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Elihu Recalls God's Justice

- ¹Moreover Elihu answered and said:
- ²Thinkest thou this to be thy right, Or sayest thou: 'I am righteousness before God',
- ³That thou inquirest: 'What advantage will it be unto Thee?' And: 'What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?'
- ⁴I will give thee answer, And thy companions with thee.
- 5Look unto the heavens, and see; And behold the skies, which are higher than thou.
- ⁶If thou hast sinned, what doest thou against Him? And if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto Him?
- If thou be righteous, what givest thou Him? Or what receiveth He of thy hand?
- ⁸Thy wickedness concerneth a man as thou art; And thy righteousness a son of man.
- ⁹By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out; They cry for help by reason of the arm of the mighty.
- 10But none saith: 'Where is God my Maker, Who giveth songs in the night;
- 11Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, And maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?'
- 12There they cry, but none giveth answer, Because of the pride of evil men.
- 13Surely God will not hear vanity, Neither will the Almighty regard it.

- 14Yea, when thou sayest thou canst not see Him—The cause is before Him; therefore wait thou for Him.
- **15**And now, is it for nought that He punished in His anger? And hath He not full knowledge of arrogance?
- ¹⁶But Job doth open his mouth in vanity; He multiplieth words without knowledge.