

Afflictions common — from God.

ing the Lord. — 13: 11 Knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to wake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Ep. 4: 28 Let him that stole, steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

1 Th. 4: 11 Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; 12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing. [See 63, 358, 738, 749.]

### AFFLICTIONS — TRIALS — CHASTISEMENTS.

#### 2. Afflictions common to man.

Job 5: 7 Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. — 7: 17 What *is* man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? 18 And *that* thou shouldest visit him every morning, *and* try him every moment? — 14: 1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

#### 3. Afflictions from God.

1 S. 2: 7 The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

Job 5: 6 Affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground. 18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

Ps. 39: 9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it*. — 66: 11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidest affliction upon our loins. — 89: 30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; 31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. — 102: 10 Thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down. 23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

2 Cor. 12: 7 Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. [See 147, 260.]

#### 4. Benefit of afflictions and fatherly chastisements.

Dt. 8: 2 Thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.