¹Lo, mine eye hath seen all this , mine ear hath heard and understood it. What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you. Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value. O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom. Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him? Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God? Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?¹⁰He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons. 11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?¹²Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay. 13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will .14Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?¹⁵Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. 16 He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. 17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. 18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified. 19 Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.²⁰Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. 21 Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.²²Then call thou, and I will answer:

ُهَذَا كُلِّهُ رَأَتْهُ عَبْنِي. سَمِعَتْهُ أَذُنِي وَفَطِنَتْ بِهِ. ْمَا تَعْرِ فُونَهُ عَرَفْتُهُ أَنَا أَيْضاً. لَسْتُ دُونَكُمْ. ۚ وَلَكَنِّي أَرِيدُ أَنْ أَكَلُّمَ الْقَدِيرَ وَأَنْ إِأَحَاكَمَ إِلَى اللَّهِ. ۖ أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَمُلَفَّقُو ۖ كَذِب. أَطِبَّاءُ بَطَّالُونَ كُلَّكُمْ. ۚ لَيْتَكُمْ تَصْمُتُونَ صَمْتاً. يَكُونُ ذَلِكَ لَكُمْ حِكْمَةً. ُالسْمَعُوا الآنَ حُجَّتِي وَاصْغُوا إِلَى دَعَاوِي لأَجْلِه. ۚ أَتُحَابُونَ وَحْهَهُ، أَمْ عَنِ اللَّهِ تُخَاصِمُونَ. ۚ أَخَيْرُ لَكُمْ أَنْ يَفْحَصَكُمْ، أَمْ تُخَاتِلُونَهُ كَمَا يُخَاتَلُ الإِنْسَانُ.¹تَوْسخاً بُوَبِّخُكُمْ إِنْ حَابَيْتُمُ الْوُجُوهَ خُفْيَةً ¹¹فَهَلاَّ بُرْهِبُكُمْ حَلاَلُهُ وَيَسْقُطَ عَلَيْكُمْ رُعْبُهُ 12 خُطَبُكُمْ أَمْثَالُ رَمَادِ، وَحُصُونُكُمْ ْ اَسْكُتُوا عَنِّى فَأَتَكَلَّمَ، أَنَا وَلْنُصْنْهِ، في كَفِّي. 15ُهُوَذَا يَقْتُلُني. لاَ أَنْتَظرُ شَبْئاً. فَقَطْ أَزَكِّي طَرِيقي قُدَّامَهُ.¹⁶فَهَذَا يَعُودُ إِلَى خَلاَصِي أَنَّ الْفَاجِرَ لاَ يَـأَتِي قُدَّامَهُ. 1⁷سَـهْعاً اسْـمَعُوا أَقْـوَالِي وَتَصْـريحِي ِّمَسَـا معكُمْ. أُهْلَنَـذَا قَـدْ أَحْسَـنْتُ الـدَّعْوَى. أَعْلَـمُ أَنِّـي أَتَرَّرُ. 19مَنْ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَاصِمُنِي حَتَّى أَصْمُتَ الآنَ وَأَسْلِمَ الرُّوحَ.²⁰إِنَّمَا أَمْرَيْنِ لاَ تَفْعَلْ بِي فَحِينَئذِ لاَ أَخْتَفِي مِنْ حَضْرَ تِكَ. أَابُعِدْ يَدَيْكَ عَنِّي وَلاَ تَدَعْ هَيْبَتَكَ تُرْعِبُنِي 22مُّمَّ ادْعُ فَأَنَا أُجِيبُ أَوْ أَتَكَلَّمُ فَتُجَاوِيُنِي.²³كَمْ لِي مِنَ الآثَامِ وَالْخَطَايَا. أَعْلَمْنِي زَنْبِي وَخَطيَّتِي.²⁴لِمَاذَا تَحْجُبُ وَجْهَكَ وَتَحْسِبُنِي عَدُوّاً لَكَ.²⁵أَثُرْ عِبُ وَرَقَةً مُنْدَفَعَةً وَتُطَارِدُ قَشّاً يَابِساً. 24 لأنَّكَ كَتَبْتَ عَلَىَّ أُمُوراً مُرَّةً وَوَرَّثْتِنِي آثَامَ صِبَاىَ، 27 فَجَعَلْتَ رِجْلَى فِي الْمِقْطَرَةِ وَلاَحَظْتَ جَمِيعَ مَسَالِكِي، وَعِلَى أُصُولِ رِجْلَيَّ نَبَشْتَ. 28 وَأَنَا كَمُتَسَوِّس يَبْلَى، كَثَوْبِ أَكَلَهُ الْغُثُّ.

or let me speak, and answer thou me.²³How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.²⁴Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?²⁵Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?²⁶For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.²⁷Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.²⁸And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.