

<sup>1</sup>Elihu also proceeded, and said, <sup>2</sup>Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf. <sup>3</sup>I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. <sup>4</sup>For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee. <sup>5</sup>Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom. <sup>6</sup>He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor. <sup>7</sup>He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted. <sup>8</sup>And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction; <sup>9</sup>Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded. <sup>10</sup>He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity. <sup>11</sup>If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. <sup>12</sup>But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge. <sup>13</sup>But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them. <sup>14</sup>They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean. <sup>15</sup>He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression. <sup>16</sup>Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness. <sup>17</sup>But thou hast

fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold on thee. <sup>18</sup>Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee. <sup>19</sup>Will he esteem thy riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength. <sup>20</sup>Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place. <sup>21</sup>Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction. <sup>22</sup>Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him? <sup>23</sup>Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity? <sup>24</sup>Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold. <sup>25</sup>Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off. <sup>26</sup>Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. <sup>27</sup>For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: <sup>28</sup>Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly. <sup>29</sup>Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle? <sup>30</sup>Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea. <sup>31</sup>For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance. <sup>32</sup>With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt. <sup>33</sup>The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.