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Job 23.1-7

1. Bitter complaint

- a. **Job 23.2** - today is my complaint bitter
- b. **Job 23.4** - I would order my cause before him
- c. **Job 23.5** - I would know the words
- d. **Job 23.7** - he would put strength in me

2. Righteous search

- a. **Job 23.3** - oh that I knew where I might find him
- b. **Acts 17.24-27** - though he be not far from every one of us
- c. **Job 23.8-9** - he hideth himself ... I cannot see him
- d. **Matt 7.7** - seek and ye shall find
- e. **Heb 11.6** - rewarder of them that diligently seek him
- f. **Acts 15.15-17** - that the residue of men might seek after the Lord
- g. **Acts 17.11** - searched the scriptures daily

3. Purification in perseverance

- a. **Job 23.10** - he knoweth the way that I take ... I shall come forth as gold
- b. **2 Cor 4.16-18** - our light affliction
- c. **2 Tim 2.20-21** - prepared unto every good work
- d. **Prov 24.10** - if thou faint in the day of adversity
- e. **1 Pet 1.5-7** - though it be tried with fire
- f. **Rom 5.3-4** - tribulation worketh patience
- g. **Jas 1.2-3** - trying of your faith worketh patience
- h. **1 Pet 5.10** - after that ye have suffered a while .. Stablish strengthen settle you

4. Preparation for judgment

- a. **Job 23.11-12** - his way have I kept and not declined ... necessary food
- b. **Matt 4.4** - man doth not live by bread alone
- c. **Deut 8.3** - that he might make thee know
- d. **1 Cor 16.13** - stand fast in the faith
- e. **Eph 6.13** - and having done all to stand
- f. **Heb 10.35-36** - cast not therefore away thy confidence

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1. Bitter complaint

Job 23.2 - Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

Job 23.4 - I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

Job 23.5 - I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

Job 23.7 - There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

2. Righteous search

Job 23.3 - Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

Acts 17.24-27 - God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25: Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26: And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27: That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

Job 23.8-9 - 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:

Matt 7.7 - Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Heb 11.6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Acts 15.15-17 - And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, 16: After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: 17: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Acts 17.11 - These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

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3. Purification in perseverance

Job 23.10 - But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

2 Cor 4.16-18 - For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17: For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18: While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Tim 2.20-21 - But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21: If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Prov 24.10 - If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

1 Pet 1.5-7 - Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6: Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

Rom 5.3-4 - And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4: And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Jas 1.2-3 - My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3: Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

1 Pet 5.10 - But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

4. Preparation for judgment

Job 23.11-12 - 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.

Matt 4.4 - But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Deut 8.3 - And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which

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thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

1 Cor 16.13 - Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Eph 6.13 - Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Heb 10.35-36 - Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36: For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

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