

# Job 14

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## Job Laments the Finality of Death

- 1**Man that is born of a woman Is of few days, and full of trouble.
- 2**He cometh forth like a flower, and withereth; He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
- 3**And dost Thou open Thine eyes upon such a one, And bringest me into judgment with Thee?
- 4**Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.
- 5**Seeing his days are determined, The number of his months is with Thee, And Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;
- 6**Look away from him, that he may rest, Till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.
- 7**For there is hope of a tree, If it be cut down, that it will sprout again, And that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
- 8**Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, And the stock thereof die in the ground;
- 9**Yet through the scent of water it will bud, And put forth boughs like a plant.
- 10**But man dieth, and lieth low; Yea, man perisheth, and where is he?
- 11**As the waters fail from the sea, And the river is drained dry;
- 12**So man lieth down and riseth not; Till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, Nor be roused out of their sleep.
- 13**Oh that Thou wouldest hide me in the nether-world, That Thou wouldest keep me secret, until Thy wrath be past, That Thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!—
- 14**If a man die, may he live again? All the days of my service would I wait, till my relief should come—
- 15**Thou wouldest call, and I would answer Thee; Thou wouldest have a desire to the work of Thy hands.

**16**But now Thou numberest my steps, Thou dost not even wait for my sin;

**17**My transgression is sealed up in a bag, And Thou heapest up mine iniquity.

**18**And surely the mountain falling crumbleth away, And the rock is removed out of its place;

**19**The waters wear the stones; The overflowings thereof wash away the dust of the earth; So Thou destroyest the hope of man.

**20**Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth; Thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

**21**His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; And they are brought low, but he regardeth them not.

**22**But his flesh grieveth for him, And his soul mourneth over him.