

# Job 22

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## Eliphaz: Can a Man Be of Use to God?

<sup>1</sup>Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said:

<sup>2</sup>Can a man be profitable unto God? Or can he that is wise be profitable unto Him?

<sup>3</sup>Is it any advantage to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? Or is it gain to Him, that thou makest thy ways blameless?

<sup>4</sup>Is it for thy fear of Him that He reproveth thee, That He entereth with thee into judgment?

<sup>5</sup>Is not thy wickedness great? And are not thine iniquities without end?

<sup>6</sup>For thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for nought, And stripped the naked of their clothing.

<sup>7</sup>Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, And thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

<sup>8</sup>And as a mighty man, who hath the earth, And as a man of rank, who dwelleth in it,

<sup>9</sup>Thou hast sent widows away empty, And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore snares are round about thee, And sudden dread affrighted thee,

<sup>11</sup>Or darkness, that thou canst not see, And abundance of waters cover thee.

<sup>12</sup>Is not God in the height of heaven? And behold the topmost of the stars, how high they are!

<sup>13</sup>And thou sayest: 'What doth God know? Can He judge through the dark cloud?

- 14Thick clouds are a covering to Him, that He seeth not; And He walketh in the circuit of heaven.'
- 15Wilt thou keep the old way Which wicked men have trodden?
- 16Who were snatched away before their time, Whose foundation was poured out as a stream;
- 17Who said unto God: 'Depart from us'; And what could the Almighty do unto them?
- 18Yet He filled their houses with good things—But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
- 19The righteous saw it, and were glad, And the innocent laugh them to scorn:
- 20Surely their substance is cut off, And their abundance the fire hath consumed.'
- 21Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby shall thine increase be good.
- 22Receive, I pray thee, instruction from His mouth, And lay up His words in thy heart.
- 23If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up—If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy tents,
- 24And lay thy treasure in the dust, And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks;
- 25And the Almighty be thy treasure, And precious silver unto thee;
- 26Then surely shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, And shalt lift up thy face unto God.
- 27Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him, and He will hear thee, And thou shalt pay thy vows;
- 28Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee, And light shall shine upon thy ways.
- 29When they cast thee down, thou shalt say: 'There is lifting up'; For the humble person He saveth.
- 30He delivereth him that is innocent, Yea, thou shalt be delivered through the cleanness of thy hands.