

<sup>1</sup>Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,<sup>2</sup>Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?<sup>3</sup>Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?<sup>4</sup>Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.<sup>5</sup>For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.<sup>6</sup>Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.<sup>7</sup>Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills?<sup>8</sup>Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?<sup>9</sup>What knowest thou, that we know not? what understandest thou, which is not in us?<sup>10</sup>With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father.<sup>11</sup>Are the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?<sup>12</sup>Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,<sup>13</sup>That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth?<sup>14</sup>What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?<sup>15</sup>Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.<sup>16</sup>How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?<sup>17</sup>I will shew thee, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare;<sup>18</sup>Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it :<sup>19</sup>Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.<sup>20</sup>The wicked man travaileth with pain all his

days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.<sup>21</sup> A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.<sup>22</sup> He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.<sup>23</sup> He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.<sup>24</sup> Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.<sup>25</sup> For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.<sup>26</sup> He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:<sup>27</sup> Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on his flanks.<sup>28</sup> And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.<sup>29</sup> He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.<sup>30</sup> He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.<sup>31</sup> Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.<sup>32</sup> It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.<sup>33</sup> He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.<sup>34</sup> For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.<sup>35</sup> They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.