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- 1 Then Job answered and said,
- 2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.
- 3 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?
- 4 I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.
- 5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.
- 6 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased?
- 7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.
- 8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.
- 9 He teareth me in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.
- 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.
- 11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.
- 12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.
- 13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.
- 14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.
- 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.
- 16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;
- 17 Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure.
- 18 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place.
- 19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.
- 20 My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.
- 21 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour!
- 22 When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

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