

<sup>1</sup>Lo, mine eye hath seen all this , mine ear hath heard and understood it.<sup>2</sup>What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you.<sup>3</sup>Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.<sup>4</sup>But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.<sup>5</sup>O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.<sup>6</sup>Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.<sup>7</sup>Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?<sup>8</sup>Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?<sup>9</sup>Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?<sup>10</sup>He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.<sup>11</sup>Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?<sup>12</sup>Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.<sup>13</sup>Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will .<sup>14</sup>Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?<sup>15</sup>Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.<sup>16</sup>He

also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.<sup>17</sup>Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.<sup>18</sup>Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.<sup>19</sup>Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.<sup>20</sup>Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee.<sup>21</sup>Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.<sup>22</sup>Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.<sup>23</sup>How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.<sup>24</sup>Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?<sup>25</sup>Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?<sup>26</sup>For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.<sup>27</sup>Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.<sup>28</sup>And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.