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Eliphaz: Job Has Sinned

1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 “If one attempts a word with you, will you become weary?

 But who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Surely you have instructed many,
 And you have strengthened weak hands.

4 Your words have upheld him who was stumbling,
 And you have strengthened the feeble knees;

5 But now it comes upon you, and you are weary;
 It touches you, and you are troubled.

6 Is not your reverence your confidence?
 And the integrity of your ways your hope?

7 “ Remember now, who ever perished being innocent?
 Or where were the upright ever cut off?

8 Even as I have seen,
 Those who plow iniquity
 And sow trouble reap the same.

- 9 By the blast of God they perish,
And by the breath of His anger they are consumed.
- 10 The roaring of the lion,
The voice of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions are broken.
- 11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the cubs of the lioness are scattered.
- 12 “Now a word was secretly brought to me,
And my ear received a whisper of it.
- 13 In disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falls on men,
- 14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones shake.
- 15 Then a spirit passed before my face;
The hair on my body stood up.
- 16 It stood still,
But I could not discern its appearance.
A form was before my eyes;
There was silence;
Then I heard a voice saying:
- 17 ‘Can a mortal be more righteous than God?
Can a man be more pure than his Maker?

- 18 If He puts no trust in His servants,
If He charges His angels with error,
- 19 How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed before a moth?
- 20 They are broken in pieces from morning till evening;
They perish forever, with no one regarding.
- 21 Does not their own excellence go away?
They die, even without wisdom.'