

honoured, must have taught submission, must have inspired comfort to many a sinking heart, long before light and immortality had been brought to light by the Gospel of Christ. And 'his consolation was infinitely more striking, as it proceeded from a Gentile, not from one of the favoured race of Israel. But when Jewish Psalmists and Jewish Prophets took up the same strain; when the very words and phrases of the older sufferer were caught up and re-echoed by successive poets; when the great Sufferer and his Apostles spake of the same troubles, and illustrated the same truth, then those whose faith was "tried by fire" were strengthened by the assurance that all was rightly ordered; and though no restoration to temporal prosperity awaited them in this life, the latter end of Job was to them a foretaste of eternal day; a comforting token that, "having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded; for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself." Would that all sufferers may learn to drink of the water of this heavenly consolation.

1. Then Job answered Jehovah and said:
2. I know that thou canst do everything,  
And no thought of thine can be hindered.
3. "Who is this (indeed) that darkeneth counsel without knowledge?"  
Therefore I have uttered what I understand not,  
Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.
4. "Hear now (thou sayest) and I will speak,  
I will question thee, and do thou inform me."
5. I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear,  
But now mine eye seeth Thee.
6. Wherefore I retract,  
And repent, on dust and ashes.
7. And it came to pass, after Jehovah had spoken these words unto Job, that Jehovah said unto Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against