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.

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 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 aside [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.