

¹Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,²Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?³Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?⁴For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.⁵But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;⁶And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.⁷Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?⁸It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?⁹The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.¹⁰If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?¹¹For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it?¹²For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass' colt.¹³If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;¹⁴If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.¹⁵For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:¹⁶Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away:¹⁷And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.¹⁸And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig

¹فَأَجَابَ صُوفَرُ النَّعْمَاتِيِّ،²أَكْثَرُهُ الْكَلَامَ لَا يُجَاوِبُ، أَمْ رَجُلٌ مِهْدَارٌ يَتَبَرَّرُ.³أَصْلَفَكَ يُفْجِمُ النَّاسَ، أَمْ تُلْعُو وَلَيْسَ مَنْ يُجْزِيكَ.⁴إِذْ تَقُولُ، تَغْلِيْمِي رَكِيٌّ وَأَنَا بَارٌّ فِي عَيْنَيْكَ.⁵وَلَكِنْ يَا لَيْتَ اللَّهِ يَتَكَلَّمَ وَيَفْتَحُ شَفَتَيْهِ مَعَكَ⁶وَيُغْلِنُ لَكَ خَفَايَا الْحِكْمَةِ. إِنَّهَا مُصَاعَفَةُ الْقَهْمِ، فَتَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُعَزِّمُكَ بِأَقَلِّ مِنْ إِيْمِكَ.⁷أِلَّا إِلَى عُمْقِ اللَّهِ تَنْصِلُ، أَمْ إِلَى نِهَآيَةِ الْقَدِيرِ تَنْتَهِي.⁸هُوَ أَعْلَى مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَمَاذَا عَسَاكَ أَنْ تَفْعَلَ. أَعْمَقُ مِنَ الْهَآوِيَةِ، فَمَاذَا تَذْرِي.⁹أَطْوَلُ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ طُولُهُ وَأَعَرْضُ مِنَ الْبَحْرِ.¹⁰إِنْ بَطَلَسَ أَوْ أَغْلَقَ أَوْ جَمَعَ، فَمَنْ يَرْدُّهُ.¹¹لَآئِهْ هُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَاسَ الشَّوْءِ وَيُبْصِرُ الْإِيْمَ، فَهَلْ لَا يَنْتَبِهْ.¹²أَمَّا الرَّجُلُ فَقَارِغُ عَدِيمِ الْقَهْمِ، وَكَجَحْشِ الْفَرَا يُوَلِّدُ الْإِنْسَانَ.¹³إِنْ أَعْدَدْتَ أَنْتَ قَلْبَكَ وَبَسَطْتَ إِلَيْهِ يَدَكَ.¹⁴إِنْ أَبْعَدْتَ الْإِيْمَ الَّذِي فِي يَدِكَ وَلَا تَبْسُكُنِ الظُّلْمَ فِي حَبْمَتِكَ،¹⁵جَبِيْئُ تَرْفَعُ وَجْهَكَ بِلَا عَيْبٍ وَتَكُونُ تَائِبًا وَلَا تَخَافُ.¹⁶لَآئِكَ تَنْسِي الْمَسْقَةَ، كَيْمَاهُ عَبْرَتْ تَذْكُرُهَا.¹⁷وَقَوْقُ الطَّهِيْرَةِ يَقُومُ حَطُّكَ. الطَّلَامُ يَتَحَوَّلُ صَبَاحًا.¹⁸وَتَطْمَئِنُّ لَآئِهْ يُوْجَدُ رَجَاءٌ. تَتَجَسَّسُ حَوْلَكَ وَتَصْطَلِجُ آمِنًا.¹⁹وَتَرَبِضُ وَلَيْسَ مَنْ يُزْعِجُ، وَتَبْصُرُ إِلَى وَجْهِكَ كَثِيرُونَ.²⁰أَمَّا عُيُونُ الْأَشْرَارِ فَتَتَلَفُ وَمَلَجَاهُمْ يَبِيدُ، وَرَجَاؤُهُمْ تَسْلِيْمُ النَّفْسِ.

about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.¹⁹ Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.²⁰ But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.