

# Job 22

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## **Eliphaz's Third Speech: Can a Man Be of Use to God?**

- 1** 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?
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- 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.

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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.

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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.
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- 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.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### 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.

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### 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).

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### Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

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### Justify — צַדִּיק (Tsadaq)

To be righteous, declare righteous

The Hebrew **tsadaq** (צַדִּיק) means to be righteous or to declare righteous—a legal verdict of innocence. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

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**Law — תּוֹרָה (Torah)**

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

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**Repent — שׁוּב / נָחַם (Shuv / Nacham)**

To turn back, relent

The Hebrew **shuv** (שׁוּב) means to turn or return—a physical turning that represents spiritual redirection back to God. **Nacham** (נָחַם) conveys grief or relenting, often used of God 'repenting' of judgment.

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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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**Save — יָשַׁע (Yasha)**

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Job 22:4**    **Judgment:** Job 9:19; 14:3; 19:29; 34:23; Psalms 143:2. **Parallel theme:** Job 7:12; Psalms 39:11; 76:6; 80:16; Revelation 3:19

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**Job 22:6**    **Parallel theme:** Job 24:3; Exodus 22:26; Deuteronomy 24:6; Ezekiel 18:12; 18:16

**Job 22:7**    **Parallel theme:** Job 31:17; Isaiah 58:7; Ezekiel 18:7; 18:16; Matthew 25:42

**Job 22:8**    **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 9:15

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**Job 22:11**    **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 3:54; Jonah 2:3. **Darkness:** Job 19:8

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**Job 22:24** **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 9:28; Isaiah 13:12

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**Job 22:26** **Light:** Job 27:10; Psalms 37:4; Isaiah 58:14; Romans 7:22. **Parallel theme:** Job 11:15; Psalms 86:4; 143:8. **Related:** Song of Solomon 2:3

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**Job 22:28** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 20:4; 90:17; Isaiah 30:21; Lamentations 3:37; Malachi 4:2; Matthew 21:22. **Light:** Job 29:3; Psalms 112:4; Proverbs 4:18; John 8:12

**Job 22:29** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 23:12; Luke 1:52; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5

**Job 22:30**   **Parallel theme:** Psalms 18:20

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