

# Job 5 Chiasm

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- v1 **A-1** Call now,  
**A-2** if there be any that will **answer** thee;  
**B-1** and to which of the saints  
**B-2** wilt thou turn?
- v2 **C** For wrath **killeth** the foolish man,  
**C** and envy **slayeth** the silly one.
- v3 **D-1** I have seen the foolish taking root:  
**D-2** but suddenly I **cursed** his habitation.
- v4 **D-3 a** His children  
**b** are **far from safety**,  
**a** and they  
**b** are **crushed** in the gate,  
**E-1** **neither is there any** to deliver them.
- v5 **E-2** Whose harvest the hungry **eateth up**, and **taketh it** even out of the thorns,  
and the robber **swalloweth up** their substance.
- v6 **E-3** • Although affliction cometh not forth of the **dust**,  
• neither doth trouble spring out of the **ground**;
- v7 **E-4** Yet man is **born unto trouble**, as the sparks fly upward.
- v8 **F-1** • I would seek unto God,  
• and unto God would I commit my cause:
- v9 **F-2 i** Which doeth **GREAT** things  
**ii** and unsearchable;  
**i** **MARVELLOUS** things  
**ii** without number:
- v10 **G** Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the  
fields:
- v11 **H a** To **set up on high**  
**b** those that be low;  
**b** that those which mourn  
**a** may be **exalted** to safety.
- v12 **I a** He **disappointeth**  
**b** the devices of the crafty,  
**a** so that their hands **cannot perform**  
**b** their enterprise.
- v13 **J** He **taketh** the wise in their own craftiness:  
**J** and the counsel of the froward is **carried**  
**headlong**.
- v14 **I i** They **meet with darkness**  
**ii** in the daytime,  
**i** and **grope** in the noonday  
**ii** as in the night.
- v15 **H a** But he **saveth**  
**b** the poor  
• from the sword,

## KEY:

### WORD/PHRASE SET MATCHES:

- ! Double Und. = identical, rare
- ! Underlined = word-for-word
- ! Und. Ital. = synonymous
- ! *Italics* = similar
- ! **Bold** = emphasis
- ! [brackets] = editorial additions

### FOCAL POINT:

"He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise. He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong. They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night." (Job 5:12-14.)

- from their mouth,
- and from the hand of the mighty.

v16 **G** So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

v17 **F-1** • Behold, happy is *the man* whom **God** *correcteth*:  
 • therefore despise not *thou* the *chastening* of the Almighty:

v18 **F-2** **a** For he maketh sore,  
**b** and bindeth up:  
**a** he woundeth,  
**b** and his hands make whole.

v19 **E-1** *He* shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

v20 **E-2** In *famine* he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

v21 **E-4** Thou shalt be hid from *the scourge of the tongue*:

v22 **E-1** *neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction* when it cometh.

v23 **E-2** At destruction and *famine* thou shalt laugh:

v24 **E-3** **i** neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.  
**ii** For thou shalt be in league with the *stones* of the field:  
**i** and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

v25 **D-1** And thou shalt know that *thy tabernacle shall be in peace*;  
**D-2** and thou shalt visit *thy habitation*, and *shalt not sin*.

v26 **D-3** **a** Thou shalt know also that *thy seed*  
**b** *shall be great*,  
**a** and *thine offspring*  
**b** *as the grass of the earth*.

v27 **C** *Thou* shalt come to thy *grave in a full age*,  
**C** *like as a shock of corn* cometh in *in his season*.

v27 **B-1** Lo this, we have searched it,  
**B-2** so it is;  
**A-1** *hear* it,  
**A-2** and *know thou* it for thy good.