

## JOB CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup> "But please, Job, hear my words, and listen to my speech. <sup>2</sup> For behold, I have opened my mouth, and my tongue has spoken. <sup>3</sup> My heart *shall be found* pure by my words; and the understanding of my lips shall meditate purity. <sup>4</sup> The Divine Spirit is that which formed me, and the breath of the Almighty *is* that which teaches me. <sup>5</sup> If you can, give me an answer: wait therefore; stand against me, and I will stand against you. <sup>6</sup> You are formed out of the clay as I also: we have been formed out of the same substance. <sup>7</sup> My fear shall not terrify you, neither shall my hand be heavy upon you.

<sup>8</sup> "But you have said in my ears, (I have heard the voice of your words) because you say, 'I am pure,' not having sinned; <sup>9</sup> 'I am blameless, for I have not transgressed. <sup>10</sup> Yet He has discovered a charge against me, and He has reckoned me as an adversary. <sup>11</sup> And He has put my foot in the stocks, and has watched all my ways.'

<sup>12</sup> "For how do you say, 'I am righteous, yet He has not listened to me?' For He that is above mortals is eternal. <sup>13</sup> But you say, 'Why has He not heard every word of my cause?' <sup>14</sup> For when the Lord speaks once, or a second time, <sup>15</sup> *sending* a dream, or in the meditation of the night (as when a dreadful alarm happens to fall upon men, while sleeping on the bed), <sup>16</sup> then He opens the understanding of men: He scares them with such fearful visions; <sup>17</sup> to turn a man from unrighteousness, and He delivers his body from a fall. <sup>18</sup> He spares also his soul from death, and does not allow him to fall in war.

<sup>19</sup> "And again, He chastens him with sickness on his bed, and the multitude of his bones are pained. <sup>20</sup> And he shall not be able to take any grain, though his soul shall desire food; <sup>21</sup> until his flesh shall be consumed, and he shall show his bones bare. <sup>22</sup> His soul also draws near to death, and his life is in Hades.

<sup>23</sup> "Though there should be a thousand messengers of death, not one of them shall wound him: if he should purpose in his heart to turn to the Lord, and declare to man his fault, and show his folly; <sup>24</sup> He will support him, that he should not perish, and will restore his body as *fresh* plaster upon a wall; and He will fill his bones with marrow. <sup>25</sup> And He will make his flesh tender as that of a babe, and He will restore him among men in his full strength. <sup>26</sup> And he shall pray to the Lord, and his prayer shall be accepted by Him; he shall enter with a cheerful countenance, with a full expression *of praise*: for He will render to men their due. <sup>27</sup> Even then a man shall blame himself, saying, 'What kind of things have I done? And He has not punished me according to the full amount of my sins. <sup>28</sup> Deliver my soul, that it may not go to destruction, and my life shall see the light.' <sup>29</sup> Behold, all these things, the Mighty One works in a threefold manner with a man. <sup>30</sup> And He has delivered my soul from death, that my life may praise Him in the light. <sup>31</sup> Give ear, Job, and hear me: be silent, and I will speak. <sup>32</sup> If you have words, answer me: speak, for I desire you to be justified. <sup>33</sup> If not, listen to me: be silent, and I will teach you."