Job 9

1. Then Job answered and said,

2. I know [it is] so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

3. If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4. [He is] wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened [himself] against him, and hath prospered?

5. Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in anger of him.

6. Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

7. Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.

8. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.


10. Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

11. Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: but how should man be just with God?

12. Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

13. [If] God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

14. How much less shall I answer him, [and] choose out my words [to reason] with him?

15. Whom, though I were righteous, [yet] would I not answer, [but] I would make supplication to my judge.

16. If I had called, and he had answered me; [yet] would I not believe that he
Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.

He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

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Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, [that] might lay his hand upon us both. 

34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me: 

35 [Then] would I speak, and not fear him; but [it is] not so with me.