Bible Alive 365 – Day #9

Job 21-23

Job 21:1-34 But Job answered and said, **2** Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations. **3** Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on. **4** As for me, *is* my complaint to man? and if *it were so,* why should not my spirit be troubled? **5** Mark me, and be astonished, and lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth. **6** Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh. **7** Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? **8** Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. **9** Their houses *are* safe from fear, neither *is* the rod of God upon them. **10** Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. **11** They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. **12** They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. **13** They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. **14** Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. **15** What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? **16** Lo, their good *is* not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me. **17** How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them! *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger. **18** They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. **19** God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it.* **20** His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. **21** For what pleasure *hath* he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst? **22** Shall *any* teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high. **23** One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. **24** His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. **25** And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. **26** They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. **27** Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices *which* ye wrongfully imagine against me. **28** For ye say, Where *is* the house of the prince? and where *are* the dwelling places of the wicked? **29** Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, **30** That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. **31** Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him *what* he hath done? **32** Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb. **33** The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as *there are* innumerable before him. **34** How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

Job 22:1-30 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, **2** Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? **3** *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to him,* that thou makest thy ways perfect? **4** Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? **5** *Is* not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? **6** For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. **7** Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. **8** But *as for* the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it. **9** Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. **10** Therefore snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; **11** Or darkness, *that* thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee. **12** *Is* not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! **13** And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? **14** Thick clouds *are* a covering to him, that he

seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. **15** Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? **16** Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood: **17** Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them? **18** Yet he filled their houses with good *things:* but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. **19** The righteous see *it,* and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn. **20** Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth. **21** Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. **22** Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. **23** If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. **24** Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. **25** Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. **26** For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. **27** Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. **28** Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. **29** When *men* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. **30** He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

Job 23:1-17 Then Job answered and said, **2** Even to day *is* my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. **3** Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to his seat! **4** I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. **5** I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. **6** Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me. **7** There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge. **8** Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there;* and backward, but I cannot perceive him: **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:* **10** But he knoweth the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. **11** My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. **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.* **13** But he *is* in one *mind,* and who can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth. **14** For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him. **15** Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. **16** For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me: **17** Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.