

Job 17

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Job Prepares for Death

- 1**My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct, The grave is ready for me.
- 2**Surely there are mockers with me, And mine eye abideth in their provocation.
- 3**Give now a pledge, be surety for me with Thyself; Who else is there that will strike hands with me?
- 4**For Thou hast hid their heart from understanding; Therefore shalt Thou not exalt them.
- 5**He that denounceth his friends for the sake of flattery, Even the eyes of his children shall fail.
- 6**He hath made me also a byword of the people; And I am become one in whose face they spit.
- 7**Mine eye also is dimmed by reason of vexation, And all my members are as a shadow.
- 8**Upright men are astonished at this, And the innocent stirreth up himself against the godless.
- 9**Yet the righteous holdeth on his way, And he that hath clean hands waxeth stronger and stronger.
- 10**But as for you all, do ye return, and come now; And I shall not find a wise man among you.
- 11**My days are past, my purposes are broken off, Even the thoughts of my heart.
- 12**They change the night into day; The light is short because of darkness.
- 13**If I look for the nether-world as my house; If I have spread my couch in the darkness;
- 14**If I have said to corruption: 'Thou art my father', To the worm: 'Thou art my mother, and my sister';
- 15**Where then is my hope? And as for my hope, who shall see it?
- 16**They shall go down to the bars of the nether-world, When we are at rest together in the dust.