

Job 23

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Job Longs for God

¹Then Job answered and said:

²Even to-day is my complaint bitter; My hand is become heavy because of my groaning.

³Oh that I knew where I might find Him, That I might come even to His seat!

⁴I would order my cause before Him, And fill my mouth with arguments.

- 5**I would know the words which He would answer me, And understand what He would say unto me.
- 6**Would He contend with me in His great power? Nay; but He would give heed unto me.
- 7**There the upright might reason with Him; So should I be delivered for ever from my Judge.
- 8**Behold, I go forward, but He is not there, And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
- 9**On the left hand, when He doth work, but I cannot behold Him, He turneth Himself to the right hand, but I cannot see Him.
- 10**For He knoweth the way that I take; When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
- 11**My foot hath held fast to His steps, His way have I kept, and turned not aside.
- 12**I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured up the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.
- 13**But He is at one with Himself, and who can turn Him? And what His soul desireth, even that He doeth.
- 14**For He will perform that which is appointed for me; And many such things are with Him.
- 15**Therefore am I affrighted at His presence; When I consider, I am afraid of Him.
- 16**Yea, God hath made my heart faint, And the Almighty hath affrighted me;
- 17**Because I was not cut off before the darkness, Neither did He cover the thick darkness from my face.