

Job 16

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Job Decries His Comforters

¹Then Job answered and said:

²I have heard many such things; Sorry comforters are ye all.

³Shall windy words have an end? Or what provoketh thee that thou answerest?

⁴I also could speak as ye do; If your soul were in my soul's stead, I could join words together against you, And shake my head at you.

⁵I would strengthen you with my mouth, And the moving of my lips would assuage your grief.

⁶Though I speak, my pain is not assuaged; And though I forbear, what am I eased?

⁷But now He hath made me weary; Thou hast made desolate all my company.

⁸And Thou hast shrivelled me up, which is a witness against me; And my leanness riseth up against me, it testifieth to my face.

⁹He hath torn me in His wrath, and hated me; He hath gnashed upon me with His teeth; Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

¹⁰They have gaped upon me with their mouth; They have smitten me upon the cheek scornfully; They gather themselves together against me.

¹¹God delivereth me to the ungodly, And casteth me into the hands of the wicked.

¹²I was at ease, and He broke me asunder; Yea, He hath taken me by the neck, and dashed me to pieces; He hath also set me up for His mark.

¹³His archers compass me round about, He cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; He poureth out my gall upon the ground.

¹⁴He breaketh me with breach upon breach; He runneth upon me like a giant.

¹⁵I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, And have laid my horn in the dust.

¹⁶My face is reddened with weeping, And on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

¹⁷Although there is no violence in my hands, And my prayer is pure.

¹⁸O earth, cover not thou my blood, And let my cry have no resting-place.

¹⁹Even now, behold, my Witness is in heaven, And He that testifieth of me is on high.

20 Mine inward thoughts are my intercessors, Mine eye poureth out tears unto God;

21 That He would set aright a man contending with God, As a son of man setteth aright his neighbour!

22 For the years that are few are coming on, And I shall go the way whence I shall not return.