

JOB CHAPTER 8

¹ Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said, ² "How long will you speak these things, *how long shall* the breath of your mouth be abundant in words? ³ Will the Lord be unjust when He judges; or will He that has made all things pervert justice? ⁴ If your sons have sinned before Him, He has cast them away because of their transgression. ⁵ But you be early in prayer to the Lord Almighty. ⁶ If you are pure and true, He will listen to your supplication, and will restore to you the habitation of righteousness. ⁷ Though then your beginning should be small, yet your end should be unspeakably great. ⁸ For ask of the former generation, and search diligently among the race of our fathers: ⁹ (for we are of yesterday, and know nothing; for our life upon the earth is a shadow) ¹⁰ shall not these teach you, and report *to you*, and bring out words from *their* heart?

¹¹ "Does the rush flourish without water, or shall the flag grow up without moisture? ¹² When it is yet on the root, and *though* it has not been cut down, does not any herb wither before it has received moisture? ¹³ Thus then shall be the end of all that forget the Lord: for the hope of the ungodly shall perish. ¹⁴ For his house shall be without inhabitants, and his tent shall prove a spider's web. ¹⁵ If he should prop up his house, it shall not stand: and when he has taken hold of it, it shall not remain. ¹⁶ For it is moist under the sun, and his branch shall come forth out of his dung heap. ¹⁷ He lies down upon a gathering of stones, and shall live in the mist of flints. ¹⁸ If *God* should destroy him, his place shall deny him. Have you not seen such things, ¹⁹ that such is the overthrow of the ungodly? And out of the earth another shall grow. ²⁰ For the Lord will by no means reject the harmless man; but He will not receive any gift of the ungodly. ²¹ But He will fill with laughter the mouth of the sincere, and their lips with thanksgiving. ²² But their adversaries shall clothe themselves with shame; and the habitation of the ungodly shall perish."