

<sup>1</sup>Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,<sup>2</sup>Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?<sup>3</sup>Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him , that thou makest thy ways perfect?<sup>4</sup>Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment?<sup>5</sup>Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?<sup>6</sup>For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.<sup>7</sup>Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.<sup>8</sup>But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it.<sup>9</sup>Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.<sup>10</sup>Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;<sup>11</sup>Or darkness, that thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee.<sup>12</sup>Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!<sup>13</sup>And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?<sup>14</sup>Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.<sup>15</sup>Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?<sup>16</sup>Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:<sup>17</sup>Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?<sup>18</sup>Yet he filled their houses with good things : but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.<sup>19</sup>The righteous see it , and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to

scorn.<sup>20</sup> Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth.<sup>21</sup> Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.<sup>22</sup> Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.<sup>23</sup> If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.<sup>24</sup> Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.<sup>25</sup> Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.<sup>26</sup> For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.<sup>27</sup> Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.<sup>28</sup> Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.<sup>29</sup> When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.<sup>30</sup> He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.