are eating.

<p>upon him while he is eating. 24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through. 25 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors are upon him. 26 All darkness shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle. 27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. 28 The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath. 29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.</p>	<p><u>24 They will flee from the iron weapon, and the arrow of steel will strike them through.</u> <u>25 It is drawn and comes out of the body; yes, the glittering sword comes out of their body; terrors are upon them.</u> <u>26 All darkness will be hidden in their secret places; a fire not made by people will consume them; it will be terrible for those who are left in their tent.</u> <u>27 The heavens will reveal their iniquity, and the earth will rise up against them.</u> <u>28 The increase of their house will depart, and their goods will flow away in the day of Yahweh's wrath.</u> <u>29 This is the reward of the wicked from Yahweh, and the heritage appointed to them by Yahweh.</u></p>
<p>21:1 But Job answered and said, 2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations. 3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on. 4 As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled? 5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth. 6 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh. 7 Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? 8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. 9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. 10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. 11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. 12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. 13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. 14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Job Replies to Zophar</p> <p>21:1 Job said: 2 Listen to me carefully, and let this be your consolation. 3 Allow me to speak; and after I have spoken, continue your mocking. 4 Is my complaint to humanity? And if it were, why should not my spirit be troubled? 5 Look at me, and be dismayed, and lay your hand upon your mouth. 6 Even when I am reminded, I am afraid; and trembling takes hold on my flesh. <u>7 Why do the wicked live, become old, yes, are mighty in power?</u> <u>8 Their descendants are established in their sight, and their offspring before their eyes.</u> <u>9 Their houses are safe from fear; neither is the rod of Yahweh upon them.</u> 10 Their bulls mate and do not fail; their cows calve, and do not cast their calves. 11 The wicked send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. 12 They enjoy the tambourine and small harp, and rejoice at the sound of the flute. 13 They spend their days in wealth and in a moment go down to the grave.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The plight of the wicked</p> <p>14 Therefore they say to Yahweh, "Depart from us; for we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways.</p>

15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

16 Lo, their good is not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger.

18 They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

19 God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

22 Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked?

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,

30 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done?

32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your

15 "What is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit would we have, if we pray to Him?"

16 Behold, their good is not from their own doing; the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 How often is the lamp of the wicked put out? And how often does their destruction come upon them? Or does Yahweh distribute sorrows in His anger?

18 They are like stubble before the wind and like chaff that the storm carries away.

19 Yahweh lays up the iniquity of the wicked for their children; He punishes the wicked, and the wicked will know it.

20 The eyes of the wicked will see their own destruction, and they shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what pleasure have they in their house after them, when their numbered months are brought to an end?

22 Can anyone teach Yahweh knowledge, seeing that He judges those who are high up?

23 One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His body is full of milk, and His bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And another dies in the bitterness of his soul (material sense), and never eats with pleasure.

26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall eat them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts and the plans which you wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For you say, "Where is the house of the prince? And where are the dwelling places of the wicked?"

29 Have you not asked travelers? And do you not know their reports,

30 that the wicked are spared on the day of destruction? They are often safe on the day of wrath.

31 Who accuses the wicked to their faces? And who repays them for what they have done?

32 Yet they will be carried to their grave, and be in a well-guarded tomb.

33 The clods of the valley will be sweet to them, and everyone, innumerable persons, will honor them.

34 You comfort me in vain, seeing that there is falsehood in your answers.

answers there remaineth falsehood?	
<p>22:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, 2 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? 3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect? 4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? 5 Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? 6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. 7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. 8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it. 9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. 10 Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; 11 Or darkness, that thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee. 12 Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!</p> <p>13 And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? 14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.</p> <p>15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? 16 Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:</p> <p>17 Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them? 18 Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. 19 The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn. 20 Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eliphaz Speaks to Job</p> <p>22:1 Eliphaz said; 2 Can a person be profitable to God, as those who are wise may be profitable to themselves? 3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that you are righteous? Or is it gain to Him, if you make your ways perfect? 4 Will He reprove you because of fear of you? Will He enter into a lawsuit with you? 5 Is not your wickedness great? And your iniquities infinite? 6 For you have taken a pledge from your relative for nothing and stripped the naked of their clothing. 7 You have not given water to the weary to drink, and you have withheld bread from the hungry. 8 But as for the mighty, they had the earth; and the honorable persons dwelt in it. 9 You, Job, have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. 10 Therefore snares are around you, and sudden fear troubles you 11 or darkness, so that you cannot see, and many waters cover you. 12 Is not God in the height of heaven? And behold the height of the stars, how high they are! <u>13 And yet you say, "How does Yahweh know? Can He judge through the dark cloud?"</u> <u>14 "Thick clouds are a covering to Him, so that He is not able to see as He walks in [travels through] the circuit of heaven."</u> 15 Have you noted the old way which the wicked have walked? 16 They were cut down before their time, and their foundation was washed away by a flood.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The blessings of Yahweh</p> <p><u>17 They said to Yahweh, "Depart from us; and what can the Almighty do for us?"</u> <u>18 Yet He filled their houses with good things, but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.</u> 19 The righteous see it and are glad, and the innocent laugh them to scorn. 20 Although our substance is not cut down, fire</p>

<p>remnant of them the fire consumeth. \ \ \</p> <p>21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. 22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. 23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. 24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. 25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. 26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. 27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. 28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. 29 When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. 30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.</p>	<p>consumes the remnant of the wicked. \</p> <p>People are advised to humble themselves before God, and be blessed thereby</p> <p>21 Acquaint yourself now with God, and be at peace; therefore, good shall come to you. 22 You should receive the law from <i>His mouth [Him]</i>, and lay up His words in your heart. 23 If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; you will put away iniquity far from your tents. 24 Then you will lay up gold like dust, and the gold of Ophir like the stones of the streams. 25 Yes, the Almighty will be your defense, and you will have plenty of silver. 26 For then you will have your delight in the Almighty and will lift up your face to God. 27 You will make your prayer to Him, and He will hear you; and you will pay your vows. 28 You will also decree a thing, and it will be established to you; and the light will shine upon your ways. 29 When people are cast down, then you will say, "There is lifting up." And He will save the humble person. 30 He will deliver you when when you are innocent, because of the pureness of your hands.</p>
<p>\ \</p> <p>23:1 Then Job answered and said, 2 Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. 3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! 4 I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. 5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. \ \ \</p> <p>6 Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me.</p>	<p>Job Replies to Eliphaz \</p> <p>Job envisions a better relationship with God</p> <p>23:1 Job said: <u>2 Even today my complaint is bitter; Yahweh's stroke is heavier than my groaning.</u> 3 Oh, that I knew where I might find God, so that I might come even to where He is! 4 I would lay my case before Him, and fill my mouth with arguments. 5 I would like to know the words which He would answer me, and understand what He would say to me. \</p> <p>Woe to the wicked</p> <p>6 Would God overcome me with His great power? No; but He would acknowledge and</p>

<p>7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge. 8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: 9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: `</p> <p>10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. 11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. 12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.</p> <p>13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth. `</p> <p>14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him. 15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. 16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me: `</p> <p>17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.</p>	<p>hear me. 7 There the righteous might confer with Him; so I would be acquitted forever from my Judge. <u>8 Behold, I go forward, but Yahweh is not there, and backward, but I cannot perceive Him.</u> <u>9 On the left hand, He works, but I cannot behold Him; He hides himself on the right hand so that I cannot see Him.</u> `</p> <p>A right relationship with God and its rewards 10 But God knows the way that I take; when He has tried me, I will come forth like gold. 11 My foot has held His path; I have kept His way and not wandered from it. 12 Neither have I gone back from <i>the commands of His lips</i> [His commands] ; I have esteemed <i>the words of His mouth</i> [His words] more than my necessary food. 13 God is of one <i>mind</i> (Mind), and who can oppose Him? And what His <i>soul</i> (Soul) desires, that is what He does. 14 For He carries out whatever is appointed for me and has many more plans for me. <u>15 I am troubled at Yahweh's presence; when I consider, I am afraid of Him.</u> <u>16 For Yahweh makes my heart faint, and the Almighty troubles me.</u> `</p> <p>The blessings of God 17 because I did not vanish in the darkness, and no darkness covers my face.</p>
<p>24:1 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days? `</p> <p>2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof. 3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge. 4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together. 5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.</p>	<p>Job Continues Answering Eliphaz 24:1 Why, seeing events are not hidden from the Almighty, do those who know Him not see His judgment? 2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks and pasture them in their own fields. 3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox for a pledge. 4 They turn the needy off of the road; the poor of the earth hide themselves together. 5 Behold, like wild donkeys in the desert, they go forth to their work; only the wilderness yields food for them and their children. 6 They reap in fields not their own, and they gather</p>

6 They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;

11 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.

13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.

23 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon

the vintage of the wicked.

7 The wicked cause the naked to lodge without clothing, so that they have no covering in the cold.

8 The naked are wet with the showers of the mountains and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 The wicked pluck the fatherless from the breast and take children from the poor as payment for debt.

10 They cause the poor to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf of grain from the hungry,

11 who make olive oil within the walls of the wicked and tread their winepresses, and yet suffer thirst.

12 The dying groan from out of the city, and the soul (material sense) of each of the wounded cries out, yet Yahweh does not listen to their prayers.

Wickedness does not always receive justice

13 There are those who rebel against the light; they do not know its ways nor abide in its paths.

14 The murderer, rising when the light has gone, kills the poor and needy and in the night is a thief.

15 Adulterers wait for the twilight, saying, "No eye will see me," and disguise their faces.

16 In the dark, thieves rummage through houses which they had marked for themselves in the daytime; they do not like the light.

17 For the morning is to them like the shadow of death; if one knows them, they are terrified of the shadow of death.

18 Sinners are swept away by the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth; they do not see the way toward their vineyards.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters; so does the grave consume those who have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget them; the worm shall feed sweetly on them; they shall not be remembered anymore, and wickedness shall be broken like a tree.

21 A sinner badly treats the barren who does not bear and does not do good to the widow.

22 Yet Yahweh destroys the mighty with His power; Yahweh rises up, and no persons are sure of their life.

23 Though they seem to be safe and at rest, yet

<p>he resteth; yet his eyes are upon their ways. 24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn. `</p> <p>25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?</p>	<p><u>Yahweh's eyes are [sight is] upon their ways.</u> <u>24 They are exalted for a little while, but are brought low; they are taken out of the way as all others are, and cut off like the tops of the ears of grain.</u> <u>25 And if it is not so, who will prove me to be a liar and show my speech is worth nothing?</u></p>
<p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>25:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 2 Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places. 3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise? 4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? `</p> <p>5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. 6 How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?</p>	<p>Bildad Speaks to Job</p> <p>No mortal is worth much when compared to God or Yahweh</p> <p>25:1 Bildad said: <u>2 Dominion and fear are with Yahweh;</u> God makes peace in His high places. <u>3 Is there any number of Yahweh's armies?</u> And upon whom does God's light not arise? 4 How then can a mortal be justified with God? Or how can someone be pure who is born of a woman? <u>5 Yahweh covers the moon, and it does not shine; yes, the stars are not pure in His sight.</u> <u>6 How much less a mortal, who is a worm, and the child of a mortal, who is a worm?</u></p>
<p>`</p> <p>26:1 But Job answered and said, 2 How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength? `</p> <p>3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is? 4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee? 5 Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof. `</p> <p>6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering. 7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. 8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. 9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and</p>	<p>Job Answers Bildad</p> <p>26:1 Job said: 2 Bildad, how have you helped those who are without power? How have you saved an arm that has no strength? 3 How have you counseled those who have no wisdom? And how have you boldly declared the truth as it is? 4 To whom have you uttered helpful words? And whose spirit came from you? 5 Dead things tremble in the waters of the earth. `</p> <p>Mortals do not know how truly great God is</p> <p>6 Hell is naked before God, and destruction has no covering, to hide from Him. 7 He stretches out the north over an empty place and hangs the earth upon nothing. 8 He gathers up the waters in His thick clouds, and the cloud does not break open. 9 He covers the face of the moon and spreads</p>

<p>spreadeth his cloud upon it. 10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. 11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. 12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. 13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. 14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?</p>	<p>His cloud upon it. 10 He has enclosed the waters with bounds as long as there are day and night. <u>11 The pillars of the heavens tremble and are astonished at the reproof of Yahweh.</u> <u>12 He divides the sea with His power, and by His understanding Yahweh strikes down the proud.</u> 13 By His spirit God has adorned the heavens; His hand [He] has formed the crooked serpent. 14 Lo, these are glimpses of His ways: but how little is known of Him? And who can understand His power?</p>
<p>27:1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, 2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; 3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; 4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. 5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live. 7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous. 8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? 9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? 10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God? 11 I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal. 12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain? 13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Job Continues Speaking to Bildad</p> <p>Job's righteousness is very important to him 27:1 Job said: <u>2 As surely as Yahweh lives, who has taken away my right, who is the Almighty who has tormented my soul (material sense)?</u> 3 While my breath is in me and the spirit of God is in me, 4 my lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. 5 God forbid that I should justify you; till I die I will not give up my integrity. 6 I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go; my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live. <u>7 Let my enemy be like the wicked and those who rise up against me like the unrighteous.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The plight of the godless</p> <p><u>8 For what is the hope of hypocrites, though they have made gains, when Yahweh takes away their life?</u> <u>9 Will Yahweh hear their cry when trouble comes upon them?</u> 10 Will they delight themselves in the Almighty? Will they always call upon Yahweh? 11 I will teach you about the <i>hand</i> [power] of God; that which is of the Almighty, I will not conceal. 12 Behold, all you yourselves have seen it; why then is your talk altogether meaningless?</p>

<p>receive of the Almighty. 14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. `</p> <p>15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep. 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; 17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. 18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh. `</p> <p>19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not. 20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. 21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place. 22 For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand. 23 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.</p>	<p><u>13 This is what the wicked can expect from Yahweh, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive from the Almighty.</u> <u>14 If their children are multiplied, it is for the sword; and their offspring shall not have enough food.</u> <u>15 Those who remain of them shall be buried in death, and their widows shall not weep.</u> <u>16 Though they heap up silver as plentiful as dust, and obtain clothing as easily as clay,</u> <u>17 they may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.</u> <u>18 They build their houses like a moth's cocoon; and like a booth that a sentinel makes, it is soon torn down.</u> <u>19 The rich lie down with wealth, but they open their eyes, and it is no more.</u> <u>20 Terrors take hold on them like waters; a tempest steals them away in the night.</u> <u>21 The east wind carries them away, and they are gone: a storm hurls them out of their place.</u> <u>22 For Yahweh will strike them and not spare; they would like to flee out of Yahweh's <i>hand</i> [control].</u> <u>23 People shall clap their hands at them and shall hiss them out of their place.</u></p>
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INTERLUDE	
<p>` `</p> <p>28:1 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it. `</p> <p>2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone. 3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death. 4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men. 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. 6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold. 7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:</p>	<p>`</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wisdom is with God</p> <p>28:1 [Anonymous Discourse on Wisdom.] Surely there is a vein for the silver and a place where they refine gold. 2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is melted out of stones. 3 The miner illuminates the darkness and searches out all perfection: stones in the darkness, in the shadow of death. 4 The flood breaks out; it dries up and recedes. the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men. 5 As for the earth, out of it comes bread; but underneath are precious stones. 6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires, and it has dust of gold. 7 There is a path which no bird knows and which the vulture's eye has not seen.</p>

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.
 9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.
 10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.
 11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?
 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.
 14 The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.
 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.
 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.
 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?
 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.
 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.
 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.
 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;
 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.
 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:
 27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

8 The lion's whelps have not walked the path, nor has the fierce lion passed upon it.
 9 Miners put forth their hands upon the rock; they overturn the mountains by the roots.
 10 Miners cut out rivers among the rocks, and their eyes see every precious thing.
 11 They bind the floods from overflowing, and they bring forth to the light the thing that is hidden.

The sea cannot give wisdom

12 But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?
13 Mortals do not know its price; neither is it found in the land of mortals.
14 The depth says, "It is not in me." And the sea says, "It is not in me."
15 Wisdom cannot be gotten for gold; neither shall silver be weighed for the price of it.
16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx or the sapphire.
17 Gold and crystal cannot equal it, and it cannot be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of coral or pearls, for the price of wisdom is above rubies.
19 The topaz of Ethiopia doesnot equal it; neither can it be valued in pure gold.

God has wisdom

20 From where then does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding,
21 seeing it is hidden from the eyes of all living and kept hidden from the birds of the air?
22 Destruction and death say, "We have heard of its fame with our ears."
23 God understands the way of it, and He knows the place of it.
24 For He looks to the ends of the earth and sees under the heavens,
25 making the power of the winds, and He weighs the waters by measure.
26 When He made a decree for the rain and a path for the lightning of the thunder,
27 then He saw wisdom, and declared it; He prepared it and searched it out.

God tells people how they can share God's wisdom

<p>the spoil out of his teeth. 18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand. 19 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. 、 、 、 20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. 21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. 22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. 23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain. 、 24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down. 25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.</p>	<p><u>the plunder out of their teeth.</u> <u>18 Then I said, "I shall die in old age, and I shall multiply my days like the sand."</u> 19 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. 、 、 <p style="text-align: center;">Job's counsel was once respected</p> 20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. 21 To me people listened, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. 22 After my words they did not speak again, and my speech was welcome to them. 23 And they waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouths as though to receive the latter rain. 24 If I smiled on them, they were pleased; and they did not let the light of my countenance fall. 25 I decided the way they should take, and sat in authority, and dwelt like a king in the army, like one who comforts the mourners.</p>
<p>30:1 But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock. 、 2 Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished? 3 For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste. 4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat. 5 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;) 6 To dwell in the clifts of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks. 7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. 8 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth. 9 And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword. 、 10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.</p>	<p>30:1 [Job Continued Speaking:] <u>But now those who are younger than I have contempt for me, whose fathers I would have disdained to set with the dogs of my flock.</u> <u>2 Their fathers were so old and weak, they were of no use to me.</u> <u>3 They were poor and hungry and solitary, fleeing into the desolate and waste wilderness in former times.</u> <u>4 They cut up mallows by the bushes and juniper roots for their food.</u> <u>5 They were driven forth from among people as if they were thieves</u> <u>6 to dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.</u> <u>7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.</u> <u>8 They were the children of fools, yes, the children of base people; they were viler than the earth.</u> <u>9 And now they mock me in song; yes, I am cursed by them.</u> <u>10 They abhor me; they flee far from me and spit in my face.</u></p>

11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.
 12 Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.
 13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.
 14 They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.
 15 Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.
 16 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
 17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.
 18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.
 19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.
 20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.
 21 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.
 22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my substance.
 23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.
 24 Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.
 25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor?
 26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.
 27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.
 28 I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.
 29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.
 30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.
 31 My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

11 Because Yahweh has made me weak and helpless, they have loosed their fury against me.
12 Upon my right hand the youth rise up; they trip my feet, and they raise up their destruction against me.
13 They mar my path; nothing hinders them, and there is no one to stop them.
14 They attack me like a sudden flood of waters; in the desolation they charge upon me.
15 Terrors have turned upon me; they pursue my soul (material sense) like the wind, and my prosperity passes away like a cloud.
16 And now my life is pouring away; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season, and my sinews take no rest.
18 By the great force of my disease, my garment has changed; it binds me about like the collar of my coat.
19 Yahweh has cast me into the mud, and I have become like dust and ashes.
20 I cry to You, Yahweh, and You do not hear me; I stand up, and You do not regard me.
21 You have become cruel to me; with Your strong hand [power] You oppose Yourself against me.
22 You lift me up to the wind; You cause me to ride upon it and dissolve my substance.
23 I know that You will bring me to death, to the place where all the living go.
24 But surely You will not condemn one who is in ruins.
25 Did not I weep for those who were in trouble? Was not my spirit grieved for the poor?
26 When I looked for good, then evil came to me; and when I waited for light, darkness came.
27 My insides are in constant distress. I see only days of affliction before me.
28 I live mourning without the sun; I stand up and cry out in the congregation.
29 I am a brother to despised jackals and a companion to lonely owls.
30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.
31 My harp also has turned to sounds of mourning, and my flute into the voice of those who wail.

<p>31:1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?</p> <p>2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?</p> <p>3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?</p> <p>4 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?</p> <p>5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;</p> <p>6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.</p> <p>7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;</p> <p>8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.</p> <p>9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;</p> <p>10 Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.</p> <p>11 For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.</p> <p>12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.</p> <p>13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;</p> <p>14 What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?</p> <p>15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?</p> <p>16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;</p> <p>17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;</p> <p>18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my</p>	<p>Job has lived according to high moral standards</p> <p>31:1 I made a covenant with my eyes, that I would not look with lust at any young woman.</p> <p>2 For if I had done so, what portion of God would I have merited from above? And what inheritance would I have expected from the Almighty God on high?</p> <p><u>3 Is not destruction due to the wicked, and punishment to the workers of iniquity?</u></p> <p>4 Does He not see my ways, and count all my steps?</p> <p>5 If I have walked with falsehood, or if my foot has hastened to deceive others,</p> <p>6 let me be weighed in a fair balance, so that God may know my integrity.</p> <p>7 If my step has turned out of the way and my heart has followed desires of my eyes, and if any dirt has clung to my hands,</p> <p>8 then let me sow and another eat; yes, let my offspring be rooted out.</p> <p>9 If my heart has been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbor's door, planning sin,</p> <p>10 then let my wife cook for another and let others bow down upon her.</p> <p>11 For this is a heinous crime; yes, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.</p> <p>12 For it is a fire that consumes to destruction and would root out all my increase.</p> <p>13 If I have been unfair to my male servant or my female servant when they had a complaint against me,</p> <p><u>14 what then would I do when Yahweh rises up? And when He visits, what would I answer Him?</u></p> <p>15 Did not He that made me in the womb also make my servant? And did not the same One shape us in the womb?</p> <p>16 If I have withheld from the poor their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to grow sad,</p> <p>17 or have eaten a morsel of food myself alone and have not shared it with the fatherless,</p> <p>18 (for from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb),</p>
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mother's womb;)
 19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;
 20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
 21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:
 22 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.
 23 For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.
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24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence;
 25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;
 26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;
 27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:
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28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.
 29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:
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30 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.
 31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.
 32 The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the traveller.
 33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:
 34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?
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35 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book.
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36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me.
 37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.

19 if I have seen any perish, for want of clothing, or any poor without covering,
20 if he has not blessed me, being warmed by the fleece of my sheep,
21 if I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless when I knew that I could win in court,
22 then let my arm fall from my shoulder blade and my arm be broken.
23 For destruction from Yahweh was a terror to me, and because of His highness, I could not endure His judgment.
24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to fine gold, you are my security,
25 if I rejoiced because my wealth was great and because my hand had gotten much,
26 if I saw the sun when it shone, or the moon walking in brightness
27 and my heart has been secretly enticed to worship them, my mouth kissing my hand as the idolaters do,
28 this also would have been an iniquity to be punished, for I would have denied God that is above.
29 I have never rejoiced at the destruction of those who hated me, or gloated when evil found them.
30 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse on their soul.
31 People who know me say, "Whom has he not fed?"
32 I did not let a stranger sleep in the street. Rather, I opened my doors to the traveler.
33 I did not cover my transgressions as Adam did by hiding my iniquity in my bosom,
34 fearing my neighbor, or the contempt of families, so that I remained silent and did not dare go out of my door.
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Job desires a dialogue with God

35 Oh, that someone would hear me! Behold, my desire is that the Almighty would answer me, and that my adversary would write my accusation on a scroll.
36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder and bind it like a crown to me.
37 I would declare to Him every one of my actions; like a prince unafraid I would go near to

<p>38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain; 39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life: 40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.</p>	<p>Him. Job has lived according to high moral standards 38 If my land cries against me or its furrows complain, 39 If I have not eaten the fruits of the land without paying for them, or have caused the owners of the land to lose their life. 40 Then, let thistles grow instead of wheat and foul weeds instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.</p>
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<p>32:1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. 2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. 3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. 4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he. 5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. 6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion. 7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. 8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. 9 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. 10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion. 11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say. 12 Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELIHU BECOMES INVOLVED</p> <p>32:1 So these three men ceased to answer Job because he was righteous in his own eyes. 2 Then Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the relatives of Ram, was angry at Job. <u>He was angry because Job justified himself rather than Yahweh.</u> 3 Also, he was angry at Job's three friends because they had not been able to answer Job and yet had condemned Job. 4 Elihu had waited until all of them had spoken, because they were older than Elihu. 5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouths of these three men, then he expressed his anger.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elihu Speaks to Job=s Friends</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The spirit of God rather than length of days gives wisdom</p> <p>6 I am young, and you are very old; therefore, I was afraid and did not dare to show you my opinion. 7 I thought many days should speak, and a multitude of years should teach wisdom. 8 It is the spirit in man,³ the inspiration of the Almighty, that gives them understanding. 9 Great people are not always wise; neither do the aged always understand what is right. 10 Therefore, I decided to show my opinion; listen to me now. 11 Behold, I waited for the words of the three of you; I listened intently to your reasons while you sought to decide what to say. 12 Yes, I attended to you, and, behold, none of you</p>
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<p>none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words: 13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man. 14 Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches. 15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. 16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) 17 I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion. 18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me. 19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. 20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer. 21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. 22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.</p>	<p>convinced Job or answered his words. <u>13 You say wrongly, "Our wisdom tells us that Yahweh thrusts him down, not people."</u> 14 Now Job has not directed his words against me; neither will I answer him with your speeches. 15 The three were amazed; they did not answer anymore: they stopped speaking. 16 Elihu waited; they did not speak, but stood still and said nothing. \</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elihu Feels Compelled to Talk to Job</p> <p>17 Elihu continued: I will give my answer; I also will show my opinion. 18 For I am full of things to say; the spirit within me wants to speak out. 19 Behold, I am feeling as if I were full of wine which has no vent: I am ready to burst like an old wineskin. 20 I will speak so that I may find relief; I will open my lips and answer. 21 Let me not show partiality to anyone, nor give flattering titles to anyone. <u>22 For I do not know to give flattering titles. If I did, my Maker would soon take me away.</u></p>
<p>\</p> <p>\</p> <p>\</p> <p>33:1 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words. 2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth. 3 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. 4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. 5 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up. 6 Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay. \</p> <p>\</p> <p>\</p> <p>7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee. 8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elihu Speaks to Job</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elihu says he speaks to Job in support of God</p> <p>33:1 Job, I beg you to listen to all my words. 2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, and my tongue speaks. 3 My words shall come from the uprightness of my heart, and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. 4 The spirit of God has made me. The spirit of the Almighty has given me life. 5 If you can answer me, set your words in order before me; stand up. <u>6 Behold, I shall speak for Yahweh, according to your wish, even though I also am formed out of the clay.</u> \</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God is more righteous than mortals</p> <p>7 Behold, I shall not make you afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon you. 8 Surely you have spoken in my hearing, and I have</p>

have heard the voice of thy words, saying,
 9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent;
 neither is there iniquity in me.
 10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he
 counteth me for his enemy,
 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all
 my paths.
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 12 Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer
 thee, that God is greater than man.
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 13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth
 not account of any of his matters.
 14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man
 perceiveth it not.
 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep
 sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the
 bed;
 16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth
 their instruction,
 17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose,
 and hide pride from man.
 18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life
 from perishing by the sword.
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 19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and
 the multitude of his bones with strong pain:
 20 So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul
 dainty meat.
 21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be
 seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.
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 22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and
 his life to the destroyers.
 23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter,
 one among a thousand, to shew unto man his
 uprightness:
 24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver
 him from going down to the pit: I have found a
 ransom.
 25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall
 return to the days of his youth:
 26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable

heard you say,
 9 **"I am pure without transgression, I am
 innocent; nor is there iniquity in me.**
 10 "Behold, Yahweh finds occasions against me; He
 counts me as His enemy.
 11 "He puts my feet in the stocks, He hounds all my
 paths."
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The ways of God

12 Behold, in this you are not justified; I will
 answer you, that
God is greater than man.
 13 **Why do you strive against Yahweh?
 For He gives no account of any of His actions.**
 14 **For God speaks once, yes, twice; yet
 mortals do not perceive it.**
 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep
 sleep falls upon people, in slumberings upon the
 bed,
 16 then Yahweh opens the ears of people and gives
 them instruction,
 17 **so that God may turn people from their sinful
 purposes and from their pride.**
 18 **He keeps back their lives from the pit, and
 their lives from perishing by the sword.**
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The plight of mortals

19 **They may be chastened with pain upon their
 bed, their bones stricken with strong pain,**
 20 **so that they abhor food, and their souls abhor
 tasty meat.**
 21 **Their flesh is consumed away so that it
 cannot be seen, and their bones that were not
 seen stick out.**
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God will restore to people their righteousness

22 Yes, their *souls* (lives) draw near to the grave
 and to the destroyers.
 23 **If there is a messenger with them, an
 interpreter, one among a thousand to show to
 them the upright way,**
 24 **then God is gracious to them, and says,
 "Deliver them from going down to the pit: I have
 found a ransom."**
 25 **Then the person's flesh shall be fresher than
 a child's, with the healthy flesh of youth.**
 26 **The one saved will pray to God, and He will**

<p>unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.</p> <p>27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;</p> <p>28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.</p> <p>29 Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,</p> <p>30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.</p> <p>31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.</p> <p>32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.</p> <p>33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.</p>	<p>be favorable. The one saved will see God's face [nature] with joy; for God will restore to humanity their righteousness.</p> <p>God is merciful to repentant mortals</p> <p>27 God looks upon all humanity, and if any say, 'I have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it did not profit me,'</p> <p>28 He will deliver their lives from going into the pit, and their lives will see the light.</p> <p>29 Behold, God often works all these things with people</p> <p>30 to bring back their lives from the pit, so that they may be enlightened with the light of the living.</p> <p>31 Pay attention well, O Job, listen to me; hold your peace, and I will speak.</p> <p>32 If you have anything to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify you.</p> <p>33 If not, listen to me; hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom.</p>
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<p>34:1 Furthermore Elihu answered and said,</p> <p>2 Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.</p> <p>3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.</p> <p>4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.</p> <p>5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.</p> <p>6 Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.</p> <p>7 What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?</p> <p>8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.</p> <p>9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.</p> <p>10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do</p>	<p>Elihu Speaks to Job's Three Friends</p> <p>Wise people are asked to consider Job's claim</p> <p>34:1 Elihu said:</p> <p>2 Hear my words, you wise people; and listen to me, you who have knowledge.</p> <p>3 For the ear tries words, as the mouth tastes food.</p> <p>4 Let us choose what is right; let us agree among ourselves what is good.</p> <p>5 For Job has said, "I am righteous, and Yahweh has taken away my justice.</p> <p>6 "Should I lie against the truth?</p> <p>My wound is incurable, but without transgression."</p> <p>7 Who is like Job, who drinks up scorning like water,</p> <p>8 who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and walks with wicked people?</p> <p>9 For he has said, "It does not profit people to delight themselves with Yahweh."</p> <p>The righteous ways of God</p> <p>10 Therefore listen to me, you people of understanding;</p>
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wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?

14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?

19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;

27 Because they turned back from him, and would

far be it from God, that He should act wickedly, and from the Almighty, that He should commit iniquity.

11 For He gives every person what their work merits,

and repays everyone according to *their ways* (His grace).

12 Yes, surely God will not act wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert justice.

The power of the Creator

13 Who has given Him a charge over the earth, or who has disposed the whole world?

14 If Yahweh sets His heart upon man, if He gather to Himself His spirit and His breath,

15 All flesh shall perish together, and humanity would turn again to dust.

16 If now you have understanding, hear this: listen to the voice of my words.

17 Shall one that hates right govern? And will you condemn Him that is most just?

18 Is it fit to say to a king, "You are wicked?" And to leaders, "You are ungodly?"

God oversees this world

19 How much less to Him that shows no partiality to leaders, nor regards the rich more than the poor? For they all are the work of His *hands* [power].

20 In a moment they die, and people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away, and the mighty shall be taken away, but not by a human hand.

21 For His eyes *are* [sight is] upon the ways of humanity, and He sees all that people do.

22 There is no darkness nor shadow of death where workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 He will not lay upon anyone more than right, lest that person should enter into judgment with God.

24 Yahweh will break in pieces mighty people without number, and set others in their place.

25 He knows their works, and He overturns them in the night so that they are destroyed.

26 He strikes wicked mortals in the open sight of others,

27 because they turned back from Him and would

<p>not consider any of his ways: 28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted. 29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only: 30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared. `</p> <p>31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: 32 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. 33 Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest. 34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me. 35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom. 36 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men. 37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.</p>	<p><u>not consider any of His ways</u> 28 so that they caused the cry of the poor to come to Him, and He heard the cry of the afflicted. 29 When He gives quietness, who then can make trouble? 30 Let the hypocrite not reign, lest the people be ensnared. `</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The need to repent</p> <p>31 Surely it is right to say to God, "I have borne chastisement, I will not offend anymore. 32 "That which I do not see, teach me; if I have been guilty of iniquity, I will not do it anymore." 33 Should it be according to your mind? He will recompense it, whether you refuse, or whether you choose, and not I; therefore, speak what you know. 34 Let people of understanding tell me, and let a wise person listen to me. 35 Job has spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom. 36 My desire is that Job may be tried to the end because his answers are those of the wicked. <u>37 For he adds rebellion to his sin: he claps his hands among us and multiplies his words against Yahweh.</u></p>
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<p>8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.</p> <p>9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.</p> <p>10 But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;</p> <p>11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?</p> <p>12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.</p> <p>13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.</p> <p>14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust thou in him.</p> <p>15 But now, because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth it not in great extremity:</p> <p>16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.</p>	<p>yourself, but your righteousness may profit someone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miscellaneous statements</p> <p>9 A multitude of oppressions make the oppressed to cry out; the oppressed cry out because of the strength of the mighty.</p> <p>10 But none says, "Where is God my Maker who gives songs in the night,</p> <p>11 "who teaches us more than the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?"</p> <p>12 There they cry out, but no one gives an answer because of the pride of evil persons.</p> <p>13 Surely God will not hear foolishness, neither will the Almighty regard it,</p> <p>14 so when you say you cannot see Him, still the case is before Him; therefore, trust in Him.</p> <p><u>15 Job, you are wrong; Yahweh has shown anger against wickedness; you do not see the truth.</u></p> <p>16 Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain; he multiplies words without knowledge.</p>
<p>36:1 Elihu also proceeded, and said,</p> <p>2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.</p> <p>3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.</p> <p>4 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.</p> <p>5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.</p> <p>6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.</p> <p>7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.</p> <p>8 And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;</p> <p>9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.</p> <p>10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elihu Continues Speaking to Job</p> <p>God is righteous, good, great, just and eternal</p> <p>36:1 Elihu said:</p> <p>2 Allow me a little more time, and I will show you that I have more to speak on God's behalf.</p> <p>3 I will acquire my knowledge from far and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.</p> <p>4 For truly my words shall not be false; you shall now hear from one perfect in knowledge.</p> <p>5 Behold, God is mighty and does not despise anyone; He is mighty in strength and wisdom.</p> <p><u>6 Yahweh does not preserve the life of the wicked, but gives justice to the poor.</u></p> <p><u>7 He does not withdraw His eyes [sight] from the righteous; He places kings on the throne; yes, He establishes them forever, and they are exalted.</u></p> <p><u>8 And if they are bound in fetters and are held in chains of affliction,</u></p> <p><u>9 then He shows them their deeds and their transgressions that they have committed.</u></p> <p><u>10 He also opens their ears to discipline and requests that they return from iniquity.</u></p>

11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.

14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

15 He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness.

17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold on thee.

18 Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

19 Will he esteem thy riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?

23 Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.

25 Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.

26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

28 Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.

29 Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.

31 For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.

11 If they obey and serve Yahweh, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they do not obey, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath; they do not cry out when Yahweh binds them.

14 They die in their youth, and their life is among the impure.

15 He delivers the poor from their affliction and opens their ears to hear Him in their oppression.

16 Even so He would have removed you out of the difficult and narrow into an easy and broad place, where there is no trouble; and that which would be set on your table would be plentiful.

17 But you have received the judgment of the wicked; judgment and justice will take hold on you.

18 Because there is wrath, beware lest Yahweh take you away with His stroke; then a great ransom cannot deliver you.

19 Will He esteem your riches? No, not gold nor all the force of your strength.

20 Do not desire the night when people hide in the dark.

21 Take heed, do not consider iniquity; for this you have chosen rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God exalts by His power. Who teaches as He does?

23 Who has prescribed Him His way? Or who can say to Him, "You have worked iniquity?"

24 Remember to magnify His work, of which all have sung.

25 Everyone may see it; a person may see it far off.

26 Behold, God is great, and mortals cannot know Him; neither can the number of His years be searched out by mortals.

27 For He makes the drops of water small; they pour down rain according to their vapor.

28 The clouds drop and distill rain upon people abundantly.

29 Also, can any understand the spreading of the clouds or the thunder from His heavens?

30 Behold, He spreads His light upon them and understands the depths of the sea.

31 For by them He governs the people; He gives food in abundance.

<p>32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt. 33 The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.</p>	<p><u>32 With clouds Yahweh covers the light and commands the light not to shine by the cloud that comes between the light and the earth.</u> 33 His thunder announces the coming storm; the cattle sense its coming.</p>
<p>37:1 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place. 2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth. 3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. 4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard. 5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. 6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. 7 He sealet up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work. 8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places. 9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north. 10 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened. 11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud: 12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. 13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy. 14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. 15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine? 16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elihu Continues Speaking to Job</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God deserves great praise from mortals</p> <p>37:1 At this my heart trembles and is moved out of its place. 2 Hear attentively the sound of His voice, the sound that goes out of His mouth [from Him]. 3 He directs it under the whole of the heavens and His lightning to the ends of the earth. 4 After it a voice roars: He thunders with the voice of His excellence, and He does not restrain His voice. 5 God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does mighty things which we cannot comprehend. 6 For He says to the snow, "Be on the earth," likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain, through His strength. 7 These works affect all beings, so that all may know His work. 8 Then the animals go into their dens and remain in their places. 9 Out of the south comes the whirlwind, and cold out of the north. 10 By the <i>breath</i> [spirit] of God, frost is given; and water is turned to ice. 11 Also by watering He depletes the thick cloud; He scatters His bright clouds. 12 Then by His decision He reverses the weather, and all these do whatever He commands them upon the face of the earth. <u>13 Yahweh causes every change to come, whether for punishment, or for His land, or for mercy.</u> 14 Listen to this, O Job; stand still and consider the wondrous works of God. 15 Do you know when God gave each command and caused the light of His cloud to shine? 16 Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the</p>

<p>knowledge? 17 How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind? `</p> <p>18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass? 19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness. 20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up. `</p> <p>21 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them. 22 Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty. 23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict. 24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart.</p>	<p>wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge? 17 Do you comprehend how your garments are warm when He quiets the earth by the south wind? 18 Have you with Him spread out the broad sky like a cast bronze looking glass? 19 Teach us what we shall say to Him, for we cannot order our speech because of darkness. 20 Shall it be told Him that I speak? <u>If anyone speaks, surely the person will be swallowed up.</u> 21 And now the bright light which is in the clouds cannot be seen, but the wind passes and cleanses the clouds away. 22 Fair weather comes out of the north; with God is glorious majesty. 23 Regarding the Almighty, mortals cannot find Him out; He is excellent in power, in justice, and in plenty of righteousness; He will not afflict. 24 Therefore people respect the power of Him; He does not respect any who claim to be wise of heart.</p>
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<p>` `</p> <p>38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, 2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? `</p> <p>6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GOD SPEAKS TO JOB</p> <p>`</p> <p>God says that God is eternal, and speaks of God's greatness as Creator and Ruler of the universe 38:1 Then God answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: 2 Who is this who darkens understanding by words without knowledge? 3 Gather your courage and face Me now; for I will demand answers from you, and you are to answer Me. 4 Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if you have understanding. 5 Who decided the measurement of the earth if you know? Or who stretched the measuring line upon it? 6 On what are the foundations of the earth fastened? Or who laid the cornerstone of the earth, 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 8 Or who controlled the sea when it broke forth</p>
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thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,
 10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,
 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?
 12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;
 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?
 14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.
 15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.
 16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?
 17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?
 18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.
 19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,
 20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?
 21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?
 22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
 23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?
 24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?
 25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;
 26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
 27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
 28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
 29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?
 30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.
 31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

as if it had issued out of the womb,
9 when I made the cloud its garment and thick darkness a swaddling band for it,
10 and broke up My decreed place for it and set bars and doors,
11 and said, "To here shall you come but no further, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"
12 Have you ever commanded the morning in your life, causing the dayspring to know its place,
13 so that it might take hold of the ends of the earth
so that the wicked might be shaken out of it?
 14 The earth is shaped like clay by a seal, the hills like folds of a garment.
15 And light is withheld from the wicked, and the proud arm shall be broken.
16 Have you entered into the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths?
 17 Have the gates of death been opened to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?
18 Have you perceived the breadth of the earth? Declare if you know it all.
19 What road leads to where light dwells? And as for darkness, where is the place of it,
20 that you should find out its boundaries, and that you should know the paths to its house?
21 How do you know? Were you born then, or because the number of your days is great?
22 Have you entered into the treasures of the snow? Or have you seen the treasures of the hail,
23 which I Yahweh have reserved for a time of trouble, or for the day of battle and war?
24 What is the way to the place where the lightning begins, which scatters the east wind upon the earth?
25 Who has divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a path for the lightning of thunder,
26 causing it to rain on the earth where no one is, on the wilderness where no one lives,
27 satisfying the desolate and waste ground and causing the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
28 Has the rain a father? Or who has fathered

<p>32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? 33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? 34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? 35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are? 36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? , 37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, 38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? 39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, 40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? 41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat. , , , , , , , , , ,</p>	<p>the drops of dew? 29 Out of whose womb came the ice? And who has engendered the hoary frost of the heavens? 30 The waters are hidden under ice as solid as a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. 31 Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? 32 Can you bring forth constellations in their seasons? Or can you guide Arcturus with his sons? 33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set their dominion on the earth? 34 Can you lift up your voice to the clouds so that an abundance of water may cover you? 35 Can you direct lightning so that they appear and say to you, "Here we are"? 36 Who has put wisdom in humanities' inward parts? Or who has given understanding to the heart? 37 Who can count the clouds? Or who can withhold the clouds of the heavens from pouring rain, 38 causing the dust to become hard and the clods to stick fast together? 39 Will you hunt the prey for the lion? Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions 40 when they couch in their dens, and lie in wait in their lair? 41 Who provides for the ravens' food when their young ones cry out to God, wandering about, hungry?</p>
<p>, 39:1 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve? 2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth? 3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows. 4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them. 5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass? 6 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">God Continued Speaking to Job 39:1 Do you know the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth their young? Or can you predict when the wild deer calve? 2 Can you number the months that they fulfill? Or do you know the time when they bring forth? 3 They bow themselves; they bring forth their young ones; they cast out their sorrows. 4 Their young ones are strong; they grow nourished by grain; they go forth and do not return. 5 Who has set the wild donkeys free, or who has released the wild donkeys, 6 for whose home I have made the wilderness,</p>

7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the driver.
 8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.
 9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?
 10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
 11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?
 12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?
 13 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
 14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,
 15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.
 16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear;
 17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
 18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.
 19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?
 20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible.
 21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.
 22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.
 23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.
 24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.
 25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
 26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?
 27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?
 28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

and the barren land their dwelling.
7 They scorn the crowds of the city; they do not have to obey the voice of a driver.
8 The range of the mountains is their pasture, and they search after every green thing.
9 Will the wild ox be willing to serve you, or stay at night in your stable?
10 Can you harness the wild ox to work in your furrow? Or will he plow the valleys for you?
11 Will you trust him? His strength is great. Or will you trust your labor to him?
12 Will you believe him, that he will bring home your grain and gather it into your barn?
13 Did you give the colorful wings to the peacocks, or wings and feathers to the ostrich?
14 The ostrich leaves her eggs in the earth and warms them in the dust
15 and forgets that her foot may crush them or that the wild beast may break them.
16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers; though her labor might be in vain, she is without fear,
17 because Yahweh has deprived her of wisdom; neither has He imparted to her understanding.
18 When she spreads her wings and runs, she scorns the horse and its rider.
 19 Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder?
 20 Can you make him leap like a grasshopper? His nostrils snort loudly with joy.
 21 He paws in the valley and rejoices in his strength; he charges toward the armed warriors.
 22 He laughs at fear and is not frightened; neither does he turn back from the sword.
 23 The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and the shield.
 24 He swallows the ground with fierceness and rage; he cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
 25 He says at the sound of the trumpets, "Ha, ha." And he smells the battle far off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
26 Does the hawk fly by your wisdom and stretch its wings toward the south?
27 Does the eagle mount up at your command and make its nest on high?
28 The eagle dwells and stays on the rock, upon

<p>faces in secret. 14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee. 15 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. 16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. 17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. 18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. 19 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him. 20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play. 21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. 22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. 23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth. 24 He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.</p>	<p><u>14 Then I Yahweh will agree with you that your own right hand can save you.</u> 15 Regard the greatest beast now, which I made just as I made you; it eats grass like an ox. 16 Behold now, its strength is in its loins, and its force is in its belly. 17 It moves its tail like a cedar tree; the sinews of its muscles are wrapped together. 18 Its bones are like strong pieces of bronze; its bones are like bars of iron. 19 It is the greatest of the creatures of God; only He that made it can control it. 20 Surely the mountains bring it food, where all the beasts of the field play. 21 It lies under the shady trees, shaded among the reeds in the marsh. 22 The shady trees cover it with their shadow; the willows of the stream surround it. 23 Behold, it drinks up a river and does not hurry; it trusts that it can draw up the Jordan River into its mouth. 24 Can anyone capture it by piercing its eyes or nose?</p>
<p>41:1 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? 2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? 3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee? 4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever? 5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? 6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants? 7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? 8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. 9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? 10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yahweh Speaks to Job</p> <p>41:1: Can you draw out the leviathan with a hook, or its tongue with a cord which you let down? 2 Can you place a hook into its nose? Or can you put a hook into its jaw? 3 Will it beg for mercy from you? Will you make it tame? 4 Will it make a covenant with you? Will you take it as a servant forever? 5 Will you play with it as with a bird? Or will you cage it for your female servants? 6 Shall your companions make a banquet of it? Shall they split it among the merchants? 7 Can you fill its skin with barbed irons or its head with fish spears? 8 If you lay your hand upon it, you will remember the battle and do it no more. 9 Behold, the hope of capturing it is disappointed; one gives up at the very sight of the leviathan. 10 No one is so fierce as to dare stir Leviathans up. Who then is able to stand before Me?</p>

is able to stand before me?

11 Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about.

15 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

30 Sharp stones are under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary.

11 Who charges Me, so that I need to repay them? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.

12 I will not fail to mention Leviathan's parts, nor its power, nor its beautiful proportions.

13 Who can remove its garment? Or who can put a bridle on it?

14 Who can open the doors of its face? Its teeth are terrifying.

15 Its scales are its pride, in rows together like a closed seal.

16 One scale is so near to another that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another; they stick together so that they cannot be separated.

18 When it sneezes, a light shines; and its eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of its mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of its nostrils goes smoke, as out of a seething pot or cauldron.

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

22 In its neck is strength, and terror goes before it.

23 Its scales are joined together; they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 Its heart is as firm as a stone; yes, as hard as a piece of the lower millstone.

25 When Leviathans rise up, even the most mighty are afraid and run away.

26 The swords of those who strike at it are useless, as are the spear, the dart, and the javelin.

27 It considers iron as weak as straw, and bronze as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make it flee; slung stones are no more useful than stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble; it laughs at the shaking of a spear.

30 Its belly has scales like jagged pottery shards, which tear the ground as it crawls across the mud.

31 It makes the deep boil like a pot; it makes the sea bubble like a pot of boiling ointment.

32 Leviathans make a path to shine after them, a trail of white foam.

33 Upon earth there is nothing like Leviathan, who is made without fear.

34 It is over all great beings; it is king over all the

<p>with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.</p> <p>9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.</p> <p>10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.</p> <p>11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.</p> <p>12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.</p> <p>13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.</p> <p>14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.</p> <p>15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.</p> <p>16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.</p> <p>17 So Job died, being old and full of days.</p>	<p><u>you, and I will accept his prayer not to deal with you as your folly deserves, in that you have not spoken about Me what is right as My servant Job has.”</u></p> <p><u>9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as Yahweh commanded them, and Yahweh accepted Job’s prayer.</u></p> <p>10 And God overturns the affliction of Job when he prayed for his friends; also Yahweh gave Job twice as much as he had before.</p> <p><u>11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances came to Job and feasted with him in his house. And they sympathized with him and comforted him over all the evil that Yahweh had brought upon him. Each one also gave him a piece of money and an earring of gold.</u></p> <p><u>12 So Yahweh blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning. For he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand female donkeys.</u></p> <p>13 Job also had seven sons and three daughters.</p> <p>14 And he called his first daughter, Jemima (dove), the name of the second, Kezia (cinnamon), and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch (eye make-up container).</p> <p>15 And in all the land, there were no women as beautiful as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritances among their brothers.</p> <p>16 After this Job lived one hundred forty years, and saw his children, and his grandchildren, even four generations.</p> <p>17 Then Job passed on, being old and full of days.</p>
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¹ 1:1 The Israelites believed that “fear” of Yahweh was good. The “Fear” of Yahweh acknowledged the existence and power of Yahweh. It acknowledged that the righteous wrath of Yahweh could cause suffering and death. “Fear” involved reverence for Yahweh and a desire to be obedient to Yahweh. “Fear” of Yahweh motivated persons to obey the 613 ritualistic rules of right behavior in the Hebrew religion.

² 1:20 People would rend something when they were in emotional distress.

³ 32:8 “Man” may be considered here to be made in the image and likeness of God, pure and perfect, both male and female.