

## JOB CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup> And Job continued and said in his discourse, <sup>2</sup> "Oh that I were as in months past, in the days when God preserved me! <sup>3</sup> As when His lamp shone over my head; when by His light I walked through darkness. <sup>4</sup> As when I steadfastly pursued my ways, when God took care of my house. <sup>5</sup> When I was very fruitful, and my children were about me; <sup>6</sup> when my ways were moistened with butter, and the mountains flowed for me with milk. <sup>7</sup> When I went forth early in the city, and the seat was placed for me in the streets. <sup>8</sup> The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and all the old men stood up. <sup>9</sup> And the great men ceased speaking, and laid their finger on their mouth. <sup>10</sup> And they that heard me blessed me, and their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth. <sup>11</sup> For the ear heard, and blessed me; and the eye saw me, and turned aside. <sup>12</sup> For I saved the poor out of the hand of the oppressor, and helped the fatherless who had no helper. <sup>13</sup> Let the blessing of the perishing one come upon me; indeed, the mouth of the widow has blessed me. <sup>14</sup> Also I put on righteousness, and clothed myself with judgment like a mantle. <sup>15</sup> I was the eye of the blind, and the foot of the lame. <sup>16</sup> I was the father of the helpless, and I searched out the cause which I did not know. <sup>17</sup> And I broke the fangs of the wicked; I plucked the spoil out of the midst of their teeth. <sup>18</sup> And I said, 'My age shall continue as the stem of a palm tree; I shall live a long while.' <sup>19</sup> My root was spread out by the water, and the dew would lodge on my crop. <sup>20</sup> My glory was fresh in me, and my bow prospered in my hand. <sup>21</sup> Men heard me, and gave heed, and they were silent at my counsel. <sup>22</sup> At my word they did not speak again, and they were very glad whenever I spoke to them. <sup>23</sup> As the thirsty earth expecting the rain, so they *waited for* my speech. <sup>24</sup> Were I to laugh at them, they would not believe it; and the light of my face has not failed. <sup>25</sup> I chose out their way, and sat as chief, and dwelt as a king in the midst of warriors, as one comforting mourners.