

Job 24

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Job: Judgment for the Wicked

- ¹Why are times not laid up by the Almighty? And why do not they that know Him see His days?
- ²There are that remove the landmarks; They violently take away flocks, and feed them.
- ³They drive away the ass of the fatherless, They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
- ⁴They turn the needy out of the way; The poor of the earth hide themselves together.
- ⁵Behold, as wild asses in the wilderness They go forth to their work, seeking diligently for food; The desert yieldeth them bread for their children.
- ⁶They cut his provender in the field; And they despoil the vineyard of the wicked.
- ⁷They lie all night naked without clothing, And have no covering in the cold.

- 8**They are wet with the showers of the mountains, And embrace the rock for want of a shelter.
- 9**There are that pluck the fatherless from the breast, And take a pledge of the poor;
- 10**So that they go about naked without clothing, And being hungry they carry the sheaves;
- 11**They make oil within the rows of these men; They tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.
- 12**From out of the populous city men groan, And the soul of the wounded crieth out; Yet God imputeth it not for unseemliness.
- 13**These are of them that rebel against the light; They know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
- 14**The murderer riseth with the light, to kill the poor and needy; And in the night he is as a thief.
- 15**The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, Saying: 'No eye shall see me'; And he putteth a covering on his face.
- 16**In the dark they dig through houses; They shut themselves up in the day-time; They know not the light.
- 17**For the shadow of death is to all of them as the morning; For they know the terrors of the shadow of death.
- 18**He is swift upon the face of the waters; Their portion is cursed in the earth; He turneth not by the way of the vineyards.
- 19**Drought and heat consume the snow waters; So doth the nether-world those that have sinned.
- 20**The womb forgetteth him; the worm feedeth sweetly on him; He shall be no more remembered; And unrighteousness is broken as a tree.
- 21**He devoureth the barren that beareth not; And doeth not good to the widow.
- 22**He draweth away the mighty also by his power; He riseth up, and he trusteth not his own life.
- 23**Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth, Yet His eyes are upon their ways.
- 24**They are exalted for a little while, and they are gone; Yea, they are brought low, they are gathered in as all others, And wither as the tops of the ears of corn.
- 25**And if it be not so now, who will prove me a liar, And make my speech nothing worth?