

<sup>1</sup>Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.<sup>2</sup>Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.<sup>3</sup>My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.<sup>4</sup>The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.<sup>5</sup>If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up.<sup>6</sup>Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.<sup>7</sup>Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.<sup>8</sup>Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying, <sup>9</sup>I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.<sup>10</sup>Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy,<sup>11</sup>He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.<sup>12</sup>Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.<sup>13</sup>Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.<sup>14</sup>For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.<sup>15</sup>In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;<sup>16</sup>Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,<sup>17</sup>That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from

man.<sup>18</sup>He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.<sup>19</sup>He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:<sup>20</sup>So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.<sup>21</sup>His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.<sup>22</sup>Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.<sup>23</sup>If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:<sup>24</sup>Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.<sup>25</sup>His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth.<sup>26</sup>He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.<sup>27</sup>He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;<sup>28</sup>He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.<sup>29</sup>Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,<sup>30</sup>To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.<sup>31</sup>Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.<sup>32</sup>If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.<sup>33</sup>If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.