

Job 36

Chapter 36

¹ ELIHU also proceeded, and said,

² Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that *I have* yet to speak on God's behalf.

³ I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

⁴ For truly my words *shall not be* false: he that is perfect in knowledge *is* with thee.

⁵ Behold, God *is* mighty, and despiseth not *any*: *he is* mighty in strength *and* wisdom.

⁶ He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

⁷ He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings *are they* on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

⁸ And if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction;

⁹ Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

¹⁰ He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

¹¹ If they obey and serve *him*, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

¹² But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

¹³ But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.

¹⁴ They die in youth, and their life *is* among the unclean.

¹⁵ He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

¹⁶ Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a broad place, where *there is* no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table *should be* full of fatness.

¹⁷ But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold *on thee*.

¹⁸ Because *there is* wrath, *beware* lest he take thee away with *his* stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

¹⁹ Will he esteem thy riches? *no*, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

²⁰ Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

²¹ Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

²² Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?

²³ Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

²⁴ Remember that thou magnify his work, which men

behold.

²⁵ Every man may see it; man may behold *it* afar off.

²⁶ Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him* not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

²⁷ For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

²⁸ Which the clouds do drop *and* distil upon man abundantly.

²⁹ Also can *any* understand the spreadings of the clouds, *or* the noise of his tabernacle?

³⁰ Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.

³¹ For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.

³² With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it *not to shine by the cloud* that cometh betwixt.

³³ The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.