

## JOB CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup> Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, <sup>2</sup> "Have you been often spoken to in distress? But who shall endure the force of your words? <sup>3</sup> For seeing you have instructed many, and have strengthened the hands of the weak one, <sup>4</sup> and have supported the failing with words, and have imparted courage to feeble knees. <sup>5</sup> Yet now that pain has come upon you, and touched you, you are troubled. <sup>6</sup> Is not your fear *founded* in folly, your hope also, and the mischief of your way? <sup>7</sup> Remember then who has perished, being pure? Or when were the true-hearted utterly destroyed? <sup>8</sup> Accordingly, as I have seen men plowing barren places, and they that sow them will reap sorrows for themselves. <sup>9</sup> They shall perish by the command of the Lord, and shall be utterly consumed by the breath of His wrath. <sup>10</sup> The strength of the lion, and the voice of the lioness, and the exulting cry of serpents are quenched. <sup>11</sup> The old lion has perished for lack of food, and the lions' whelps have forsaken one another.

<sup>12</sup> "But if there had been any truth in your words, none of these evils would have come upon you. Shall not my ear receive excellent *revelations* from Him? <sup>13</sup> But as *when* terror falls upon men, with dread and a sound in the night, <sup>14</sup> horror and trembling seized me, and caused all my bones greatly to shake. <sup>15</sup> And a spirit came before my face; and my hair and flesh quivered. <sup>16</sup> I arose and did not perceive it. I looked, and there was no form before my eyes: but I only heard a breath and a voice, saying, <sup>17</sup> 'What, shall a mortal be pure before the Lord? Or a man be blameless in regard to his works? <sup>18</sup> Since he does not trust in his servants, and perceives perverseness in his angels. <sup>19</sup> But as *for* them that dwell in houses of clay, of whom we also are formed of the same clay, He strikes them like a moth. <sup>20</sup> And from the morning to evening they no longer exist—they have perished, because they cannot help themselves. <sup>21</sup> For He blows upon them, and they are withered: they have perished for lack of wisdom.'