

JOB CHAPTER 22

¹ Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, ² “Is it not the Lord that teaches understanding and knowledge? ³ For what does it matter to the Lord, if you were blameless in your works? Or is it profitable that you should perfect your way? ⁴ Will you maintain and plead your own cause? And will He enter into judgment with you? ⁵ Is not your wickedness abundant, and your sins innumerable? ⁶ And you have taken *the* security of your brothers for nothing, and have taken away the clothing of the naked. ⁷ Neither have you given water to the thirsty to drink, but have taken away the morsel of the hungry. ⁸ And you have accepted the persons of some; and you have established those *that were already settled* on the earth. ⁹ But you have sent widows away empty, and have afflicted orphans. ¹⁰ Therefore snares have surrounded you, and disastrous war has troubled you. ¹¹ The light has proved darkness to you, and water has covered you on your lying down. ¹² Does not He that dwells in the high places observe? And has He not brought down the proud? ¹³ And you have said, ‘What does the Mighty One know? Does He judge in the dark?’ ¹⁴ A cloud is His hiding place, and He shall not be seen; and He passes through the circle of heaven. ¹⁵ Will you not mark the old way, which righteous men have trodden? ¹⁶ Who were seized before their time—their foundations are as an overflowing stream. ¹⁷ Who say, ‘What will the Lord do to us? Or what will the Almighty bring upon us?’ ¹⁸ Yet He filled their houses with good things, but the counsel for the wicked is far from Him. ¹⁹ The righteous have seen it, and laughed, and the blameless one has derided them. ²⁰ Verily their substance has been utterly destroyed, and the fire shall devour what is left of their *property*.

²¹ “Be firm, I pray, if you can endure; then your fruit shall prosper. ²² And receive a declaration from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart. ²³ And if you shall turn and humble yourself before the Lord, you have thus removed unrighteousness far from your habitation. ²⁴ You shall lay up for yourself *treasure* in a heap on the rock; and Ophir *shall be* as the rock of the torrent. ²⁵ So the Almighty shall be your helper from enemies, and He shall bring you forth *as pure as silver that has been tried by fire*. ²⁶ Then shall you have boldness before the Lord, looking up cheerfully to heaven. ²⁷ And He shall hear you when you pray to Him, and He shall grant you power to pay your vows. ²⁸ And He shall establish to you again a habitation of righteousness, and there shall be light upon your paths. ²⁹ Because you have humbled yourself, and you shall say, ‘Man has behaved proudly, but He shall save him that is of lowly eyes.’ ³⁰ He shall deliver the innocent, and do you save yourself by your pure hands.