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(16) He also *will be* my salvation: because a hypocrite will not come before Him.
(17) Listen diligently to my speech, and to my declaration with your ears.
(18) Indeed now, I have ordered *my* cause; I know that I shall be justified.
(19) *Who is he who* will plead with me? because now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the spirit.
(20) Only do not do two *things* to me: then I will not hide myself from You.
(21) Withdraw Your hand far from me: and do not let Your dread make me afraid.
(22) Then call, and I will answer: or let me speak, and You answer me.
(23) How many *are* my wicked deeds and sins? cause me to know what evil and sin I have committed.
(24) Why do You hide Your face, and hold me for Your enemy?
(25) Will You break a leaf driven back and forth? and will You pursue the dry stubble?
(26) Because You write bitter things against me, and cause me to possess the sins of my youth.
(27) You put my feet also in the stocks, and look narrowly to all my paths; You set a print upon the heels of my feet.
(28) And He, as a rotten thing, consumes, as clothes that are moth eaten.

Chapter 14

(1) Man *who is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.
(2) He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down: he flees also as a shadow, and does not continue.
(3) And You open Your eyes upon such a one, and bring me into judgment with You?
(4) Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.
(5) Since his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with You, You have appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;
(6) Turn from him, that he may rest, until he has completed his days as a hired hand.
(7) Because there is hope of a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its tender branch will not cease.
(8) Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stock dies in the ground;
(9) *Yet* through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth branches like a plant.
(10) But man dies, and wastes away: yes, man gives up the spirit, and where *is* he?
(11) *As* the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decays and dries up:

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(12) So man lies down, and does not rise: until the heavens *are* no more, they shall not awaken, nor be raised out of their sleep.

(13) O that You would hide me in the grave, that You would keep me secret, until Your anger is past, that You would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

(14) If a man dies, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time I will wait, until my change comes.

(15) You shall call, and I will answer You: You will have a desire for the work of Your hands.

(16) Because now You number my steps: do You not watch over my sin?

(17) My sin is sealed up in a bag, and You sew up my sin.

(18) And surely the falling mountain comes to nothing, and the rock is removed out of its place.

(19) The waters wear down the stones: You wash away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and You destroy the hope of man.

(20) You prevail forever against him, and he passes: You change his countenance {appearance; attitude}, and send him away.

(21) His sons come to honor, and he does not know *it*; and they are brought low, but he does not perceive *it* of them.

(22) But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

Chapter 15

(1) Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, and said,

(2) Should a wise man speak vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

(3) Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches with which he can do no good?

(4) Yes, you cast off fear, and restrain prayer before God.

(5) Because your mouth declares your sin, and you choose the tongue of the crafty.

(6) Your own mouth condemns you, and not I: yes, your own lips testify against you.

(7) *Are* you the first man *who* was born? or were you made before the hills?

(8) Have you heard the secret of God? and do you keep wisdom to yourself?

(9) What do you know, that we do not know? *what* do you understand, which is not in us?

(10) With us *are* both the gray headed and very aged men, much older than your father.

(11) *Are* the consolations of God small with you? is there any secret thing with you?

(12) Why does your heart carry you away? and what do your eyes wink at,

(13) That you turn your spirit against God, and let *such* words go out of your mouth?

