

<sup>1</sup>Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, <sup>2</sup>How long wilt thou speak these things ? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind? <sup>3</sup>Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? <sup>4</sup>If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression; <sup>5</sup>If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; <sup>6</sup>If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. <sup>7</sup>Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. <sup>8</sup>For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: <sup>9</sup>(For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:) <sup>10</sup>Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart? <sup>11</sup>Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? <sup>12</sup>Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. <sup>13</sup>So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: <sup>14</sup>Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. <sup>15</sup>He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure. <sup>16</sup>He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden. <sup>17</sup>His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones. <sup>18</sup>If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying , I have not seen thee. <sup>19</sup>Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. <sup>20</sup>Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man , neither will he help the evil doers: <sup>21</sup>Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. <sup>22</sup>They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.