

# Job 33

## Chapter 33

<sup>1</sup> **W**HEREFORE, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

<sup>2</sup> Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.

<sup>3</sup> My words *shall be of* the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

<sup>4</sup> The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

<sup>5</sup> If thou canst answer me, set *thy words* in order before me, stand up.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, I *am* according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.

<sup>7</sup> Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.

<sup>8</sup> Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy words, saying,*

<sup>9</sup> I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.

<sup>10</sup> Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy,

<sup>11</sup> He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

<sup>12</sup> Behold, *in* this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that

God is greater than man.

<sup>13</sup> Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

<sup>14</sup> For God speaketh once, yea twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not.

<sup>15</sup> In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

<sup>16</sup> Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

<sup>17</sup> That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose, and hide pride from man.

<sup>18</sup> He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

<sup>19</sup> He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong *pain*:

<sup>20</sup> So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.

<sup>21</sup> His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that* were not seen stick out.

<sup>22</sup> Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

<sup>23</sup> If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

<sup>24</sup> Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

<sup>25</sup> His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to

the days of his youth:

<sup>26</sup> He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

<sup>27</sup> He looketh upon men, and *if any* say, I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not;

<sup>28</sup> He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

<sup>29</sup> Lo, all these *things* worketh God oftentimes with man,

<sup>30</sup> To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

<sup>31</sup> Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.

<sup>32</sup> If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.

<sup>33</sup> If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.