

Job 23

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Job's Reply: Oh, That I Knew Where to Find Him!

- 1** 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.
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- 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.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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.

CROSS REFERENCES

- Job 23:2** Parallel theme: Job 10:1
- Job 23:3** Parallel theme: Job 13:3; 16:21
- Job 23:4** Parallel theme: Job 13:18
- Job 23:6** Parallel theme: Job 13:21

Job 23:7 **Parallel theme:** Job 13:3; Romans 8:1

Job 23:8 **Parallel theme:** Job 9:11; 35:14; Psalms 10:1; Isaiah 45:15; 1 Timothy 6:16

Job 23:9 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 89:46; Isaiah 8:17

Job 23:10 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 8:2; Psalms 1:6; 17:3; 66:10; Proverbs 17:3; Zechariah 13:9; John 21:17; Hebrews 11:17; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:7

Job 23:11 **Parallel theme:** Job 17:9; Psalms 17:5; 36:3; 44:18; 125:5; Zephaniah 1:6; Romans 2:7; 2 Corinthians 1:12

Job 23:12

Word: Job 6:10; 22:22; Psalms 119:11; 119:103; 119:127; Jeremiah 15:16; John 8:31. **Parallel theme:** John 4:32; 4:34; Acts 14:22

Job 23:13

Parallel theme: Job 12:14; 34:29; Psalms 115:3; 135:6; Proverbs 19:21; Ecclesiastes 1:15; 3:14; Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Romans 9:19

Job 23:14 **Parallel theme:** Job 7:3; Psalms 77:19; 97:2; Micah 6:9; Romans 11:33; 1 Thessalonians 3:3; 5:9; 1 Peter 2:8

Job 23:15 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:120

Job 23:16 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 20:3; Psalms 22:14. **References God:** Job 27:2

Job 23:17 **Darkness:** Job 19:8. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 57:1