

Bildad Speaks

Job 8

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CHAPTER 8

1 And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said, **2** How long wilt thou speak these things? and the words of thy mouth be a strong wind? **3** Doth GOD pervert judgment, and the Almighty pervert justice? **4** If thy children have sinned against him, he hath also given them over into the hand of their transgression. **5** If thou seek earnestly unto GOD, and make thy supplication to the Almighty, **6** If thou be pure and upright, surely now he will awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous; **7** And though thy beginning was small, yet thine end shall be very great.

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8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former generation, and attend to the researches of their fathers; **9** For we are *but* of yesterday, and know nothing, for our days upon earth are a shadow. **10** Shall not they teach thee, *and* tell thee, and utter words out of their heart? **11** Doth the papyrus shoot up without mire? doth the reed-grass grow without water? **12** Whilst it is yet in its greenness *and* not cut down, it withereth before any *other* grass. **13** So are the paths of all that forget GOD; and the profane man's hope shall perish, **14** Whose confidence shall be cut off, and his reliance is a spider's web. **15** He shall lean upon his house, and it

shall not stand; he shall lay hold on it, but it shall not endure. **16** He is full of sap before the sun, and his sprout shooteth forth over his garden; **17** His roots are entwined about the stoneheap; he seeth the place of stones. **18** If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him: I have not seen thee! **19** Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the dust shall others grow. **20** Behold, GOD will not cast off a perfect man, neither will he take evil-doers by the hand. **21** Whilst he would fill thy mouth with laughing and thy lips with shouting, **22** They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame, and the tent of the wicked be no more.