

JOB

CHAPTER 1

There was a certain man in the land of Ausitis, whose name was Job; and that man was true, blameless, righteous, and Godfearing, and he abstained from every thing evil. ²And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. ³His cattle also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses at pasture, and a very great ministry, and he had a great husbandry on the earth; and this man was most noble among the men of the east. ⁴And his sons prepared a banquet to each other every one his day, taking with them also their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵And when the days of the feasting were gone about, Job sent and purified them, having risen early in the morning; and offered sacrifices for them according to the number of them, and one calf for a sin offering for their souls: for Job said, Lest peradventure my sons have thought evil in their minds against God. Thus then did Job continually. ⁶And it came to pass on a day, that, behold, the angels of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and the devil came with them. ⁷And the Lord said unto the devil, Whence art thou come? And the devil answered the Lord, and said, I am come from compassing the world, and from walking round about under heaven. ⁸And the Lord said unto him, Hast thou diligently considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a man blameless and true, godly, and abstaining from every thing evil? ⁹Then the devil answered, and said before the Lord, Doth Job worship the Lord for nought? ¹⁰Hast Thou not made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the works of his hands, and multiplied his cattle in the land? ¹¹But put forth Thine hand, and touch all that he hath: verily, he will bless Thee to Thy face. ¹²Then the Lord said unto the devil, Behold, I do give into thine hand all that he hath; but touch not himself. And the devil went forth from the presence of the Lord. ¹³And it came to pass on a certain day, that Job's sons and his daughters were drinking wine in their elder brother's house. ¹⁴And, behold, there came a messenger unto Job, and said unto him, The yokes of oxen were plowing, and the she asses were feeding near them: ¹⁵and the spoilers came and took them for a prey, and slew the servants with the sword; and I only am escaped, and am come to tell thee. ¹⁶While he was yet speaking, there came another messenger, and said unto Job, Fire is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and consumed the shepherds likewise; and I only am escaped, and am come to tell thee. ¹⁷While he was yet speaking, there came another messenger, and said unto Job, The horsemen formed three companies against us, and compassed the camels, and took them for a prey, and slew the servants with the sword; and I only am escaped, and am come to tell thee. ¹⁸While he is yet speaking, another messenger cometh, saying unto Job, While

thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking with their elder brother,¹⁹ on a sudden there came a great wind from the wilderness, and touched the four corners of the house, and the house fell upon thy children, and they are dead; and I only am escaped, and am come to tell thee. ²⁰So Job arose, and rent his garments, and shaved the hair of his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, ²¹and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away: as seemed it good unto the Lord, so is it come to pass; blessed be the name of the Lord. ²²In all these things that befel him Job sinned not at all before the Lord, and charged not God with foolishness.

CHAPTER 2

And it came to pass on a certain day, that the angels of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and the devil came also among them to stand before the Lord. ²And the Lord said unto the devil, From whence comest thou? Then the devil said before the Lord, I am come from going through the world under heaven, and from walking the whole earth round about. ³And the Lord said unto the devil, Hast thou then considered My servant Job, that there is none of men like him in the earth, an harmless, and true, and godly man, abstaining from all evil? and he yet holdeth fast to innocency, although thou toldst Me to destroy his substance without cause. ⁴And the devil answered the Lord and said, Skin for skin, all whatsoever a man hath will he give to pay for his life. ⁵Nay, but put forth Thine hand, and touch his bones and his flesh; and he will bless Thee to Thy face. ⁶And the Lord said unto the devil, Behold, I do deliver him up to thee; only spare his life.

⁷So the devil went out from the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from his feet to his head. ⁸And he took him a potsherd to scrape away the discharge withal; and he sat down upon the dunghill without the city. ⁹And when much time had passed, his wife said unto him, How long wilt thou persevere, saying, ^{9a}Behold, I wait yet a little while, expecting the hope of my deliverance? ^{9b}for, behold, thy memorial is abolished from the earth, even thy sons and thy daughters, the pangs and pains of my womb, which I bare in vain with sorrows; ^{9c}and thou thyself sittest down to pass the nights in the open air among the corruption of worms; ^{9d}and I am a wanderer and a servant from place to place and house to house, awaiting the going down of the sun, that I may rest from my travails and my pangs which now beset me: but say some word against the Lord, and die. ¹⁰But he looked on her, and said unto her, Thou hast spoken as one of the foolish women. If we have received good things of the hand of the Lord, shall we not endure evil things? In all these things that happened unto him, did not Job sin at all with his lips before God. ¹¹Now when his three friends heard of all the evil that was come upon him, they came unto him each one from his own country: Eliphaz the king of the Temanites, Bildad the tyrant of the Shuhites, and Zophar the king of the

Naamathites: and they came unto him of one accord, to comfort and to visit him. ¹²And when they saw him from afar off they knew him not; and they cried with a loud voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads; ¹³and they sat down beside him seven days and seven nights, and none of them spake; for they saw that *his* affliction was dire and very great.

CHAPTER 3

After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day, ²saying, ³Let the day perish wherein I was born, and that night in which they said, Behold a man child. ⁴Let that night be darkness, and let not God regard it from above, neither let the light come upon it. ⁵But let darkness and the shadow of death seize it; let blackness come upon it; and let that day ⁶and that night be cursed, let darkness carry it away; let it not come into the days of the year, neither let it be numbered with the days of the months. ⁷But let that night be pain, and let no gladness come upon it, neither joy. ⁸But let him that curseth that day curse it, even he that is ready to subdue the great sea monster. ⁹Let the stars of that night be darkened; let it remain dark, and not come into light; and let it not see the morning star arise: ¹⁰because it shut not up the gates of my mother's womb, for it would have put away sorrow from mine eyes. ¹¹For why died I not in the womb? and why came I not forth from the belly, and perish at once? ¹²And why did the knees receive me? and why did I suck the breasts? ¹³Now should I have lain down and been quiet, I should have slept and been at rest, ¹⁴with kings and councillors of the earth, which were insolent with their swords; ¹⁵or with princes, who had gold in abundance, who filled their houses with silver: ¹⁶or I would have been as an untimely birth, which proceedeth from his mother's womb; or as infants which never saw the light. ¹⁷There the ungodly have burnt out the fury of rage; there they that were wearied in body are at rest. ¹⁸And the men of old time have together ceased to hear the voice of the exactor. ¹⁹The small and great are there; the servant also that feared his lord. ²⁰For wherefore is light given to them that are in bitterness, and life unto the souls that are in pain; ²¹which long for death, and obtain it not, and dig *for it* as *for* treasures; ²²which were exceeding joyful if they gain it? ²³Death is rest unto such a man, for God hath hedged him in. ²⁴For sighing cometh before my meat; and I weep, and am beset with terror. ²⁵For the fear which I thought upon is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of hath befallen me. ²⁶I was not at peace, nor quiet, neither had I rest; yet wrath came upon me.

CHAPTER 4

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, ²Hast thou oft been spoken to in distress? but who shall endure the force of thy words? ³For though thou hast instructed many, and hast strengthened the hands of the

weak, ⁴and with thy words hast upholden him that was failing, and gave courage unto feeble knees; ⁵yet now pain is come upon thee, and hath touched thee, and thou art troubled. ⁶Is not thy fear in foolishness, thy hope also, and the evil of thy ways? ⁷Remember then who hath perished, being pure? or when were the true of heart cut off? ⁸even according as I have seen men plowing barren places; and they that sow them will reap sorrows for themselves. ⁹By the commandment of the Lord shall they perish, and by the breath of His wrath shall they be utterly destroyed. ¹⁰The strength of the lion, and the voice of the lioness, and the exulting cry of dragons, are extinguished. ¹¹The ant-lion hath perished for lack of meat, and the lions' whelps have forsaken one another. ¹²But had there been any truth in thy words, none of these evils would have befallen thee. Shall not mine ear receive marvellous things from Him? ¹³But as terror falleth upon men, with dread, and a sound in the night, ¹⁴horror and trembling seized upon me, and made all my bones greatly to shake. ¹⁵And a spirit came before my face; and my hair and flesh quivered. ¹⁶I arose, and perceived it not: I looked, and there was no form before mine eyes: but I heard a voice, saying, ¹⁷What, shall mortal man be pure before the Lord, or shall a man be blameless in his works? ¹⁸Seeing He putteth no trust in His servants, and observeth perverseness in His angels. ¹⁹But as for them that dwell in houses of clay, of whom we also are fashioned of the same clay, He smiteth them as a moth. ²⁰And from morning to evening they exist no more: they have perished, because they are not able to help themselves. ²¹For He bloweth upon them, and they are withered: they have perished for lack of wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

But call, if there be any one that will hearken unto thee; or if thou shalt see any of the holy angels. ²For wrath destroyeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth him that is gone astray. ³I have seen also the foolish taking root: but suddenly their habitation was devoured. ⁴Let their children be far from safety, and let them be crushed at the doors of vile men; and let there be none to deliver them. ⁵For what they have gathered, the just shall eat; but they shall not be delivered out of calamities: let their strength be utterly exhausted. ⁶For travail cannot by any means come out of the earth, neither shall trouble spring out of the mountains: ⁷yet man is born unto travail, seeing the vulture's young do soar on high. ⁸Nevertheless I will beseech the Lord, and call upon the Lord, the Master of all; ⁹Which doeth great things and unsearchable, glorious things also, and marvellous, whereof there is no number: ¹⁰Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth water on that which is under heaven: ¹¹Which setteth up on high those that be lowly, and lifteth up those that be lost: ¹²Which frustrateth the counsels of the crafty; and their hands shall not perform the truth: ¹³Which taketh the wise in their own wisdom, and subverteth the counsel of the crafty. ¹⁴Darkness shall meet them in the daytime; and let them grope in the noonday as in the night: ¹⁵let

them also perish in war, and let the weak escape out of the land of the mighty. ¹⁶And let the weak have hope; but let the mouth of the unrighteous be stopped. ¹⁷But happy is the man whom the Lord hath reprov'd; therefore reject not thou the chastening of the Almighty. ¹⁸For He maketh man to be in pain, and restoreth again: He smiteth, and His hands heal. ¹⁹Six times shall He deliver thee out of troubles: yea, in the seventh there shall no harm touch thee. ²⁰In famine He shall deliver thee from death: and in war shall He free thee from the hand of the iron. ²¹He shall hide thee from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of evils that come. ²²Thou shalt laugh at the unrighteous and the lawless: neither shalt thou be afraid of wild beasts. ²³For the wild beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. ²⁴Then thou shalt know that thy house shall be at peace, and the provision for thy tabernacle shall not fail. ²⁵And thou shalt know that thy seed shall be many; and thy children shall be as the grass of the field. ²⁶And thou shalt come to the grave like as ripe grain that is reaped in his season, or as an heap upon the threshingfloor, gathered in his due time. ²⁷Lo, thus have we searched out these things; these are the things we have heard: but do thou know for thyself, if thou hast done any thing *that is wrong*.

CHAPTER 6

But Job answered and said, ²If one would weigh indeed the wrath that is upon me, and take up my griefs in a balance together, ³then verily they would be heavier than the sand of the sea shore: but, as it seemeth, my words are vain. ⁴For the arrows of the Lord are in my body, the poison whereof drinketh up my blood: when I begin to speak, they do pierce me. ⁵What then? will the wild ass bray for nought, if he seeketh not food? or again, will the ox low at the manger, when he hath fodder? ⁶Shall bread be eaten without salt? or again, is there taste in empty words? ⁷For my wrath cannot cease; for I perceive my food as the smell of a lion *to be loathsome*. ⁸For oh that He would grant my desire, and my request might come, and the Lord would grant the thing I hope for! ⁹Let the Lord begin, and wound me; but let Him not utterly destroy me. ¹⁰Let the grave be my city, upon the wall whereof I have leaped: I will not shrink from it; for I have not belied the holy words of my God. ¹¹For what is my strength, that I continue? what is my time, that my soul endureth? ¹²Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass? ¹³Or have I not trusted in Him? but help is far from me. ¹⁴Mercy hath rejected me; and the visitation of the Lord hath disregarded me. ¹⁵My next of kin have not regarded me; they have passed me by like a failing brook, or like a wave. ¹⁶They that revered me now are come against me, like snow or ice that is congealed. ¹⁷When it is melted with the coming on of heat, it is not known what it was. ¹⁸Thus have I also been forsaken of all; and am lost and become homeless. ¹⁹Behold the ways of the Temanites, ye that mark the paths of the Sabeans. ²⁰They too that put their trust in cities and in riches shall come to shame. ²¹But ye also are come unto me without mercy; that seeing my

wound, ye are afraid. ²²For why? have I demanded any thing of you? or do I ask for strength from you, ²³to deliver me from enemies, or to rescue me from the hand of the mighty? ²⁴Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: if in any thing I have erred, shew me. ²⁵But rather are the words of a true man vain, for I ask not strength of you. ²⁶Neither will your reproof cause me to cease my words, for neither will I endure the voice of your speech. ²⁷Yea, ye fall on the fatherless, and leap upon your friend. ²⁸But now, when I have looked upon your countenances, I will not lie. ²⁹Sit ye down now, and let there be no wrongdoing; and gather ye together again with a righteous man. ³⁰For there is no injustice in my tongue; or doth not my throat endeavour understanding?

CHAPTER 7

Is not the life of man on earth a trial, and his life as that of an hireling by the day? ²Or as a servant that feareth his master, or one that graspeth at a shadow? or as an hireling that looketh for the reward of his work? ³So have I endured months of vanity, and nights of pain have been appointed to me. ⁴Whensoever I lie down, I say, When *will it be* day? and whensoever I rise up, again *I say*, When *will it be* evening? And I am full of pains, from the evening unto the dawning of the day. ⁵My flesh also is clothed with the corruption of worms; and I waste away, scraping off clods of dust from my eruption. ⁶And my life is lighter than a word, and hath perished in vain hope. ⁷Remember then that my life is but a breath, and mine eye shall not more see good. ⁸The eye of him that seeth me shall see me no more: Thine eyes are upon me, and I am not. ⁹I am as a cloud that is cleared away from the sky: for if a man go down to the grave, he shall come up no more: ¹⁰and he shall surely not return to his own house, neither shall his place know him any more. ¹¹Therefore I will not I refrain my mouth: I will speak, though I am in distress; I will disclose the bitterness of my soul, though I am in straits. ¹²Am I a sea, or a serpent, that Thou settedst a watch over me? ¹³I said, My bed shall comfort me, and I will privily take counsel with myself upon my couch. ¹⁴Thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions. ¹⁵Thou wilt separate life from my spirit; and yet keep my bones from death. ¹⁶For I shall not live for ever, that I should patiently endure: let me alone, for my life is but vain. ¹⁷For what is man, that Thou hast magnified him? or that Thou shouldest set Thy heart upon him? ¹⁸Wilt Thou visit him until the morning, and judge him till the time of rest? ¹⁹How long shall Thou not let me alone, nor let me go, till I swallow down my spittle? ²⁰If I have sinned, what shall I be able to do, O Thou that dost understand the mind of men? Why hast Thou made me as Thine accuser, and wherefore am I a burden unto Thee? ²¹Why hast Thou not forgotten mine iniquity, and purged my sin? But now I shall depart to the earth, and early in the morning, I shall be no more.

CHAPTER 8

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, ²How long wilt thou speak these things, and the breath of thy mouth *be* abundant in words? ³Will the Lord be unjust when He judgeth; or will He that hath made all things pervert justice? ⁴If thy sons have sinned before Him, He hath cast them away because of their transgression. ⁵But be thou early in prayer to the Lord Almighty. ⁶If thou be pure and true, He will hearken unto thy supplication, and restore unto thee the habitation of righteousness. ⁷Though then thy beginning be small, yet thy latter end shall be unspeakably great. ⁸For inquire of the former generation, and search diligently among the race of our fathers: ⁹(for we are but of yesterday, and know nothing; because our life upon the earth is a shadow): ¹⁰shall not these teach thee, and report, and bring out words from their heart? ¹¹Doth the papyrus grow up without water, or shall the flag grow up without moisture? ¹²Whilst it is yet on the root, and hath not been cut down, doth not any herb wither afore it hath received moisture? ¹³So then shall be the end of all that forget the Lord: for the hope of the ungodly shall perish. ¹⁴For his house shall be without inhabitants, and his tent shall prove a spider's web. ¹⁵If he prop up his house, it shall not stand: and when he hath taken hold upon it, it shall not remain. ¹⁶For it is moist under the sun, and his branch shall come forth out of his dung heap. ¹⁷He lieth down upon a gathering of stones, and shall live in the midst of stones. ¹⁸If it destroy him, his place shall deny him; thou hast not seen such things, ¹⁹that such is the overthrow of the ungodly, and out of the earth shall another grow. ²⁰For the Lord will by no means reject the blameless man; but He will not receive any gift of the ungodly. ²¹But He will fill the mouth of the true with laughing, and their lips with thanksgiving. ²²But their enemies shall clothe themselves with shame; and the habitation of the ungodly shall be no more.

CHAPTER 9

Then Job answered and said, ²I know it is so of a truth: for how shall a mortal man be just before the Lord? ³For if he will enter into judgment with Him, God will not hearken unto him, lest he answer one charge of his of a thousand. ⁴For He is wise in mind, and mighty, and great: who hath hardened himself against Him, and hath endured? ⁵Which weareth out the mountains, and they know it not: Which overturneth them in anger. ⁶Which shaketh that which is under heaven from the foundations thereof, and the pillars thereof tremble. ⁷Which speaketh unto the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. ⁸Which alone hath spread out the heavens, and walketh upon the sea, as on firm ground. ⁹Which maketh Pleiades, and Hesperus, and Arcturus, and the chambers of the south. ¹⁰Which doeth great and unsearchable things; glorious also, and wondrous things without number. ¹¹If He go by me, I shall not see Him: if He pass by me, I shall not perceive.

¹²If He take away, who shall turn Him back? or who will say unto Him, 'What hast Thou done?' ¹³For He hath turned away His anger; the great sea monsters under heaven are bowed down under Him. ¹⁴Would then that He would hearken unto me, or judge my cause! ¹⁵For though I be righteous, He will not hearken unto me: I will entreat His judgment. ¹⁶And if I call, and He hear me, yet would I not believe that He hath hearkened unto my voice. ¹⁷Let Him not destroy me with darkness: but He hath made my bruises many without a cause. ¹⁸For He suffereth me not to take my breath, but hath filled me with bitterness. ¹⁹For indeed He prevaieth by strength: who then shall resist His judgment? ²⁰For though I be righteous, mine own mouth shall be ungodly: and though I be blameless, I shall prove perverse. ²¹For even if I have sinned, I know it not in my soul: but my life is taken away. ²²Wherefore I said, Wrath slayeth the great and mighty, ²³for the worthless are wonderful in death, but the righteous are laughed to scorn. ²⁴For they are given over into the hands of the unrighteous: He covereth the faces of the judges thereof: but if it be not He, who is it? ²⁵But my life is swifter than one that runneth: my days are fled away; and they saw it not. ²⁶Is there a trace left of a way that is taken by ships, or of an eagle that flieth in search of prey? ²⁷And if I say, I will forget to speak, I will bow down my face, and groan. ²⁸I quake in all my limbs, for I know that Thou wilt not let me go innocent. ²⁹But since I am ungodly, why have I not died? ³⁰For if I wash myself with snow, and cleanse myself with pure hands, ³¹yet hadst Thou thoroughly plunged me in filth, and mine own garment had abhorred me. ³²For Thou art not a man, as I am, with whom I could contend, that we might come together unto judgment. ³³Would that there were one to mediate, and one to reprove, and one that would hear betwixt us both. ³⁴Let Him take His rod away from me, and let not His fear terrify me: ³⁵so shall I not be afraid, but I will speak: for I am not thus conscious of *any guilt*.

CHAPTER 10

Since I am weary in my soul, with groanings will I pour out my words upon Him: I will speak, being straitened in the bitterness of my soul. ²And I will say unto *the* Lord, Do not teach me to be ungodly; and wherefore hast Thou thus judged me? ³Is it good before Thee if I be unrighteous? for Thou hast renounced the work of Thine hands, and given heed to the counsel of the ungodly. ⁴Seest Thou as a mortal seeth? or seest Thou as man seeth? ⁵Is Thy life human life, or Thy years as the years of a man, ⁶that Thou hast examined mine iniquity, and searched out my sins? ⁷For Thou knowest that I have not done impiously: but who is he that can deliver out of Thine hands? ⁸Thine hands have fashioned me and made me; yet didst Thou turn, and smite me. ⁹Remember that Thou hast made me as *the* clay; but Thou wilt turn me back to earth again. ¹⁰Hast Thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? ¹¹Thou hast clothed me also with skin and flesh, and knit me with bones and sinews. ¹²And Thou hast granted me life and mercy,

and Thine overseeing hath preserved my spirit. ¹³Seeing Thou hast these things in Thee, I know that Thou canst do all things; for nothing is impossible with Thee. ¹⁴And if I sin, then Thou markest me; and Thou hast not acquitted me from iniquity. ¹⁵For if I be ungodly, woe unto me: and if I be righteous, yet cannot I lift me up; for I am full of dishonour. ¹⁶For I am hunted like a lion for the slaughter; for again Thou art changed, and terribly destroyest me; ¹⁷Thou renewedst my chastisement upon me: and in great anger hast Thou dealt with me, and has brought trials upon me. ¹⁸Wherefore then hast Thou brought me forth out of the womb? and wherefore died I not, and no eye see me, ¹⁹and I had been as though I had not been? For wherefore was I not carried from the womb unto the grave? ²⁰Is not the time of my life short? suffer me to rest a little, ²¹before I go from whence I shall not return, to a land dark and gloomy; ²²even to a land of perpetual darkness, where there is no light, neither can any see the life of mortals.

CHAPTER 11

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, ²He that talketh much shall also hear in his turn: or doth the man that is full of eloquence think that he is righteous? Blessed is the shortlived offspring of woman. ³Be not a speaker of many words; for there is none to answer thee. ⁴For say not thou, I am pure in my works, and blameless before Him. ⁵But how then shall the Lord speak unto thee, and open His lips with thee? ⁶Then shall He shew unto thee the power of wisdom; for it shall be double that which is with thee: and then shalt thou know that a just recompense of thy sins is come unto thee from the Lord. ⁷Wilt thou find out the traces of the Lord? or hast thou come to the end of that which the Almighty hath made? ⁸Heaven is high; and what wilt thou do? and there are deeper things than those that are in Hades: what dost thou know? ⁹Or are they longer than the measure of the earth, or the breadth of the sea? ¹⁰If He overthrow all things, who will say unto Him, What hast Thou done? ¹¹For He knoweth the works of the transgressors; when He seeth wrongdoings also, He shall not overlook *them*. ¹²But man vainly keepeth afloat with words; and a mortal that is born of woman is like a desert ass. ¹³For if thou hast made thine heart pure, and liftest up thine hands toward Him, ¹⁴if there be any iniquity in thine hands, put it far from thee, and let not any transgression dwell within thine habitation. ¹⁵For thus shall thy countenance shine again as pure water; and thou shalt put away uncleanness, and shalt not fear. ¹⁶And thou shalt forget trouble, as a wave that hath passed away; and thou shalt not fear. ¹⁷And thy prayer shall be as the morning star, and life shall arise unto thee at the noonday. ¹⁸Yea, thou shalt be confident, because thou hast hope; and peace shall dawn unto thee from out of anxiety and care. ¹⁹For thou shalt be at rest, and there shall be none to fight against thee; and many shall change, and make their supplication unto thee. ²⁰But salvation shall fail them; for their hope is destruction, and the eyes of the ungodly shall waste away.

CHAPTER 12

And Job answered and said, ²So ye alone are men; surely wisdom shall die with you? ³But I also have an heart as well as you; ⁴for a righteous and blameless man is become a mockery. ⁵For it had been ordained that he should fall under others at the appointed time, and his houses should be spoiled of the transgressors. But let not any trust that being wicked he shall be held guiltless, ⁶even as many as provoke the Lord, as if indeed there will be no inquisition *made* of them. ⁷But ask now the four footed beasts, if they may speak unto thee; and the fowls of the air, if they may declare to thee. ⁸Tell the earth, if it may interpret it to thee; and the fishes of the sea shall explain to thee. ⁹Who then among all these hath not known that the hand of the Lord hath made them? ¹⁰Whereas the life of all living things is in His hand, and the breath of every man. ¹¹For the ear trieth words, and the throat tasteth meats. ¹²In length of time is wisdom, and in long life is knowledge. ¹³With Him are wisdom and power, with Him counsel and understanding. ¹⁴If He tear down, who will build up? and if He shut up against men, who shall open. ¹⁵If He withhold the water, He will up dry the earth: and if He let it loose, He hath destroyed and ruined it. ¹⁶With Him are strength and power: He hath knowledge and understanding. ¹⁷He leadeth counsellors away captive, and maddeneth the judges of the earth. ¹⁸He seateth kings upon thrones, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. ¹⁹He sendeth priests away into captivity, and overthroweth the mighty of the earth. ²⁰He changeth the lips of the faithful, and knoweth the understanding of elders. ²¹He poureth dishonour upon princes, and healeth the lowly, ²²He revealeth deep things out of darkness; and He hath brought into light the shadow of death: ²³He causeth the nations to wander, and destroyeth them: He overthroweth the nations, and leadeth them away: ²⁴He perplexeth the minds of the princes of the earth; and He maketh them to wander in a way they have not known, *saying*, ²⁵Let them grope in the dark, without light; and let them wander as a drunken man.

CHAPTER 13

Lo, mine eye hath seen these things, and mine ear hath heard them. ²And I know all that ye too know; and I have not less understanding than you. ³Nevertheless I will speak unto the Lord, and reason before Him, if He will. ⁴But ye are all bad physicians, and healers of diseases. ⁵O that ye would hold your peace, and it would be wisdom to you in the end. ⁶Hear ye the reasoning of my mouth, and be attentive to the judgment of my lips. ⁷Do ye not speak before the Lord, and utter deceit before Him? ⁸Or will ye draw back? nay, do ye yourselves be judges. ⁹For it were well if He thoroughly search you out: for though doing all things *in your power* ye should attach yourselves to Him, ¹⁰He will not reprove you at all the less: but if moreover ye secretly respect persons, ¹¹shall not His whirlwind sweep you round about, and terror from Him fall upon you? ¹²And your glorying shall prove in the end to you like

ashes, and your body as of clay. ¹³Hold your peace, that I may speak, and cease from anger, ¹⁴having taken my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand. ¹⁵Though the Mighty One lay hand upon me, forasmuch as He hath begun, verily I will speak, and plead before Him. ¹⁶And this shall turn to me for salvation; for deceit shall have no entrance before Him. ¹⁷Hear, hear ye my words, for I will declare in your hearing. ¹⁸Behold, I am near my judgment: I know that I shall appear evidently just. ¹⁹For who is he that shall plead with me, that I should now be silent, and expire? ²⁰But do Thou grant me two things: then I will not hide myself from thy face. ²¹Withhold Thine hand from me: and let not dread of Thee terrify me. ²²Then shalt Thou call, and I will hearken unto Thee: or Thou shalt speak, and I will give Thee answer. ²³How many are my sins and transgressions? teach me what they are. ²⁴Wherefore hidest Thou Thyself from me, and deemest me Thine enemy? ²⁵Wilt Thou be startled, as a leaf shaken by the wind? or wilt Thou set Thyself against me, as against grass that is borne upon the breeze? ²⁶For Thou hast written evil things against me, and hast compassed me with the sins of my youth. ²⁷Thou hast placed my foot also in the stocks; and hast watched all my works, and reached unto my heels. ²⁸I am that which waxeth old like a wineskin, or as a garment that is moth eaten.

CHAPTER 14

For a mortal man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of wrath, ²or he falleth like a flower that hath bloomed; he departeth also as a shadow, and cannot continue. ³Hast Thou not taken account even of him, and caused him to enter into judgment with Thee? ⁴For who shall be clean out of uncleanness? not even one; ⁵even if his life be *but* one day upon the earth: and his months are numbered by him: Thou hast appointed him a time, and he shall by no means exceed it. ⁶Depart from him, that he may be quiet, and take pleasure as an hireling in his life. ⁷For there is hope of a tree, even if it be cut down, *that* it will sprout again, and that the branch thereof will not cease. ⁸For though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stem thereof die in the rock; ⁹yet through the scent of water it will sprout, and bring forth a crop, as one that is newly planted. ¹⁰But man that hath died is utterly gone; yea, when a man is fallen, he is no more. ¹¹For the sea wasteth in time, and a river faileth, and is dried up. ¹²And man that hath lain down in death shall never rise again till the heaven be unstitched, and they shall not awake out of their sleep. ¹³For O that Thou hadst kept me in the grave, and hid me, until Thy wrath had ceased, and Thou shouldest appoint me a time wherein Thou wouldest remember me! ¹⁴For if a man die, shall he live again when he hath accomplished the days of his life? I will wait till I be born again. ¹⁵Then shalt Thou call, and I will answer Thee: but do not Thou reject the work of Thine hands. ¹⁶But Thou hast numbered my pursuits: and not one of my sins shall escape Thee. ¹⁷And Thou hast sealed up my transgressions in a bag, and marked if I have been guilty of any transgression

unawares. ¹⁸And surely a mountain falling will be utterly destroyed, and a rock shall be worn out of his place. ¹⁹The waters wear the stones, and the waters fall headlong, and overflow an heap of the earth: and Thou destroyest the endurance of man. ²⁰Thou drivest him to an end, and he is gone: Thou settest Thy face against him, and sendest him away; ²¹and though his sons be multiplied, he knoweth it not; and if they be few, he perceiveth it not. ²²But his flesh is in pain, and his soul mourneth.

CHAPTER 15

Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said, ²Will a wise man give for answer a mere breath of wisdom? and filleth he up the pain of his belly, ³reasoning in sayings which must not be spoken with words, and with words wherein there is no profit? ⁴Hast not thou moreover cast off fear, and accomplished such words before the Lord? ⁵Thou art guilty by the words of thy mouth, neither hast thou discerned the words of the mighty. ⁶Let thine own mouth reprove thee, and not me; yea, thine own lips shall testify against thee. ⁷What, art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou established before the hills? ⁸Or hast thou heard the ordinance of the Lord? or hath God used thee as His counsellor? ⁹For what knowest thou, that we know not? or what understandest thou, that we do not also? ¹⁰Verily among us are both the old and very aged man, more advanced in days than thy father. ¹¹Thou hast been scourged for but few of thy sins; thou hast spoken haughtily and extravagantly. ¹²What hath thine heart dared? or what are thine eyes fixed upon, ¹³that thou hast vented *thy* rage before the Lord, and delivered such words out of *thy* mouth? ¹⁴For who being mortal *is such* that he shall be blameless? or *who is* born of woman, that he should be righteous? ¹⁵Forasmuch as he putteth no trust in His saints; yea, heaven is not clean in his sight. ¹⁶Alas then, abominable and unclean is man, which drinketh unrighteousness as a draught. ¹⁷But I will shew thee, hear thou me; that which I have seen I will declare unto thee now; ¹⁸things which wise men say, and their fathers have not hid. ¹⁹Unto them alone the earth was given, and no stranger came upon them. ²⁰All the life of the ungodly *is spent* in care, and the years *that are* granted unto the oppressor are numbered. ²¹And his terror is in his ears; and when he seemeth to be at peace, his overthrow shall come. ²²Let him not believe that he shall return out of darkness, for he hath already been made over unto the power of the sword. ²³And he hath been appointed to be meat for vultures; and he knoweth within himself that he is doomed to be a carcase: and a dark day shall carry him away as with a whirlwind. ²⁴Distress also and anguish shall come upon him: he shall fall as a general in the first rank. ²⁵For he hath lifted up his hands against the Lord, and hath hardened his neck against the Almighty Lord. ²⁶And he hath run against Him with insolence, even upon the thickness of the bosses of his buckler. ²⁷For he hath covered his face with his fatness, and made collops of

fat upon his flanks. ²⁸And let him dwell in desolate cities, and enter into houses which no man inhabiteth: and what they have prepared shall others carry away. ²⁹Neither shall he at all wax rich, nor shall his substance remain: he shall not cast a shadow upon the earth. ³⁰Neither shall he in any wise escape the darkness: let the wind blast his blossom, and let his flower fall off. ³¹Let him not think that he shall endure; for his end shall be vanity. ³²His bough shall perish before his time, and his branch shall not flourish. ³³And let him be gathered as the unripe grape before the time; and let him fall as the olive. ³⁴For death is the witness of an ungodly man, and fire shall burn the houses of them receive gifts. ³⁵And he shall conceive sorrows, and his end shall be vanity, and his belly shall bear deceit.

CHAPTER 16

But Job answered and said, ²I have heard many such things: bad comforters are ye all. ³What, is there any reason in words of wind? or what shall trouble thee that thou answerest? ⁴I also could speak as ye do: if indeed your soul were in my soul's stead, ⁵then I could leap at you with words, and shake mine head at you. ⁶And would there were strength in my mouth, and I would not spare the moving of my lips. ⁷For if I speak, I shall not feel the pain of my wound: and if I be silent, how shall I be wounded the less? ⁸But now He hath made me weary, and a worn out stool; and Thou hast laid hold upon me. ⁹My falsehood is become a testimony, and is risen up against me: it hath confronted me to my face. ¹⁰In his anger hath he cast me down; he hath gnashed his teeth upon me: the weapons of his robbers are fallen upon me. ¹¹He hath attacked me with the sharp darts of his eyes; with his sharp spear hath he smitten me down upon my knees; and they have run upon me with one accord. ¹²For the Lord hath delivered me into hands of unrighteous men, and thrown me upon the ungodly. ¹³When I was at peace, He scattered me: He took me by the hair of the head, and plucked it out: He set me up as a mark. ¹⁴They compassed me round about with spears, they aimed at my reins: they spared me not, they poured out my gall upon the ground. ¹⁵They overthrew me with fall upon fall: they ran upon me in their strength. ¹⁶They sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and my strength is spent upon the ground. ¹⁷My belly is parched with wailing, and a shadow is on my eyelids. ¹⁸Yet was there no wrongdoing in my hands, and my prayer is pure. ¹⁹O earth, cover thou not over the blood of my flesh, and let my cry have no place. ²⁰And now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and the One that knoweth me is on high. ²¹Let my supplication come unto the Lord, and let mine eye weep before Him. ²²O that a man might plead before the Lord, even as the son of man *pleadeth* with his neighbour! ²³But my years are numbered, and their end is come, and I shall go by the way whence I shall not return.

CHAPTER 17

I perish, *being* carried away by the wind; and I seek for burial, and obtain it not. ² I intreat, being weary; and what have I done? and strangers have stolen my goods. ³Who is this? let him strike hands with me. ⁴For Thou hast hid their heart from understanding; therefore shalt Thou not exalt them. ⁵He shall report mischief unto his companions: but their eyes have failed over their children. ⁶But Thou hast made me a byword among the nations, and I am become a scorn unto them. ⁷For mine eyes are dimmed through pain; I have been grievously beset by all. ⁸Astonishment hath seized true men at this; and let the just rise up against the transgressor. ⁹But let the faithful hold in his own way, and let him that is pure of hands take courage. ¹⁰Howbeit, do ye all strengthen yourselves and come now, for I find not truth in you. ¹¹My days are passed in groaning, and my heart strings are broken. ¹²I have turned the night into the day: the light is short, because of darkness. ¹³For if I remain, Hades is my habitation; and my bed hath been made in darkness. ¹⁴I have called upon death to be my father, and corruption to be my mother and sister. ¹⁵Where then is yet my hope? or where shall I see my good? ¹⁶Will they go down with me to Hades, or shall we go down together to the tomb?

CHAPTER 18

¹Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, ²How long wilt thou continue? forbear, that we also may speak. ³For wherefore have we been silent before thee like as four footed beasts? ⁴Anger hath possessed thee: for what if thou die? shall the earth under heaven be without inhabitant, or shall the mountains be overthrown from their foundations? ⁵The light of the ungodly shall be put out, and their flame shall not go up. ⁶His light shall be dark in his habitation, and his lamp shall be put out with him. ⁷Let the least of men spoil his goods, and let his counsel cast him down. ⁸His foot also is caught in a snare; let it be entangled in a net. ⁹And let snares also come upon him: he shall strengthen them that thirst for his destruction. ¹⁰His snare is hid in the ground, and that which taketh him is by the path. ¹¹Let pangs destroy him on every side, and let many things compass his foot about ¹²with an hunger that is strait. But a destruction out of the ordinary is prepared for him. ¹³Let the soles of his feet be devoured: and death shall consume his beauty. ¹⁴Let health also be utterly banished from his tabernacle, and let distress seize upon him by a king's commandment. ¹⁵It shall dwell in his tabernacle in his night time: his excellency shall be sown with brimstone. ¹⁶His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above his crop shall fall away. ¹⁷Let his memorial perish out of the earth, and his name shall be publicly cast out. ¹⁸Let one drive him from light into darkness. ¹⁹He shall not be known among his people, nor shall his house be preserved upon the earth. ²⁰But strangers shall dwell in his substance: the last groaned for him;

and wonder seized the first. ²¹Such are the dwellings of the unrighteous, and this is the place of them that know not the Lord.

CHAPTER 19

Then Job answered and said, ²How long will ye vex my soul, and destroy me with words? only know ye that the Lord hath dealt with me thus. ³Ye speak against me; ye feel not for me, but bear hard upon me. ⁴Yea, indeed have I erred in truth, (but the error remaineth with myself,) in that I have spoken words which it was not right *to speak*; and my words do err, and are unseasonable. ⁵But alas! for ye do magnify yourselves against me, and insult me with reproach. ⁶Know then that it is the Lord that hath vexed me, and raised up His bulwark against me. ⁷Behold, I laugh at reproach; I will not speak: I will cry aloud, but there is nowhere judgment. ⁸I am fenced round up about, and can by no means escape: He hath set darkness before my face. ⁹He also hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. ¹⁰He hath torn me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath He cut off like a tree. ¹¹He hath also dreadfully handled me in wrath, and counted me for an enemy. ¹²His troops also came upon me with one accord; them that lay in wait did compass my ways about. ¹³My brethren also have verily stood aloof from me; they have recognized strangers rather than me: and my familiar friends are become pitiless. ¹⁴My nearest of kin acknowledged me not, and they that knew my name have forgotten me. ¹⁵As *for* mine house, and my maids, I was even a stranger before them. ¹⁶I called my servant, and he hearkened not; and my mouth intreated him. ¹⁷And I besought my wife, and flattering intreated the sons of mine own concubines. ¹⁸But they rejected me for ever; when I arise, they speak against me. ¹⁹They that saw me abhorred me: the very persons whom I loved rose up against me. ²⁰My flesh is corrupt under my skin, and my bones are holden in my teeth. ²¹Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for it is the hand of God that hath touched me. ²²Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? ²³For who would grant that my words were written, and that they were recorded in a book for ever, ²⁴with an iron pen and lead, or graven in the rocks? ²⁵For I know that He that is everlasting is about to deliver me, ²⁶and raise up upon the earth my skin that endureth these sufferings: for these things are accomplished upon me of the Lord; ²⁷whereof I am conscious in myself; which mine eye hath seen, and not another, but all have been fulfilled to me in my bosom. ²⁸But if ye shall also say, What shall we say before him, and so find the root of the matter in him? ²⁹beware ye also of disguise: for wrath will come upon transgressors; and then shall they know where is their substance.

CHAPTER 20

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, ²I thought not that thou wouldest answer thus: neither understand ye more than I. ³I will hear my shameful reproach; and the spirit of mine understanding answereth me. ⁴Hast thou not known these things of old, from the time that man was placed upon the earth? ⁵For the mirth of the ungodly is an extraordinary downfall, and the joy of transgressors is destruction: ⁶though his gifts go up to heaven, and his sacrifice reach unto the clouds. ⁷For when he shall seem to be now established, then shall he utterly perish: and they which knew him shall say, Where is he? ⁸As a dream that is fled away, he shall not be found: and he is fled as a vision of the night. ⁹The eye hath looked upon him, but shall not see him again; his place also shall perceive him no more. ¹⁰Let his inferiors destroy his children, and let his hands kindle the fire of sorrow. ¹¹His bones have been filled with his youth, and it shall lie down with him in the dust. ¹²Though evil be sweet in his mouth, though he will hide it under his tongue; ¹³though he will not spare it, and will not forsake it, but keep it in the midst of his throat: ¹⁴and he shall not at all be able to help himself; the gall of an asp is in his belly. ¹⁵His riches unjustly collected shall be vomited up; a messenger of wrath shall draw him out of his house; ¹⁶let him also suck the venom of serpents, and let the serpent's tongue slay him. ¹⁷Let him not see the milk of the pastures, neither the pastures of honey and butter. ¹⁸He hath laboured unprofitably and in vain for riches, whereof he shall not taste: it is even as a lean thing unfit for meat, which he cannot swallow down. ¹⁹For he hath broken down the houses of many mighty men; and hath plundered an habitation, though he builded it not. ²⁰There is no security to his substance; he shall not be saved by his desire. ²¹There is nothing that remaineth of his provisions; therefore his goods shall not flourish. ²²But when he shall seem to be full satisfied, he shall be in straits; and all distress shall come upon him. ²³If he by any means would fill his belly, let God send the fury of wrath upon him; let Him bring a torrent of rain upon him. ²⁴And he shall by no means escape from the hand of the sword; let the bow of brass wound him. ²⁵Let the arrow also pierce his body through; and let the stars be against his dwelling place: let terrors come upon him. ²⁶And let all darkness lay in wait for him: a fire that burneth not out shall consume him: and let a stranger plague his house. ²⁷Let the heaven also reveal his iniquities, and the earth rise up against him. ²⁸Let destruction bring his house to an end; let a day of wrath come upon him. ²⁹This is the portion of an ungodly man from the Lord, and the possession of his goods is of the Overseer.

CHAPTER 21

But Job answered and said, ²Hear ye, hear ye my words, let this be your consolation unto me. ³Raise me up, and I will speak; then shall ye not laugh me to scorn. ⁴What? is my reproof of man? and wherefore should I not

be angry? ⁵Look upon me, and wonder, and lay your hand upon your cheek. ⁶For even when I remember, I am alarmed, and pangs take hold on my flesh. ⁷Wherefore do the ungodly live and wax old, even in riches. ⁸Their seed is according to *their* desire, and their children are in *their* sight. ⁹Their houses are prosperous; neither is there anywhere fear, nor is a scourge of the Lord upon them. ¹⁰Their cow casteth not her calf, and their beast with young is safe, and miscarrieth not. ¹¹And they remain as eternal sheep, and their children play before them, taking up the psaltery and harp; ¹²and they rejoice at the voice of a song. ¹³They spend their life also in riches, and fall asleep in the rest of the grave. ¹⁴Yet *such a man* saith unto the Lord, Depart from me; I desire not to know Thy ways. ¹⁵What is the Mighty One, that we should serve Him? and what profit is there that we should come nigh unto Him? ¹⁶For their good things were in their hands; but He regardeth not the works of the ungodly. ¹⁷Nevertheless, the lamp of the ungodly also shall be put out, and destruction shall come upon them, and pangs of vengeance shall seize them. ¹⁸And they shall be as chaff before the wind, or as dust, which the storm hath taken up. ¹⁹Let his substance fail his children: *God* shall recompense him, and he shall not know it. ²⁰Let his eyes see his own destruction, and let him not be saved by the Lord. ²¹For his desire is in his house with him, and the number of his months is suddenly cut off. ²²Is it not the Lord Which teacheth understanding and knowledge? and doth not He judge murders? ²³He shall die in his perfect strength, and wholly at ease, and in prosperity; ²⁴and his reins are filled with fat, and his marrow is diffused. ²⁵And another dieth in bitterness of soul, and eateth not any good thing. ²⁶But they lie down in the earth together, and corruption covereth them. ²⁷So I know you, that ye presumptuously attack me: ²⁸so that ye will say, Where is the house of the prince? and where is the covering of the tabernacles of the ungodly? ²⁹Ask ye them that go by the way, and disown not their tokens. ³⁰For the wicked hasteneth to the day of destruction: they shall be led away for the day of His vengeance. ³¹Who will declare to him his way to his face, seeing he hath done it? who shall recompense him? ³²And he hath been led away to the tombs, and hath watched over the heaps. ³³The stones of the valley have been sweet unto him, and every man shall depart after him; and *there are persons* innumerable before him. ³⁴How then comfort ye me in vain? seeing I have no rest from your molestation.

CHAPTER 22

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, ²Is it not the Lord that teacheth understanding and knowledge? ³For what mattereth it to the Lord, if thou wert blameless in thy works? or is it profitable that thou shouldest perfect thy way? ⁴Wilt thou maintain and plead thine own cause? and will He enter into judgment with thee? ⁵Is not thy wickedness abundant, and are not thy sins innumerable? ⁶And thou hast taken security of thy brethren for nothing, and hast taken away the clothing of the naked. ⁷Neither hast thou

given water to the thirsty to drink, but hast taken away the morsel of the hungry. ⁸And thou hast accepted the persons of some, and hast established them upon the earth. ⁹But thou hast sent widows away empty, and hast afflicted the fatherless. ¹⁰Therefore snares have compassed thee, and disastrous war hath troubled thee. ¹¹The light hath proved to be darkness unto thee, and water hath covered thee on thy lying down. ¹²Doth not He that dwelleth in the high places observe? and hath not He brought down the proud? ¹³And thou hast said, What doth the Mighty One know? doth He judge in the dark? ¹⁴A cloud is His secret place, and He shall not be seen; and He passeth through the circle of heaven. ¹⁵Wilt thou not mark the everlasting way, which righteous men have trodden? ¹⁶who were seized before their time: their foundations are an overflowing stream: ¹⁷which say, What will the Lord do unto us? or what will the Almighty bring upon us? ¹⁸Yet He filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from Him. ¹⁹The righteous have seen *it*, and have laughed, and the blameless hath laughed them to scorn. ²⁰Verily their substance is utterly destroyed, and the fire shall consume what is left of theirs. ²¹Be firm, I pray thee, if thou canst endure; then shall thy fruit prosper. ²²And receive a word from His mouth, and lay up His words in thine heart. ²³And if thou turn and humble thyself before the Lord, thou hast removed unrighteousness far from thine habitation. ²⁴Thou shalt lay up for thee in a heap upon the rock; and as in a rock of the torrent of Ophir. ²⁵Therefore the Almighty shall be thine help from enemies, and He shall bring thee forth pure as silver that is tried by fire. ²⁶Then shalt thou have boldness before the Lord, and look up cheerfully unto the heaven. ²⁷And He shall hear thee when thou prayest unto Him, and shall grant unto thee to pay thy vows. ²⁸And He shall establish unto thee again an habitation of righteousness; and there shall be a light upon thy paths. ²⁹Because thou hast humbled thyself; and thou shalt say, He hath behaved himself arrogantly; but He shall save him that is of lowly eyes. ³⁰He shall deliver the innocent: and do thou save thyself by thy pure hands.

CHAPTER 23

Then Job answered and said, ²Yea, I know that pleading is out of my reach; and His hand is made heavy upon my groaning. ³Who would then know that I might find Him, and come to an end? ⁴And I would plead mine own cause, and He would fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵And I would know the remedies which He would speak to me, and perceive what He would tell me. ⁶Though He come upon me in His great strength, then would He not threaten me; ⁷for truth and reproof are from Him; and He would bring forth my judgment to an end. ⁸For if I go first, and be no more, still what do I know concerning the latter end? ⁹When He wrought on the left hand, then I observed it not: His right hand shall compass me, but I shall not see it. ¹⁰For He knoweth already my way, and hath tried me as gold. ¹¹And I will go forth according to His commandments, for I have kept His ways; and I shall not

turn aside from His commandments, ¹²neither shall I transgress; but I have hid His words within my bosom. ¹³But even if He hath judged thus, who is he that hath contradicted? for He hath both willed and done it. ¹⁴Therefore am I troubled at Him; and when I was reproved, I thought upon Him. ¹⁵Therefore let me take good heed before Him: I will consider, and be afraid of Him. ¹⁶But the Lord hath softened mine heart, and the Almighty hath vexed me. ¹⁷For I knew not that darkness would come upon me; but thick darkness hath covered me before my face.

CHAPTER 24

But why are the seasons hidden from the Lord, ²while the ungodly overstepped the bound, carrying off flock with shepherd? ³They have led away the ass of the fatherless, and taken the widow's ox for a pledge. ⁴They have turned the weak out of the way: and the meek of the earth have hid themselves together. ⁵They have also departed, like asses in the field, they have gone forth because of me according to their own order: His bread is sweet unto His little ones. ⁶They have reaped a field that was not their own before the time: the poor have laboured in the vineyards of the ungodly without reward or meat. ⁷They have caused many naked to sleep without clothes, and have taken away the covering of their body. ⁸They are wet with the drops of the mountains: they have embraced the rock, because they had no shelter. ⁹They have plucked the fatherless from the breast, and have afflicted the outcast. ¹⁰And they have wrongfully caused them to sleep without clothing, and taken away the morsel of the hungry. ¹¹They have laid wait unrighteously in narrow places, and have not known the righteous way. ¹²They have cast forth the poor from the city, and their own houses; and the soul of the children hath groaned aloud. ¹³Why then hath He not visited these? forasmuch as they were upon the earth, and took no notice; and they knew not the way of righteousness, neither have they walked in their paths. ¹⁴But having known their works, He delivered them into darkness: and in the night shall one be as a thief: ¹⁵and the eye of the adulterer hath watched for the darkness, saying, No eye shall see me: and putteth a covering on his face. ¹⁶In darkness he diggeth through houses: in the daytime they conceal themselves securely: they know not the light. ¹⁷For the morning unto them is even as the shadow of death, for he will know the terror of the shadow of death. ¹⁸He is swift on the face of the water: let his portion be cursed on the earth; and let their plants be laid bare. ¹⁹Let them be withered upon the earth; for they have plundered the sheaves of the fatherless. ²⁰Then is his sin brought to remembrance, and he vanisheth as a vapour of the dew: but let what he hath done be recompensed to him, and let every unrighteous be crushed as rotten wood. ²¹For he hath not entreated the barren woman well, and hath had no pity on a feeble woman. ²²And in wrath hath he overthrown the helpless: therefore, when he is risen, he will not feel secure of his own life. ²³when he is fallen sick, let him not hope to recover: but let him perish by

disease. ²⁴For his exaltation hath hurt many; but he is withered as a mallow in the heat. ²⁵But if it be no so, who is he that saith that I speak falsely, and will make my words of no account?

CHAPTER 25

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, ²What beginning or fear is His, even He that maketh all things in the highest? ³Let none think that there is a respite for robbers: and upon whom will there not come a snare from Him? ⁴For how shall a mortal be justified before the Lord, or who shall purify himself that is born of woman? ⁵If He giveth commandment to the moon, then it shineth not: and the stars are not pure in His sight. ⁶But alas! man is but corruption, and the son of man a worm.

CHAPTER 26

But Job answered and said, ²Unto whom art thou devoted, or whom art thou about to help? is it not He that hath much strength, and who hath a strong arm? ³To whom hast thou given counsel? is it not to Him Which hath all wisdom? whom wilt thou follow? is it not the One that hath the greatest power? ⁴Unto whom hast thou uttered words? and whose breath is it that hath come forth from thee? ⁵Shall giants be born from under the water and the inhabitants thereof? ⁶Hades is naked before Him, and destruction hath no covering. ⁷He stretcheth out the north wind over nothing, and hangeth the earth upon nothing; ⁸He bindeth up the water in his clouds, and the cloud is not rent under it. ⁹He holdeth back the face of His throne, and spreadeth out His cloud upon it. ¹⁰He hath compassed the face of the water by an appointed ordinance, until the end of light and darkness. ¹¹The pillars of heaven are prostrate and astonished at His reproof. ¹²He hath calmed the sea with power, and by His wisdom hath the whale been overthrown. ¹³The bars of heaven also fear Him, and by His command hath He slain the apostate dragon. ¹⁴Lo, these are parts of His way; and we will hearken unto Him at the least drop of His word: but the power of His thunder, who knoweth when He shall employ it?

CHAPTER 27

Moreover Job yet further continued in his preamble, and said, ²As God liveth, Who hath so judged me; and the Almighty, Who hath embittered my soul; ³verily, while my breath is yet in me, and the spirit of God which remaineth unto me is in my nostrils, ⁴my lips shall not speak wicked words, nor my soul meditate unrighteous thoughts. ⁵Far be it from me that I should justify you till I die, for I will not let go mine innocency, ⁶but holding fast to

righteousness, I will by no means let it go: for I am not conscious within me of having done any thing amiss. ⁷Nay rather let mine enemies be as the overthrow of the ungodly, and they that rise up against me as the destruction of transgressors. ⁸For what is the hope of the ungodly that holdeth to it? will he indeed trust in the Lord, *and* be saved? ⁹Will God hear his prayer, or when distress cometh upon him, ¹⁰hath he any confidence before him? or will God hear him as he calleth upon Him? ¹¹Yet now I will tell you what is in the hand of the Lord: I will not lie concerning the things which are with the Almighty. ¹²Behold, all ye yourselves know that ye add vanity to vanity. ¹³This is the portion of an ungodly man of the Lord, and the possession of the powerful shall come upon them of the Almighty. ¹⁴And if their children be many, they shall be for slaughter: and if they grow up, they shall beg. ¹⁵And those that survive of him shall utterly perish, and none shall pity their widows. ¹⁶Though he gather silver as earth, and prepare gold as clay; ¹⁷all these things shall the righteous gain, and the true of heart shall possess his riches. ¹⁸And his house is gone like moths, and like a spider's web. ¹⁹The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not continue: he hath opened his eyes, and he is not. ²⁰Pains are come upon him as water, and darkness hath carried him away by night. ²¹And a burning wind shall catch him, and he shall depart; and it shall utterly drive him out of his place. ²²And God shall cast trouble upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his place.

CHAPTER 28

For there is a place for the silver, from whence it cometh; and a place for the gold, when it is fined. ²For iron cometh out of the earth, and brass is hewn out as stone. ³He hath set an end to darkness, and searcheth out every limit: a stone is darkness, and the shadow of death. ⁴There is a cutting off of the torrent by reason of drought: so they that forget the right way are weakened; they are removed from among men. ⁵As *for* the earth, out of it shall come bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. ⁶The stones of it are the place of the sapphire: and the dust thereof supplieth man with gold. ⁷There is a path, the fowl hath not known it, neither hath the vulture's eye seen it: ⁸nor have the sons of the proud trodden it; a lion hath not passed upon it. ⁹He hath put forth His hand upon the sharp rock, and overturned the mountains by the roots: ¹⁰and He hath caused the whirlpools of rivers to break forth; and mine eye hath seen every precious thing. ¹¹And He hath laid bare the deeps of rivers, and brought his power to light. ¹²But whence hath wisdom been discovered? and what is the place of understanding? ¹³A mortal hath not known the way thereof, neither hath it been discovered among men. ¹⁴The depth said, It is not in me: and the sea said, It is not with me. ¹⁵One shall not give fine gold instead of it, neither shall silver be weighed in exchange for it. ¹⁶Neither shall it be compared with gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx and the sapphire. ¹⁷Gold and crystal shall not be equal to it, neither shall vessels of gold be the exchange thereof. ¹⁸Coral and fine pearl

shall not be mentioned: but do thou esteem wisdom above the most precious things. ¹⁹The topaz of Ethiopia shall not be equal to it; it shall not be compared with pure gold. ²⁰Whence then is wisdom found? and of what kind is the place of understanding? ²¹It hath escaped the notice of every man, and hath been hid from the fowls of the sky. ²²Destruction and Death said, We have heard the fame thereof. ²³God hath well ordered the way thereof, and He knoweth the place thereof. ²⁴For He surveyeth the whole earth under heaven, and knoweth the things in the earth: ²⁵all that He hath made; the weight of the winds, the measures of the water. ²⁶When He made them, thus did He see them, and number them; and made a way for the pealing of the thunder. ²⁷Then did He see it, and declare it: He prepared it, yea, and searched it out. ²⁸And unto man He said, Behold, godliness is wisdom; and to abstain from evil is understanding.

CHAPTER 29

Moreover Job continued, and said in his preamble, ²Who might put me in months past, as in the days wherein God protected me? ³As when His lamp shined over my head; when by His light I walked through darkness: ⁴as when I steadfastly pressed upon my ways, when God's visitation was over mine house: ⁵as when I lived in abundance, and my children were about me; ⁶when my ways were flowing with butter, and the mountains poured forth milk for me: ⁷as when I went forth early in the city, and the seat was placed for me in the streets. ⁸The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and all the aged arose, and stood up. ⁹And the great men refrained talking, and laid their finger on their mouth. ¹⁰And they that heard me blessed me, and their tongue cleaved to their throat. ¹¹For the ear heard, and blessed me; and the eye saw me, and turned aside. ¹²For I saved the poor out of the hand of the oppressor, and helped the fatherless, that had no helper. ¹³Let the blessing of him that perisheth come upon me; yea, the mouth of the widow hath blessed me. ¹⁴I put on righteousness also, and clothed myself with judgment like a mantle. ¹⁵I was the eye to the blind, and the foot to the lame. ¹⁶I was the father of the helpless: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. ¹⁷And I brake the jaw teeth of the unrighteous; I plucked the spoil out of the midst of their teeth. ¹⁸Then I said, Mine age shall continue as the stem of a palm tree: I shall live a long while. ¹⁹My root was spread out by the water, and the dew will lodge on my crop. ²⁰My glory was fresh in me, and my bow prospered in his hand. ²¹Men heard me, and gave ear, and kept silence at my counsel. ²²At my word they spake not again, and whensoever I spake unto them, they were very glad. ²³As the thirsty earth that expecteth the rain, so they *waited for* my speech. ²⁴If I laughed at them, they did not believe it; and the light of mine eyes did not fail. ²⁵I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the midst of armed men, as one that comforteth mourners.

CHAPTER 30

But now they that are youngest have had me in derision; now they reproach me in turn, whose fathers I disdained, whom I deemed not worthy to be with the dogs of my flock. ²Yea, what profit is the strength of their hands to me? for them the full term *of life* was lost. ³In want and famine, childless *were* they that but yesterday fled a waterless land in distress and misery, ⁴who compass the salt places on the sounding shore; who had salt herb for their meat, and were without honour, and of no repute, in want of every thing that is good; who ate also the roots of trees by reason of great hunger. ⁵Thieves are risen up against me, ⁶whose houses were the caves of the rocks; which lived under the wild shrubs: ⁷they will cry out among the rustling bushes. ⁸*They are* sons of fools and dishonourable men, whose name and glory are quenched from off the earth. ⁹But now am I their lyre, and they have me for a byword. ¹⁰And they abhorred me, and stood aloof, and spared not to spit in my face. ¹¹Because he hath opened his quiver, and afflicted me: they have also cast off the restraint of my presence. ¹²Upon the right hand of their offspring have they risen up against me; they have stretched out their foot, and directed against me the ways of their destruction. ¹³My paths are ruined, for they have stripped off my raiment: he hath shot at me with his arrows. ¹⁴He hath also used me as he willed: I am overwhelmed with pains. ¹⁵My pains return upon me; my hope is gone like the wind, and my safety as a cloud. ¹⁶And now shall my soul be poured out upon me; and days of anguish shall take hold upon me. ¹⁷My bones also are confounded in the night; and my sinews are broken up. ¹⁸With great force he hath taken hold upon my garment: it hath compassed me as the collar of my coat. ¹⁹And Thou hast counted me as clay; my portion is in dust and ashes. ²⁰I cried also unto Thee, and Thou dost not hear me: but they stood still, and looked upon me. ²¹They fell upon me also without mercy: Thou hast scourged me with a strong hand. ²²And Thou hast appointed pains unto me, and cast me away from salvation. ²³For I know that death will destroy me: for the earth is the house that is appointed for every mortal man. ²⁴Oh then that I might lay hands upon myself, or at the least ask another, and he would do it for me. ²⁵Yet I wept over every helpless man; I groaned when I saw a man that was in distress. ²⁶But as for me, when I waited for good things, behold, the days of evil came the more upon me. ²⁷My belly boiled, and would not cease: the days of poverty prevented me. ²⁸I went mourning without restraint: I stood up also, and I cried in the congregation. ²⁹I am become a brother to monsters, and a companion to ostriches. ³⁰My skin also hath been greatly blackened, and my bones are burned with the heat. ³¹My harp also is turned into mourning, and my song into my weeping.

CHAPTER 31

I made a covenant with mine eyes; and will not think upon a maid.
²Now what portion hath God given from above? and is there an inheritance of the Mighty One from the highest? ³Alas! destruction unto the unrighteous, and rejection unto them that work iniquity. ⁴Shall not He see my way, and count all my steps? ⁵But if I have walked with the scornful, and if my foot also hath hastened to deceit: ⁶(for I am weighed in a just balance, and the Lord knoweth mine innocence;) ⁷if my foot hath turned out of the way, or if mine heart hath followed after mine eye, and if also I have touched gifts with mine hands; ⁸then let me sow, and let others eat; and let me be rooted out of the earth. ⁹If mine heart hath gone after another man's wife, and if I have laid wait at her doors; ¹⁰then let my wife also please another, and let my children be brought low. ¹¹For a fit of passion is not to be controlled, namely the defiling of a man's wife. ¹²For it is a fire that burneth on every side, and whomsoever it attacketh, it utterly destroyeth. ¹³And if I also did despise the judgment of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they pleaded with me; ¹⁴what then shall I do if the Lord try me? and if He also visit me, can I make answer? ¹⁵Were not they too formed as I also was formed in the womb? yea, we were fashioned in the same womb. ¹⁶But the helpless missed not whatsoever they had need of, and I caused not the eye of the widow to fail. ¹⁷And if I also ate my morsel alone, and imparted not unto the fatherless; ¹⁸(for I nourished him as a father from my youth, and guided them from my mother's womb;) ¹⁹and if I also overlooked the naked as he perished, and clothed him not; ²⁰and if the poor blessed me not, and their shoulders were not warmed with the fleece of my lambs; ²¹if I lifted up my hands against the fatherless, trusting that my strength was far above his: ²²then let my shoulder start from the bladebone, and let mine arm be crushed from the elbow. ²³For the fear of the Lord constrained me, and by reason of His burden I shall not endure. ²⁴If I made gold my treasure, and if also I trusted the precious stone; ²⁵and if too I rejoiced when my riches were abundant, and if too I laid mine hand upon things innumerable: ²⁶do we not see the shining sun eclipsed, and the moon waning? for they have it not in them to continue: ²⁷and if mine heart was secretly deceived, and if I have laid mine hand upon my mouth and kissed it: ²⁸let this also be reckoned unto me as the greatest iniquity: for I should have lied against the Lord Most High. ²⁹And if too I was glad at the fall of mine enemies, and mine heart said, Aha! ³⁰let then mine ear hear my curse, and let me be a byword among my people in mine affliction. ³¹And if too mine handmaidens had often said, Oh that we might be satisfied with his flesh; (seeing I was very kind: ³²for the stranger did not lodge without, and my door was opened unto every one that came;) ³³or if too, having sinned unintentionally, I hid my sin; (³⁴for I stood not in awe of a great multitude, not to declare boldly unto them;) and if also I suffered a poor man to go out of my door with an empty bosom: (³⁵Oh that I had an hearer,) and if I had not feared the hand of the Lord; and to the written charge that I had against any one, ³⁶I would place as a chaplet upon my shoulders, and read it. ³⁷And if I read it

not, and returned it, having taken nothing from the debtor: ³⁸if at any time the land groaned against me, and if the furrows thereof mourned together; ³⁹and if I did eat the strength thereof alone without a price; and if too I did grieve the heart of the owner of the soil, by taking aught from him: ⁴⁰then let the nettle come up unto me instead of wheat, and a bramble instead of barley. And Job ceased speaking.

CHAPTER 32

And his three friends also ceased any more to answer Job, because Job was righteous before them. ²Then Elihu the son of Barachel, the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram, of the country of Ausis, was angered: and he was very wroth with Job, because he justified himself before the Lord. ³And with his three friends also was he very angry, because they were not able to return answer unto Job, yet set him down for an ungodly man. ⁴But Elihu had forborne to make answer unto Job, because they were elder than he. ⁵And Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men, and was angered in his wrath. ⁶And Elihu the Buzite the son of Barachel answered and said, I am younger in age, and ye are elder; wherefore I held my tongue, fearing to declare to you mine own knowledge. ⁷And I said, It is not time that speaketh, though in many years men know wisdom: ⁸but there is a spirit in mortals; and the inspiration of the Almighty is that which teacheth. ⁹They that are long lived are not wise; neither do the ages know judgment. ¹⁰Wherefore I said, Hearken unto me, and I will tell you what I know. ¹¹Hearken unto my words; for I will speak in your hearing, until ye have tried the matter with words: ¹²and I shall understand as far as you; and, behold, there was no one of you that answered Job his words in argument, ¹³lest ye should say, We have added wisdom unto the Lord. ¹⁴And ye have commissioned a man to speak such words. ¹⁵They were afraid, they answered no more; they gave up their speaking. ¹⁶I waited, (for I had not spoken,) because they stood still, they answered not. ¹⁷And Elihu continued, and said, I will again speak, ¹⁸for I am full of words, for the spirit of my belly destroyeth me. ¹⁹And my belly is as a skin of sweet wine, bound up and boiling to burst; or as a brazier's labouring bellows. ²⁰I will speak, that I may open my lips and relieve myself. ²¹For verily I will not be awed because of man, nor indeed will I be confounded before a mortal. ²²For I know not how to respect persons: and if otherwise, even the moths would eat me.

CHAPTER 33

Howbeit, Job, hear my words, and hearken to my speech. ²For behold, I have opened my mouth, and my tongue hath spoken. ³My heart *shall be found* pure by *my* words; and the understanding of my lips shall meditate purity. ⁴The Divine Spirit is that which formed me, and the breath

of the Almighty that which teacheth me. ⁵If thou canst, give me answer: wait therefore; stand against me, and I *will stand* against thee. ⁶Thou art formed out of the clay, as also I: we have been formed out of the same substance. ⁷My fear shall not terrify thee, neither shall mine hand be heavy upon thee. ⁸But thou hast said in mine ears, (I have heard the voice of thy words;) because thou sayest, I am pure, not having sinned; ⁹I am blameless, for I have not transgressed. ¹⁰Yet He hath discovered a charge against me, and hath counted me an adversary. ¹¹And He hath put my feet in the stocks, and marked all my paths. ¹²For how sayest thou, I am just: yet hath He not hearkened unto me? for He that is above mortals is eternal. ¹³But thou sayest, Wherefore hath He not heard every word of my cause? ¹⁴For when the Lord speaketh once, or a second time, ¹⁵in a dream, or in the meditation of the night; (as when a dread alarm falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed:) ¹⁶then openeth He the understanding of men: He scareth them with such fearful visions: ¹⁷to turn a man from unrighteousness, and he delivereth his body from a fall. ¹⁸He spareth also his soul from death, and suffereth him not to fall in war. ¹⁹And again, He chasteneth him with sickness on his bed, and the multitude of his bones is numbed. ²⁰And he shall not be able to take any food, though his souls shall desire meat; ²¹until his flesh be consumed, and he sheweth his bones bare. ²²His soul also draweth near unto death, and his life is in Hades. ²³Though there be a thousand angels of death, there shall not one of them wound him: if he purpose in his heart to turn unto the Lord, and declare to man his fault, and shew his folly; ²⁴He will support him, that he perish not, and will restore his body as plaster upon a wall; and He will fill his bones with marrow. ²⁵And He will make his flesh tender as that of a babe, and will restore him among men in full strength. ²⁶He also shall pray unto the Lord, and his prayer shall be accepted of Him; he shall enter with a cheerful countenance, with a full expression: for He will render unto men their due. ²⁷Even then shall a man blame himself, saying, What kind of things have I done? and He hath not punished me according to the full measure of my sins. ²⁸Deliver my soul, that it go not unto destruction; and my life shall see the light. ²⁹Behold, all these the Mighty One worketh in a threefold manner with a man. ³⁰And He hath delivered my soul from death, that my life may praise Him in the light. ³¹Hearken, Job, and hear me: hold thy peace, and I will speak. ³²If thou hast words, answer me: speak, for I desire thee to be justified. ³³If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will teach thee.

CHAPTER 34

And Elihu continued and said, ²Hear me, O ye wise men; hearken, ye that have knowledge. ³For the ear trieth words, and the mouth tasteth meat. ⁴Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is right. ⁵For Job hath said, I am righteous: the Lord hath taken away my judgment. ⁶And He hath lied in my judgment: my wound is violent without

unrighteousness of mine. ⁷What man is Job, drinking up scorning like water?
⁸not having sinned, nor done ungodliness, nor had fellowship with the
workers of iniquity, to go with the ungodly. ⁹For thou shouldest not say,
There shall be no visitation of a man, seeing *there is* a visitation on him from
the Lord. ¹⁰Therefore hearken unto me, ye that are wise in heart: far be it
from me to sin before the Lord, and to pervert righteousness before the
Almighty. ¹¹Yea, according as each of them doeth, He rendereth unto a man;
and in a man's path shall he find him. ¹²Yea, thinkest thou that the Lord will
do wrong; or will the Almighty Who made the earth disturb judgment? ¹³And
Who is He that made the whole world under heaven, and all things therein?
¹⁴For if He would confine and restrain His Spirit with Himself, ¹⁵all flesh
would die together, and every mortal would turn again unto the earth, whence
he was formed. ¹⁶Take heed, lest He rebuke thee: hear this, hearken unto the
voice of His words. ¹⁷Behold, then, the One that hateth iniquities, and
destroyeth the wicked, Who is for ever just. ¹⁸Ungodly *is he* that sayeth unto
a king, Thou art a transgressor, that sayeth unto princes, O most ungodly
one. ¹⁹Such an one as would not reverence the face of an honourable man,
neither knoweth how to give honour unto the great, that their persons should
be respected. ²⁰But it shall turn out vanity to them, to cry and beseech a
man; for they dealt unlawfully, the poor being turned aside. ²¹For He is
surveyor of the works of men, and nothing of what they do hath escaped Him.
²²Neither shall there be a place for the workers of iniquity to hide themselves.
²³For he will not lay upon man more than right. ²⁴For the Lord looketh down
upon all men, Who comprehendeth unsearchable things without number.
²⁵Who discovereth all their works, and will bring night about *upon them*, and
they shall be brought low. ²⁶He also quite destroyeth the ungodly, for they
are seen before Him. ²⁷Because they turned aside from the law of God, and
regarded not His ordinances, ²⁸to bring before Him the cry of the needy; for He
will hear the cry of the poor. ²⁹And He will give quietness; and who will
condemn? He also will hide His face; and who shall see Him? whether it be
done against a nation, or against a man also: ³⁰causing an hypocrite to be
king, because of the waywardness of the people. ³¹For he that sayeth unto
the Mighty One, I have received; I will not take a pledge: ³²I will see apart from
myself: do Thou shew me if I have done unrighteousness; I will not do so
more. ³³Will He take vengeance for it on thee, seeing thou wilt put *it far from
thee?* for thou shalt choose, and not I; and speak what thou knowest.
³⁴Because the wise in heart shall say this, and a wise man hearkeneth unto
my word. ³⁵But Job hath not spoken with understanding; his words are not
with knowledge. ³⁶Howbeit do thou learn, Job: no more make answer as the
foolish: ³⁷that we add not unto our sins: for iniquity will be reckoned against
us, if we speak many words before the Lord.

CHAPTER 35

And Elihu added still more, and said, ²What is this that thou thinkest to be according to right? who art thou that thou hast said, I am righteous before the Lord? ³I will answer thee, and thy three friends. ⁴Look up unto the sky, and see; and consider the clouds, how high they are above thee. ⁵If thou hast sinned, what wilt thou do? and if thou hast transgressed much, what canst thou perform? (*no verse 6*) ⁷And suppose thou art righteous, what wilt thou give him? or what shall he receive of thine hand? ⁸Thine ungodliness may affect a man that is like unto thee; or thy righteousness a son of man. ⁹They that are oppressed of a multitude will be ready to cry out; they will call for help because of the arm of the many. ¹⁰But none said, Where is God that made me, Who appointeth the night watches; ¹¹Who maketh me to differ from the four footed beasts of the earth, and from the fowls of the sky? ¹²There they shall cry, and none shall hearken, because of the insolence of wicked men. ¹³For the Lord desireth not to look on error, for He is the Almighty One. ¹⁴He is the beholder of them that perform lawless deeds, and He will save me: and do thou plead before Him, if thou canst praise Him, as it is possible even now. ¹⁵For He doth not now regard His wrath, neither hath He noticed with severity any trespass. ¹⁶Yet Job vainly openeth his mouth; in ignorance he multiplieth words.

CHAPTER 36

And Elihu further continued, and said, ²Wait for me yet a little, that I may teach thee: for there is yet speech in me. ³Having fetched my knowledge from afar, and according to my works, ⁴I will speak just things truly, and thou shall not unjustly receive unjust words. ⁵But know that the Lord will not cast off an innocent man: being mighty in strength of heart, ⁶He will not by any means quicken the ungodly: and He will grant the judgment of the poor. ⁷He will not turn away His eyes from the righteous, but they shall be with kings on the throne; and He will establish them for victory, and they shall be exalted. ⁸But they that are bound in fetters shall be holden in cords of poverty. ⁹And He shall recount to them their works, and their transgressions; for such will act with violence. ¹⁰But He will hearken unto the righteous: and He hath said that they shall turn from unrighteousness. ¹¹If they hear and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in honour. ¹²But He preserveth not the ungodly; because they are not willing to know the Lord, and because they were disobedient when they were reprov'd. ¹³And the hypocrites in heart will array wrath *against themselves*; they will not cry, because He hath bound them. ¹⁴Therefore let their soul die in youth, and their life be wounded by messengers *of death*. ¹⁵Because they afflicted the weak and the helpless: and He will vindicate the judgment of the meek. ¹⁶And He also hath enticed thee out of the mouth of the enemy: ¹⁷there is a deep gulf and a rushing stream beneath it, and thy table came down full of

fatness. Judgment shall not fail from the righteous; ¹⁸but there shall be wrath upon the ungodly, by reason of the ungodliness of the bribes which they received for iniquities. ¹⁹Let not thy mind willingly turn thee aside from the petition of the feeble that are in distress. ²⁰And draw not forth all the mighty *men* by night, that the people go up instead of them. ²¹But take heed lest thou do that which is wrong: for of this hast thou made choice because of poverty. ²²Behold, the Mighty One shall prevail by His own strength: for who is powerful as He? ²³And who is he that examineth His works? or who can say, He hath wrought injustice? ²⁴Remember that His works are great beyond those that men have attempted. ²⁵Every man hath seen in himself how many mortals are wounded. ²⁶Behold, the Mighty One is great, and we shall not know Him: the number of His years is infinite. ²⁷And the drops of rain are numbered by Him, and shall be poured out in rain to form a cloud. ²⁸The ancient heavens shall flow, and the clouds overshadow mortals without number: ^{28a}He hath fixed a time to cattle, and they know the order of rest. ^{28b}Yet by all these things thine understanding is not astonished, neither is thy heart disturbed in thy body. ²⁹And though one understand the outspreadings of the clouds, or the measure of His tabernacle; ³⁰behold, He will stretch His bow against him, and He covereth the bottom of the sea. ³¹For by them He will judge the nations: He will give meat unto him that hath strength. ³²He hath hid the light in His hands, and given charge concerning it to the cloud that cometh betwixt. ³³The Lord will shew concerning this unto his friend: but there is a portion also for unrighteousness.

CHAPTER 37

At this also my heart is troubled, and moved out of his place. ²Hear thou a report by the anger of the Lord's wrath, and a discourse shall come out of His mouth. ³His dominion is under the whole heaven, and His light is at the extremities of the earth. ⁴After him shall there be a cry with a loud voice: He shall thunder with the voice of His excellency, yet shall He not cause men to pass away, for one shall hear His voice. ⁵The Mighty One shall thunder wonderfully with His voice: for He hath done great things which we knew not; ⁶commanding the snow, saying, Be thou upon the earth, and the stormy rain, and the storm of the showers of His might. ⁷He sealet up the hand of every man, that every man may know his own weakness. ⁸And the wild beasts come in under the covert, and rest in their lair. ⁹Troubles come in out of the secret chambers, and cold out of the mountain tops. ¹⁰And from the breath of the Mighty One He will send frost; and He guideth the water in whatsoever way He pleaseth. ¹¹And if a cloud obscureth what is precious unto Him, His light will disperse the cloud. ¹²And He will carry round the encircling clouds by His governance, to perform their works: whatsoever He shall command them, ¹³this hath been appointed by Him on the earth, whether for correction, or for His land, or if He shall find him for mercy. ¹⁴Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and be admonished of the power of the Lord. ¹⁵We know that God

hath disposed His works, having made light out of darkness. ¹⁶And He knoweth the divisions of the clouds, and the signal overthrows of the ungodly. ¹⁷But Thy robe is warm, and there is quiet upon the land. ¹⁸Wilt thou establish with Him foundations for things that are grown old, strong as a vision of melting? ¹⁹Wherefore teach me, what shall we say unto Him? and let us cease from saying much. ²⁰Have I a book or a scribe by me, that I may put a man to silence? ²¹But the light is not visible to all: it shineth afar off in the heavens, as that which is from Him in the clouds. ²²Out of the north come the clouds shining like gold: in these great are the glory and honour of the Almighty; ²³and we find not another His equal in strength: as for Him that judgeth justly, thinkest thou not that he hearkeneth? ²⁴Men shall therefore fear Him; they also that are wise in heart shall fear him.

CHAPTER 38

And after Elihu had ceased from speaking, the Lord spake unto Job through the whirlwind and clouds, saying, ²Who is this that hideth counsel from Me, and layeth up words in his heart, and thinketh to conceal them from Me? ³Gird up thy loins like a man; and I will ask thee, and answer thou Me. ⁴Where wast thou when I founded the earth? tell Me now, if thou hast knowledge, ⁵who set the measures of it, if thou knowest? or who stretched a line upon it? ⁶Whereupon are the rings thereof fastened? and who is He that laid the cornerstone thereon? ⁷When the stars were made, all Mine angels praised Me with a loud voice. ⁸And I shut up the sea with gates, when it brake forth, issuing out of her mother's womb. ⁹And I made a cloud the garment thereof, and swathed it in mist. ¹⁰And I set bounds to it, surrounding it with bars and gates. ¹¹And I said unto it, Hitherto shalt thou come, but thou shalt not go beyond, but thy waves shall be confined within thee. ¹²Or did I order the morning light in thy time; and did the morning star *then first* see his appointed place; ¹³to lay hold upon the extremities of the earth, to cast out the ungodly out of it? ¹⁴Or didst thou take clay of the ground, and form a living creature, and set him with the power of speech upon the earth? ¹⁵And hast thou withholden light from the ungodly, and crushed the arm of the proud? ¹⁶Or hast thou gone unto the source of the sea, and walked in the tracks of the deep? ¹⁷And do the gates of death open unto thee for fear; and did the porters of Hades quake when they saw thee? ¹⁸And hast thou been instructed in the breadth of the *whole earth* under heaven? tell Me now, what is the extent thereof? ¹⁹And in what kind of a land doth the light dwell? and of what kind is the place of darkness? ²⁰If thou couldest bring Me unto their uttermost boundaries, and if also thou knewest their paths; ²¹I know then that thou wert born at that time, and the number of thy years is great. ²²But hast thou gone unto the treasures of the snow? and hast thou seen the treasures of the hail? ²³But is there a store for thee against a time of enemies, for a day of war and battle? ²⁴And from whence cometh the hoarfrost? or from whence is the south wind dispersed over that

which is under heaven? ²⁵And who prepared a watercourse for the violent rain, and a way for the tumults; ²⁶to bring rain upon the earth, where no man is, in the wilderness, wherein there is no man; to feed the untrodden and uninhabited land, ²⁷and to cause it it bring forth a crop of green herbs? ²⁸Who is the rain's father? and who hath begotten the drops of dew? ²⁹And out of whose womb cometh the ice? and the freezing rain in the heaven, who hath gendered it, ³⁰that cometh down like flowing water? who hath frozen the face of the ungodly? ³¹And hast thou comprehended the bond of Pleiades, and hast thou opened the barrier of Orion? ³²Or wilt thou open Mazzaroth in his season? and Hesperus with his tail, wilt thou lead him? ³³And knowest thou the changes of heaven, or the things that with one accord take place under heaven? ³⁴And wilt thou call a cloud by voice, and will it obey thee with a vehement shower of much rain? ³⁵And wilt thou send out thunderbolts, and shall they go? and shall they say unto thee, What is it? ³⁶And who is He that hath given to women skill in weaving, or knowledge of broidery? ³⁷And who is He that numbereth the clouds in wisdom, and hath bowed the heaven to the earth? ³⁸And dust hath been poured out like the earth, and I have cemented it, like a block unto a stone. ³⁹And wilt thou hunt a prey for the lions? And satisfy the desires of serpents? ⁴⁰For they are afraid in their dens, and crouch in the covert, lying in wait. ⁴¹And who hath prepared for the raven his food? for his young ones wander, and cry unto the Lord, in search of meat.

CHAPTER 39

Say if thou knowest the time of the bringing forth of the wild goats of the rock, and if thou hast mark the calving of the hinds: ²and if thou hast numbered the full months of their being with young, and if thou hast relieved their pangs: ³and hast reared their young without fear; and wilt thou loose their pangs? ⁴Their young will break forth; they will be multiplied with offspring; they will go forth, and return not unto them. ⁵And who is He that sent out the wild ass free? and who hath loosed his bands? ⁶whereas his habitation have I made the wilderness, and the salt land his coverts. ⁷He laugheth to scorn the multitude of the city, neither heareth he the chiding of the tax gatherer. ⁸He will survey the mountains as his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing. ⁹Will the unicorn also be willing to serve thee, or lie down at thy crib? ¹⁰And wilt thou bind his yoke with bands, or will he plow furrows for thee in the plain? ¹¹And dost thou trust him, because his strength is great? and wilt thou commit thy works unto him? ¹²Wilt thou also believe that he will return to thee thy seed, and bring it unto thy threshing floor? ¹³The peacock hath a beautiful wing: if the stork and the ostrich do conceive, ¹⁴the ostrich will leave her eggs in the ground, and warm them in the dust; ¹⁵and hath forgotten that the foot will scatter them, and the wild beasts of the field tread upon them. ¹⁶She hath hardened herself against her young ones, as though they were not hers: she laboureth in vain without

fear. ¹⁷Because God hath withholden wisdom from her, and hath not given her a portion in understanding. ¹⁸In her season she will lift herself on high; she will scorn the horse and the rider. ¹⁹Hast thou invested the horse with strength, and clothed his neck with terror? ²⁰And hast thou clad him in perfect armour, and made his breast glorious with courage? ²¹He paweth exulting in the plain, and goeth forth in strength into the plain. ²²He laugheth a king to scorn as he meeteth him, and will by no means turn back from the sword. ²³The bow and the arrow resound against him, and his rage will swallow up the ground; neither will he believe until the trumpet soundeth. ²⁴And when the trumpet soundeth, he saith, Aha! and afar off he smelleth the war with prancing and neighing. ²⁵And doth the hawk remain steady by thy wisdom, having spread out her wings unmoved, looking toward the region of the south? ²⁷And doth the eagle rise at thy command, and doth the vulture remain sitting over his nest, ²⁸upon a crag of a rock, and in a secret *place*? ²⁹From thence he seeketh meat; his eyes observe afar off. ³⁰His young ones also roll themselves in blood; and wheresoever the carcasses be, immediately are they found.

CHAPTER 40

And the Lord God answered Job, and said, ²Will any pervert judgment with the Mighty One? and he that reproveth God, let him return it for answer. ³And Job answered and said unto the Lord, ⁴Wherefore do I yet plead? Being rebuked even while reproving the Lord: hearing such things, seeing I am nothing: and what shall I answer to these arguments? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. ⁵Once have I spoken; but I will not do so a second time. ⁶Then answered the Lord yet again and spake unto Job out of the cloud, saying, ⁷Nay, gird up thy loins like a man: and I will demand of thee, and do thou answer me. ⁸Set not aside My judgment; and thinkest thou that I have dealt with thee in any other way, than that thou mightest appear to be righteous? ⁹Hast thou an arm like the Lord's? or dost thou thunder with a voice like His? ¹⁰Assume thou now a lofty bearing and power; and array thyself with glory and honour. ¹¹And send forth messengers with wrath; and abase every one that is haughty. ¹²Bring down also the proud; and consume at once the ungodly. ¹³And hide them in the earth together; and fill their faces with shame. ¹⁴Then will I confess that thy right hand can save thee. ¹⁵But now look upon the wild beasts with thee; they eat grass as oxen. ¹⁶Behold now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. ¹⁷He setteth up his tail like a cypress; and his nerves are wrapped together. ¹⁸His sides are sides of brass; and his backbone is as cast iron. ¹⁹This is the chief of the creation of the Lord; made to be played with by His angels. ²⁰And when he is gone up to a steep mountain, he causeth joy to the four footed beasts in the deep. ²¹He lieth under trees of every kind, by the papyrus, and reed, and bulrush. ²²And the great trees cast a shadow over him with their boughs, and so also the bushes of the field. ²³If there be a

flood, he will not perceive it; he trusteth that Jordan will rush into his mouth. ²⁴One shall take him with his eyes; *one* shall catch *him* with a cord, and pierce his nose. ²⁵But wilt thou catch the serpent with an hook, and put an halter about his nose? ²⁶Or wilt thou fasten a ring in his nostril, and bore his lip with a clasp? ²⁷Will he speak unto thee with a petition, softly, with the voice of a suppliant? ²⁸And will he make a covenant with thee; and wilt thou take him for a perpetual servant? ²⁹Wilt thou also play with him as with a bird, or bind him as a sparrow for a child? ³⁰And do the nations feed upon him, and the nations of the Phoenicians share him? ³¹And all the ships come together would not be able to bear the mere skin of his tail; neither his head in fishing vessels. ³²But thou shalt lay thine hand upon him, remembering the war that is waged by his mouth; and let it not be done any more.

CHAPTER 41

Hast thou not seen him; and hast thou not wondered at the things that are said *of him*? ²Dost thou not fear, because preparation is made by Me? for who is there that standeth against Me? ³Or who will stand against Me, and abide, since the whole world under heaven is Mine? ⁴I will not hold my tongue because of it, and a word of power shall show mercy to that which is the equal thereof. ⁵Who will open the face of his garment; and who can enter within the fold of his breastplate? ⁶Who will open the doors of his face? terror is round about his teeth. ⁷His reins are as brasen plates, and the texture of his skin as symrite stone. ⁸One part cleaveth unto another, and the air cannot come betwixt them. ⁹A man shall cleave to his brother: they are bound together, and cannot be separated. ¹⁰At his sneezings a light shineth: and His eyes are as the appearance of the morning star. ¹¹Out of his mouth proceed as it were burning lamps, and as it were hearths of fire are cast abroad. ¹²Out of his nostrils proceedeth smoke of a furnace burning with fire of coals. ¹³His breath is as live coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. ¹⁴And in his neck is power lodged; destruction runneth before him. ¹⁵The flesh also of his body is joined together: *if one* pour upon him, he shall not be moved. ¹⁶His heart is as firm as a stone; and standeth like an unyielding anvil. ¹⁷And when he turneth, he is a terror unto the fourfooted wild beasts that leap upon the earth. ¹⁸If spears come against him, they will effect nothing, even the spear or the breastplate. ¹⁹For He considereth iron as chaff, and brass as rotten wood. ²⁰The bow of brass shall not wound him; he esteemeth a slinger as grass. ²¹Mauls are counted as stubble; and he laugheth to scorn the brandishing of the firebrand. ²²His lair is fashioned of sharp points; and all the gold of the sea *that is* under him is as an immense clay. ²³He maketh the deep to boil like a brasen caldron; and regardeth the sea as a pot of ointment, ²⁴and the nethermost part of the deep as a captive: he reckoneth the deep as *his* range. ²⁵Upon the earth there is not his like,

who is made to sported with by Mine angels. ²⁶He beholdeth every high thing: and he is king of all that are in the waters.

CHAPTER 42

Then Job answered and said unto the Lord, ²I know that Thou canst do all things, and nothing is impossible with Thee. ³For who is he that hideth counsel from Thee? or who keepeth back his words, and thinketh to hide them from Thee? and who shall tell me what I knew not, great and wonderful things, which I understood not? ⁴But hear me, O Lord, that I may also speak: and I will ask Thee, and do Thou teach me. ⁵I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye hath seen Thee. ⁶Wherefore I have counted myself vile, and have fainted: and I esteem myself as dust and ashes. ⁷And it was so, after the Lord had spoken all these words unto Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, Thou hast sinned, and thy two friends: for ye have not said any thing that is true before Me, as My servant Job hath. ⁸Now then take unto you seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and he shall offer a burnt offering for you. And My servant Job shall pray for you: for him only will I accept: for but for his sake, I would have destroyed you, for ye have not spoken the truth against My servant Job. ⁹So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did as the Lord commanded them: and He pardoned their sin for the sake of Job. ¹⁰And the Lord prospered Job: and when he prayed for his friends, He forgave them their sin: also the Lord gave Job twice as much, even the double of what Job had before. ¹¹And all his brethren and his sisters heard all that had happened unto him, and they came unto him, and so did all that had known him from the first: and they did eat and drink with him, and comforted him, and wondered at all that the Lord had brought upon him: and each one gave him a lamb, and four drachms' weight of gold, even of unstamped gold. ¹²And the Lord blessed the latter end of Job, *more* than the beginning: and his cattle were fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, a thousand she asses of the pastures. ¹³And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴And he called the first Day, and the second Cassia, and the third, Amalthia's Horn. ¹⁵And in all the world were there not found in comparision with the daughters of Job fairer than they: and their father gave them an inheritance among their brethren. ¹⁶And Job lived after his affliction an hundred and seventy years: and all the years that he lived were two hundred and forty: and Job saw his sons, and his son's sons, the fourth generation. And Job died, an old man full of days: ^{17a}and it is written that he will rise again with those whom God raiseth up.

^{17b}This man is described in the Syriac book as living in the land of Ausitis, on the borders of Edom and Arabia: and his name before was Jobab; ^{17c}And having taken an Arabian wife, he begat a son whose name was Ennon: and he himself was the son of his father Zare, one of the sons of Esau, and of his mother Bosorra, so that he was the fifth from Abraham. ^{17d}And these

were the kings that reigned in Edom, which country he also ruled over: first Balak, the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dennaba: but after Balak, Jobab, who is called Job: and after him Asom, who was governor out of the country of Teman: and after him Adad, the son of Barad, who destroyed Midian in the plain of Moab; and the name of his city was Gethaim. ^{17e}And his friends which came unto him were Eliphaz, of the children of Esau, king of the Temanites, Bildad sovereign of the Shuhites, and Zophar king of the Naamathites.