

18\_JOB\_23\_01 Then Job answered and said,

18\_JOB\_23\_02 Even to day [is] my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

18\_JOB\_23\_03 Oh that I knew where I might find him! [that] I might come [even] to his seat!

18\_JOB\_23\_04 I would order [my] cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

18\_JOB\_23\_05 I would know the words [which] he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

18\_JOB\_23\_06 Will he plead against me with [his] great power? No; but he would put [strength] in me.

18\_JOB\_23\_07 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

18\_JOB\_23\_08 Behold, I go forward, but he [is] not [there]; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

18\_JOB\_23\_09 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]:

18\_JOB\_23\_10 But he knoweth the way that I take: [when] he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

18\_JOB\_23\_11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

18\_JOB\_23\_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].

18\_JOB\_23\_13 But he [is] in one [mind], and who can turn him? and [what] his soul desireth, even [that] he doeth.

18\_JOB\_23\_14 For he performeth [the thing that is] appointed for me: and many such [things are] with him.

18\_JOB\_23\_15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

18\_JOB\_23\_16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

18\_JOB\_23\_17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, [neither] hath he covered the darkness from my face.