

JOB CHAPTER 13

¹ "Behold, my eye has seen these things, and my ear has heard *them*. ² And I know all that you know, too; and I have no less understanding than you. ³ Nevertheless I will speak to the Lord, and I will reason before Him, if He will. ⁴ But you are all bad physicians, and healers of diseases. ⁵ Oh that you would be silent, and it would be wisdom to you in the end. ⁶ But hear now the reasoning of my mouth, and attend to the judgment of my lips. ⁷ Do you not speak before the Lord, and utter deceit before Him? ⁸ Or will you draw back? But you yourselves become judges. ⁹ For *it would be good* if He would thoroughly search you: for though doing all things *in your power* you should attach yourselves to Him, ¹⁰ He will surely not reprove you, but if you should secretly show partiality, ¹¹ shall not His whirlpool sweep around you, and terror from Him fall upon you? ¹² And your glorying shall prove in the end to you like ashes, and your body *like a body of clay*.

¹³ "Be silent, that I may speak, and cease from my anger, ¹⁴ while I may take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand. ¹⁵ Though the Mighty One should lay *His* hand upon me, forasmuch as He has begun, verily I will speak, and plead before Him. ¹⁶ And this shall turn to me for salvation, for fraud shall have no entrance before Him. ¹⁷ Hear, hear my words, for I will declare in your hearing. ¹⁸ Behold, I am near my judgment: I know that I shall appear evidently just. ¹⁹ For who is he that shall plead with me, that I should now be silent, and expire?

²⁰ "But grant me two things: then I will not hide myself from Your face. Withhold *Your* hand from me, and let not Your fear terrify me. ²² Then shall You call, and I will listen to You: or You shall speak, and I will give You an answer. ²³ How many are my sins and my transgressions? Teach me what they are. ²⁴ Why do You hide Yourself from me, and regard me *as Your enemy*? ²⁵ Will You be startled *at me*, as *at* a leaf shaken by the wind? Or will You set Yourself against me as against grass borne upon the breeze? ²⁶ For You have written evil things against me, and You have compassed me with the sins of my youth. ²⁷ And You have placed my foot in the stocks, and You have watched all my works, and have penetrated my heels. ²⁸ *I am as* that which grows old like a bottle, or like a moth-eaten garment.