

Job Protests His Innocence

Then Job replied:

"How long will you torment me
and crush me with words?
Ten times now you have reproached
me;
shamelessly you attack me.
If it is true that I have gone astray,
my error remains my concern
alone.
If indeed you would exalt yourselves
above me
and use my humiliation against
me,
then know that God has wronged me
and drawn his net around me.

"Though I cry, 'I've been wronged!' I
get no response;
though I call for help, there is no
justice."

And Job continued his discourse:

"As surely as God lives, who has
denied me justice,
the Almighty, who has made me
taste bitterness of soul,
as long as I have life within me,
the breath of God in my nostrils,
my lips will not speak wickedness,
and my tongue will utter no deceit.
I will never admit you are in the right;
till I die, I will not deny my integrity.
I will maintain my righteousness and
never let go of it;
my conscience will not reproach
me as long as I live."

Job 19:1-7; 27:1-6