

<sup>1</sup>But Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations. <sup>3</sup>Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on. <sup>4</sup>As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled? <sup>5</sup>Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth. <sup>6</sup>Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh. <sup>7</sup>Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? <sup>8</sup>Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. <sup>9</sup>Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. <sup>10</sup>Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. <sup>11</sup>They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. <sup>12</sup>They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. <sup>13</sup>They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. <sup>14</sup>Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. <sup>15</sup>What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? <sup>16</sup>Lo, their good is not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me. <sup>17</sup>How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger. <sup>18</sup>They are as stubble

before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. <sup>19</sup>God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. <sup>20</sup>His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. <sup>21</sup>For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst? <sup>22</sup>Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high. <sup>23</sup>One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. <sup>24</sup>His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. <sup>25</sup>And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. <sup>26</sup>They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. <sup>27</sup>Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me. <sup>28</sup>For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? <sup>29</sup>Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, <sup>30</sup>That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. <sup>31</sup>Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done? <sup>32</sup>Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb. <sup>33</sup>The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him. <sup>34</sup>How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?