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Eliphaz Continues: God Blesses those Who Seek Him

- *Call now; is there any that will answer thee? And to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?
- ²For anger killeth the foolish man, And envy slayeth the silly one.
- ³I have seen the foolish taking root; But suddenly I beheld his habitation cursed.
- ⁴His children are far from safety, And are crushed in the gate, with none to deliver them.
- ⁵Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, And taketh it even out of the thorns, and the snare gapeth for their substance.
- ⁶For affliction cometh not forth from the dust, Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
- ⁷But man is born unto trouble, As the sparks fly upward.
- But as for me, I would seek unto God, And unto God would I commit my cause;
- Who doeth great things and unsearchable, Marvellous things without number;
- **10**Who giveth rain upon the earth, And sendeth waters upon the fields;
- ¹¹So that He setteth up on high those that are low, And those that mourn are exalted to safety.
- ¹²He frustrateth the devices of the crafty, So that their hands can perform nothing substantial.
- ¹³He taketh the wise in their own craftiness; And the counsel of the wily is carried headlong.
- 14They meet with darkness in the day-time, And grope at noonday as in the night.
- ¹⁵But He saveth from the sword of their mouth, Even the needy from the hand of the mighty.
- ¹⁶So the poor hath hope, And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
- 17Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.
- 18 For He maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and His hands make whole.
- ¹⁹He will deliver thee in six troubles; Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
- ²⁰In famine He will redeem thee from death; And in war from the power of the sword.
- ²¹Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue; Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

- ²²At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh; Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
- ²³For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field; And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
- ²⁴And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace; And thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt miss nothing.
- 25Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.
- 26Thou shalt come to thy grave in a ripe age, Like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season.
- ²⁷Lo this, we have searched it, So it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.