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Job: My Suffering Is Comfortless

. 1 “Is there not a time of hard service for man on earth? Are not his days also like the days of a hired man?

. 2 Like a servant who earnestly desires the shade,
And like a hired man who eagerly looks for his wages,

. 3 So I have been allotted months of futility,
And wearisome nights have been appointed to me.

. 4 When I lie down, I say, ‘When shall I arise, And the night be ended?’
For I have had my fill of tossing till dawn.

. 5 My flesh is caked with worms and dust, My skin is cracked and breaks out afresh.

. 6 “My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, And are spent without hope.

. 7 Oh, remember that my life is a breath! My eye will never again see good.

. 8 The eye of him who sees me will see me no more; While your eyes are upon me, I shall no longer be.

. 9 As the cloud disappears and vanishes away,
So he who goes down to the grave does not come up.

. 10 He shall never return to his house,
Nor shall his place know him anymore.

. 11 “ Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

. 12 Am I a sea, or a sea serpent, That You set a guard over me?

- . 13 When I say, ‘My bed will comfort me,
My couch will ease my complaint,’

- . 14 Then You scare me with dreams And
terrify me with visions,

- . 15 So that my soul chooses strangling And
death rather than my body.

- . 16 I loathe my life;
I would not live forever.
Let me alone,
For my days are but a breath.

- . 17 “What is man, that You should exalt
him, That You should set Your heart on him,

- . 18 That You should visit him every
morning,

- . And test him every moment?
- . 19 How long?
Will You not look away from me,
And let me alone till I swallow my saliva?
- . 20 Have I sinned?
What have I done to You, O watcher of
men? Why have You set me as Your target,
So that I am a burden to myself?
- . 21 Why then do You not pardon my
transgression, And take away my iniquity?
For now I will lie down in the dust,
And You will seek me diligently,
But I will no longer be.”

