

**JOB 23**

JOB 23:1

1 ¶ Then Job answered and said,

JOB 23:2

2 Even to day *is* my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

JOB 23:3

3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to his seat!

JOB 23:4

4 I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

JOB 23:5

5 I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

JOB 23:6

6 Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me.

JOB 23:7

7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

JOB 23:8

8 ¶ Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there*; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

JOB 23:9

9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold *him*: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him*:

JOB 23:10

10 But he knoweth the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

JOB 23:11

11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

JOB 23:12

12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food*.

JOB 23:13

13 ¶ But he *is* in one *mind*, and who can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

JOB 23:14

14 For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him.

JOB 23:15

15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

JOB 23:16

16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

JOB 23:17

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.