

Job 16

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Job's Reply: Miserable Comforters Are You All

- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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My Witness Is in Heaven

- 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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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 16:3 **Word:** Job 6:26. **Parallel theme:** Job 15:2

Job 16:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:7; 109:25; Jeremiah 18:16; Lamentations 2:15. **Word:** 2 Kings 19:21

Job 16:5 **Parallel theme:** Galatians 6:1

Job 16:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 10:1

Job 16:7 **Creation:** Job 7:3

Job 16:8 **Witness:** Job 10:17. **Parallel theme:** Job 19:20; Ruth 1:21

Job 16:9

Parallel theme: Job 13:24; 18:4; Psalms 35:16; 37:12; Lamentations 2:16; Hosea 6:1; Acts 7:54.

Judgment: Job 19:11

Job 16:10

Parallel theme: 1 Kings 22:24; Psalms 22:13; 35:15; Isaiah 50:6; Lamentations 3:30; Micah 5:1; Acts 23:2; 2 Corinthians 11:20

Job 16:11 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 27:12; 31:8

Job 16:12 **Parallel theme:** Job 7:20; Psalms 44:19; Lamentations 3:4

Job 16:13 **Parallel theme:** Job 6:4; 20:25; Lamentations 2:11

Job 16:15 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 37:34; 1 Kings 21:27; Psalms 7:5; 75:5; Isaiah 22:12

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Job 16:17 **Prayer:** Proverbs 15:8

Job 16:18 **Blood:** Genesis 4:11; Isaiah 26:21; Ezekiel 24:7

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