

## Job 13:1-28 **Job – Not Inferior to his Friends – Prayer for Relief**

### Job Defends Himself

- 1 "Behold, my eye has seen all this, My ear has heard and understood it.
- 2 What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you.
- 3 But I would speak to Shaday (the Almighty), And I desire to reason with El (God).
  
- 4 But you forgers of lies, You are all worthless physicians.
- 5 Oh, that you would be silent, And it would be your wisdom!
- 6 Now hear my reasoning, And heed the pleadings of my lips.
- 7 Will you speak wickedly for El (God), And talk deceitfully for Him?
- 8 Will you show partiality for Him? Will you contend for El (God)?
- 9 Will it be well when He searches you out? Or can you mock Him as one mocks a man?
- 10 He will surely rebuke you If you secretly show partiality.
- 11 Will not His excellence make you afraid, And the dread of Him fall upon you?
- 12 Your platitudes are proverbs of ashes, Your defenses are defenses of clay.
  
- 13 "Hold your peace with me, and let me speak, Then let come on me what may!
- 14 Why do I take my flesh in my teeth, And put my life in my hands?
  
- 15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.
- 16 He also shall be my salvation, For a hypocrite could not come before Him.
- 17 Listen carefully to my speech, And to my declaration with your ears.
- 18 See now, I have prepared my case, I know that I shall be vindicated.
- 19 Who is he who will contend with me? If now I hold my tongue, I perish.

### Job's Prayer for Relief

- 20 "Only two things do not do to me, Then I will not hide myself from You:
- 21 Withdraw Your hand far from me, And let not the dread of You make me afraid.
- 22 Then call, and I will answer; Or let me speak, then You respond to me.
  
- 23 How many are my iniquities and sins? Make me know my transgression and my sin.
- 24 Why do You hide Your face, And regard me as Your enemy?
- 25 Will You frighten a leaf driven to and fro? And will You pursue dry stubble?
- 26 For You write bitter things against me, And make me inherit the iniquities of my youth.
- 27 You put my feet in the stocks, And watch closely all my paths. You set a limit for the soles of my feet.
- 28 "Man decays like a rotten thing, Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

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### Facts Revealed:

#### Job Defends Himself

- ✧ Job feels equal to his friends in his knowledge and understanding of the Almighty. His desire is to speak to Shaday and reason with El concerning his unjust suffering. [[Job 13:1-3](#)]
- ✧ Job finds his friends to be worthless physicians in their hypocritical condemnation without knowledge of truth, speaking deceitfully for El. Your platitudes are proverbs of ashes, Your defenses are defenses of clay. [[Job 13:4-14](#)]

- ☆ **Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.** Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him. He also shall be my salvation, For a hypocrite could not come before Him. [\[Job 13:15-16\]](#)
  - ◇ Job expressed his complete confidence in El saying, **I know that I shall be vindicated.** [\[Job 13:17-19\]](#)

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Then call, and I will answer; Or let me speak, then You respond to me. [\[Job 13:20-22\]](#)
  - ◇ The case Job has prepared to take before El.
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"Man decays like a rotten thing, Like a garment that is moth-eaten. [\[Job 13:23-28\]](#)
  - ◇ Job sincerely desires to know why he is facing such agonizing suffering.
  - ◇ Job has no idea of the contest between Yahweh and Satan over Job's endurance and faithfulness. [\[Job 1:6-12, 2:1-6\]](#)