

Job 17

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Job Continues: My Spirit Is Broken

- 1** My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.
- 2** Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?
- 3** Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he that will strike hands with me?
- 4** For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them.
- 5** He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.
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- 6** He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret.
- 7** Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.
- 8** Upright men shall be astonied at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.
- 9** The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.
- 10** But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you.
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- 11** My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

- 12** They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness.
- 13** If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.
- 14** I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.
- 15** And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?
- 16** They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Hope — תִּקְוָה (Tikvah)

Hope, expectation

The Hebrew **tikvah** (תִּקְוָה) means hope or expectation—confident trust in God's promises. 'Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God' (Psalm 146:5).

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Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

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CROSS REFERENCES

Job 17:2 **Parallel theme:** Job 12:4; 16:20

Job 17:3 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 43:9; 44:32; Psalms 119:122; Proverbs 11:15; Isaiah 38:14; Hebrews 7:22

Job 17:4 **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 17:14; Matthew 11:25; 13:11; 1 Corinthians 1:20

Job 17:5 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 20:19

Job 17:6 **Word:** Job 30:9; Psalms 44:14

Job 17:7 **Parallel theme:** Job 16:16; Psalms 6:7

Job 17:9 **Righteousness:** Proverbs 4:18. **Parallel theme:** Job 22:30; Genesis 20:5; Psalms 24:4; 26:6; 73:13; 84:7; 84:11; Proverbs 14:16

Job 17:10 **Parallel theme:** Job 6:29; 42:7

Job 17:11 **Parallel theme:** Job 7:6; Proverbs 16:9; Isaiah 8:10; 38:10; Lamentations 3:37

Job 17:14 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:10

Job 17:15 **Parallel theme:** Job 13:15. **Hope:** Job 19:10

Job 17:16 **Parallel theme:** Jonah 2:6

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