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(12) But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?
 (13) Man does not know its price; neither is it found in the land of the living.
 (14) The depth says, *It is not in me:* and the sea says, *It is not with me.*
 (15) It cannot be obtained for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* its price.
 (16) It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir {India}, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
 (17) The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* jewels of fine gold.
 (18) No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: because the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.
 (19) The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
 (20) Where then does wisdom come from? and where *is* the place of understanding?
 (21) Since it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the birds of the air.
 (22) Destruction and death say, We have heard of its fame with our ears.
 (23) God understands its way, and He knows its place.
 (24) Because He looks to the ends of the earth, *and* sees under the whole heaven;
 (25) To make the weight for the winds; and He weighs the waters by measure.

(26) When He made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:
 (27) Then He saw it, and declared it; He prepared it, yes, and searched it out.
 (28) And to man He said, Indeed, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

Chapter 29

(1) Furthermore Job continued his parable, and said,
 (2) Oh that I were as *in* months past, as *in* the days *when* God preserved me;
 (3) When His candle shined upon my head, *and when* by His light I walked *through* darkness;
 (4) As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon my tent;
 (5) When the Almighty *was* yet with me, *when* my children *were* about me;
 (6) When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured out rivers of oil for me;
 (7) When I went out to the gate through the city, *when* I prepared my seat in the street!
 (8) The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, *and* stood up.
 (9) The princes refrained from talking, and laid *their* hand on their mouth.
 (10) The nobles held their peace, and their tongue clung to the roof of their mouth.

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(11) When the ear heard *me*, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw *me*, it gave witness to me:

(12) Because I delivered the poor who cried, and the fatherless, and *he who had* no one to help him.

(13) The blessing of him who was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

(14) I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment *was* as a robe and a diadem {kingly crown}.

(15) I was eyes to the blind, and I *was* feet to the lame.

(16) I *was* a father to the poor: and the cause *which* I did not know I searched out.

(17) And I broke the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

(18) Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as the sand.

(19) My root *was* spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

(20) My glory *was* fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

(21) *Men* listened to me, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

(22) After my words they did not speak again and my speech dropped upon them.

(23) And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide *as* for the latter rain.

(24) *If* I smiled on them, they did not believe *it*; and the light of my countenance {facial expression} they did not cast down.

(25) I chose out their way, and sat chief, and lived as a king in the army, as one *who* comforts the mourners.

Chapter 30

(1) But now *those who are* younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have despised to have set with the dogs of my flock.

(2) Yes, how *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom old age has perished?

(3) Because of want and famine *they were* solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste.

(4) Who cut up mallows {tasteless plants} by the bushes, and juniper roots *for* their food.

(5) They were driven forth from among *men*, (they cried after them as *after* a thief;)

(6) To live in the clefts of the valleys, *in* caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks.

(7) Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

(8) *They were* children of fools, yes, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.