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Job Affirms His Integrity

- ¹And Job again took up his parable, and said:
- ²As God liveth, who hath taken away my right; And the Almighty, who hath dealt bitterly with me;
- ³All the while my breath is in me And the spirit of God is in my nostrils,
- ⁴Surely my lips shall not speak unrighteousness, Neither shall my tongue utter deceit;
- Far be it from me that I should justify you; Till I die I will not put away mine integrity from me.
- ⁶My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go; My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

The Wicked Man's Portion

- Let mine enemy be as the wicked, And let him that riseth up against me be as the unrighteous.
- For what is the hope of the godless, though he get him gain, When God taketh away his soul?
- Will God hear his cry, When trouble cometh upon him?
- 10Will he have his delight in the Almighty, And call upon God at all times?
- ¹¹I will teach you concerning the hand of God; That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.
- 12Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; Why then are ye become altogether vain?
- 13This is the portion of a wicked man with God, And the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from the Almighty.
- 14If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword; And his offspring shall not have bread enough.
- 15Those that remain of him shall be buried by pestilence, And his widows shall make no lamentation.
- 16Though he heap up silver as the dust, And prepare raiment as the clay;
- ¹⁷He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, And the innocent shall divide the silver.
- ¹⁸He buildeth his house as a moth, And as a booth which the keeper maketh.
- ¹⁹He lieth down rich, but there shall be nought to gather; He openeth his eyes, and his wealth is not.
- 20Terrors overtake him like waters; A tempest stealeth him away in the night.
- 21The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth; And it sweepeth him out of his place.

- ²²Yea, it hurleth at him, and spareth not; He would fain flee from its power.
- ²³Men shall clap their hands at him, And shall hiss him out of his place.