

Job 11

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Zophar Rebukes Job

¹Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said:

²Should not the multitude of words be answered? And should a man full of talk be accounted right?

³Thy boastings have made men hold their peace, And thou hast mocked, with none to make thee ashamed;

⁴And thou hast said: 'My doctrine is pure, And I am clean in Thine eyes.'

⁵But oh that God would speak, And open His lips against thee;

⁶And that He would tell thee the secrets of wisdom, That sound wisdom is manifold! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.

- 7**Canst thou find out the deep things of God? Canst thou attain unto the purpose of the Almighty?
- 8**It is high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than the nether-world; what canst thou know?
- 9**The measure thereof is longer than the earth, And broader than the sea.
- 10**If He pass by, and shut up, Or gather in, then who can hinder Him?
- 11**For He knoweth base men; And when He seeth iniquity, will He not then consider it?
- 12**But an empty man will get understanding, When a wild ass's colt is born a man.
- 13**If thou set thy heart aright, And stretch out thy hands toward Him—
- 14**If iniquity be in thy hand, put it far away, And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents—
- 15**Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; Yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear;
- 16**For thou shalt forget thy misery; Thou shalt remember it as waters that are passed away;
- 17**And thy life shall be clearer than the noonday; Though there be darkness, it shall be as the morning.
- 18**And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; Yea, thou shalt look about thee, and shalt take thy rest in safety.
- 19**Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; Yea, many shall make suit unto thee.
- 20**But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, And they shall have no way to flee, And their hope shall be the drooping of the soul.