

Job 23

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¹ THEN Job answered and said,

² Even to day *is* my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

³ Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to his seat!

⁴ I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵ I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

⁶ Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me.

⁷ There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

⁸ Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there*; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

⁹ On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold *him*: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him*:

¹⁰ But he knoweth the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

¹¹ My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

¹² Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food*.

¹³ But he *is* in one *mind*, and who can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

¹⁴ For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him.

¹⁵ Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

¹⁶ For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

¹⁷ Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.