

¹Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,²How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.³Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?⁴He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?⁵Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.⁶The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.⁷The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.⁸For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.⁹The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him.¹⁰The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.¹¹Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.¹²His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side.¹³It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength.¹⁴His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.¹⁵It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.¹⁶His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.¹⁷His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.¹⁸He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.¹⁹He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any

remaining in his dwellings.²⁰ They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.²¹ Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.