

. Job 27
New King James Version (NKJV)

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Job Maintains His Integrity

. 1 Moreover Job continued his discourse,
and said:

. 2 “As God lives, who has taken away
my justice, And the Almighty, who has made
my soul bitter,

. 3 As long as my breath is in me,
And the breath of God in my nostrils,

. 4 My lips will not speak wickedness,
Nor my tongue utter deceit.

. 5 Far be it from me
That I should say you are right;
Till I die I will not put away my integrity from
me.

. 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will
not let it go; My heart shall not reproach me as
long as I live.

. 7 “May my enemy be like the wicked,
And he who rises up against me like the
unrighteous.

. 8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite,
Though he may gain much,
If God takes away his life?

. 9 Will God hear his cry
When trouble comes upon him?

. 10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty?
Will he always call on God?

. 11 “I will teach you about the hand of God;
What is with the Almighty I will not
conceal.

. 12 Surely all of you have seen it;
Why then do you behave with complete
nonsense?

. 13 “This is the portion of a wicked man
with God, And the heritage of oppressors,

received from the

. Almighty:

- . 14 If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword; And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

- . 15 Those who survive him shall be buried in death, And their widows shall not weep,

- . 16 Though he heaps up silver like dust, And piles up clothing like clay—

- . 17 He may pile it up, but the just will wear it, And the innocent will divide the silver.

- . 18 He builds his house like a moth, Like a booth which a watchman makes.

- . 19 The rich man will lie down, But not be

gathered up; He opens his eyes,
And he is no more.

- . 20 Terrors overtake him like a flood;
A tempest steals him away in the night.

- . 21 The east wind carries him away, and he
is gone; It sweeps him out of his place.

- . 22 It hurls against him and does not spare;
He flees desperately from its power.

- . 23 Men shall clap their hands at him, And
shall hiss him out of his place.

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