

<sup>1</sup>Then Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. <sup>3</sup>Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! <sup>4</sup>I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup>I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. <sup>6</sup>Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me. <sup>7</sup>There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I go forward, but he is not there ; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: <sup>9</sup>On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him : he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him : <sup>10</sup>But

he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. <sup>11</sup>My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. <sup>12</sup>Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food . <sup>13</sup>But he is in one mind , and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth. <sup>14</sup>For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him. <sup>15</sup>Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. <sup>16</sup>For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me: <sup>17</sup>Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.