

. Job 15
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Eliphaz Accuses Job of Folly

. 1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered
and said:

. 2 “ Should a wise man answer with
empty knowledge, And fill himself with the east
wind?

. 3 Should he reason with unprofitable
talk,
Or by speeches with which he can do no good?

. 4 Yes, you cast off fear,
And restrain prayer before God.

. 5 For your iniquity teaches your mouth,
And you choose the tongue of the crafty.

. 6 Your own mouth condemns you, and
not I; Yes, your own lips testify against you.

. 7 “Are you the first man who was born?

Or were you made before the hills?

. 8 Have you heard the counsel of God?
Do you limit wisdom to yourself?

. 9 What do you know that we do not
know? What do you understand that is not in
us?

. 10 Both the gray-haired and the aged are
among us, Much older than your father.

. 11 Are the consolations of God too small
for you, And the word spoken gently with
you?

. 12 Why does your heart carry you away,
And what do your eyes wink at,

. 13 That you turn your spirit against God,
And let such words go out of your mouth?

. 14 “What is man, that he could be pure?

And he who is born of a woman, that he
could be

- . righteous?
- . 15 If God puts no trust in His saints,
And the heavens are not pure in His sight,
- . 16 How much less man, who is abominable
and filthy, Who drinks iniquity like water!
- . 17 “I will tell you, hear me;
What I have seen I will declare,
- . 18 What wise men have told,
Not hiding anything received from their
fathers,
- . 19 To whom alone the land was given, And
no alien passed among them:

- . 20 The wicked man writhes with pain all his days,
And the number of years is hidden from the oppressor.

- . 21 Dreadful sounds are in his ears;
In prosperity the destroyer comes upon him.

- . 22 He does not believe that he will return from darkness, For a sword is waiting for him.

- . 23 He wanders about for bread, saying, 'Where is it?' He knows that a day of darkness is ready at his hand.

- . 24 Trouble and anguish make him afraid; They overpower him, like a king ready for battle.

- . 25 For he stretches out his hand against

God, And acts defiantly against the
Almighty,

- . 26 Running stubbornly against Him With
his strong, embossed shield.

- . 27 “ Though he has covered his face with
his fatness, And made his waist heavy with
fat,

- . 28 He dwells in desolate cities,
In houses which no one inhabits, Which are
destined to become ruins.

- . 29 He will not be rich,
Nor will his wealth continue,

 . Nor will his possessions overspread the
earth.

- . 30 He will not depart from darkness;
The flame will dry out his branches,

And by the breath of His mouth he will go away.

- . 31 Let him not trust in futile things, deceiving himself, For futility will be his reward.
- . 32 It will be accomplished before his time, And his branch will not be green.
- . 33 He will shake off his unripe grape like a vine, And cast off his blossom like an olive tree.
- . 34 For the company of hypocrites will be barren, And fire will consume the tents of bribery.
- . 35 They conceive trouble and bring forth futility; Their womb prepares deceit.”

