

JOB CHAPTER 36

¹ And Elihu further continued, and said, ² "Bear with me yet a little while, that I may teach you: for there is yet speech in me. ³ Having fetched my knowledge from afar, and according to my works, ⁴ I will speak just things truly, and you shall not unjustly receive unjust words. ⁵ But know that the Lord will not cast off an innocent man: being mighty in strength of wisdom, ⁶ He will not by any means preserve the life of the ungodly, and He will grant the judgment of the poor. ⁷ He will not turn away His eyes from the righteous, but *they shall be* with kings on the throne, and He will establish them in triumph, and they shall be exalted. ⁸ But they that are bound in fetters shall be held in cords of poverty. ⁹ And He shall recount to them their works, and their transgressions, for such will act with violence. ¹⁰ But He will listen to the righteous, and He has said that they shall turn from unrighteousness. ¹¹ If they should hear and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in honor. ¹² But He does not preserve the ungodly; because they are not willing to know the Lord, and because, when reproved, they were disobedient.

¹³ "And the hypocrites in heart will array wrath *against themselves*; they will not cry, because He has bound them. ¹⁴ Therefore let their soul die in youth, and their life be wounded by messengers *of death*. ¹⁵ Because they afflicted the weak and helpless, and He will vindicate the judgment of the meek. ¹⁶ And He has also enticed you out of the mouth of the enemy: ¹⁷ *there is* a deep gulf and a rushing stream beneath it, and your table came down full of fatness. Judgment shall not fail from the righteous, ¹⁸ but there shall be wrath upon the ungodly, by reason of the ungodliness of the bribes which they received for iniquities. ¹⁹ Let not your mind willingly turn you aside from the petition of the feeble that are in distress. ²⁰ And draw not forth all the mighty men by night, so that the people should go up instead of them. ²¹ But take heed, lest you do that which is wrong: for of this you have chosen rather than poverty.

²² "Behold, the Mighty One shall prevail by His strength, for who is as powerful as He? ²³ And who is he that examines His works? Or who can say, 'He has done injustice?'

²⁴ "Remember that His works are great *beyond* those which men have attempted. ²⁵ Every man has seen in himself, how many mortals are wounded. ²⁶ Behold, the Mighty One is great, and we shall not know *Him*: the number of His years is infinite. ²⁷ And the drops of rain are numbered by Him, and shall be poured out in rain to form a cloud. ²⁸ The ancient heavens shall flow, and the clouds overshadow innumerable mortals: He has fixed a time to cattle, and they know the order of rest. Yet by all these things your understanding is not astonished, neither is your mind disturbed in your body. ²⁹ And though one should understand the outspreadings of the clouds, or the measure of His tabernacle; ³⁰ behold, He will stretch His bow against him, and He covers the bottom of the sea. ³¹ For by them He will judge the nations: He will give food to him that has strength. ³² He has hidden the light in His hands, and given charge concerning it to the interposing cloud. ³³ The Lord will declare concerning this to His friend: *but there is* a portion also for unrighteousness.