

Job Laments His Unjust Suffering (Job 30)

I. Job Endures Suffering from Men (1-15)

A. Job is the Laughingstock of Worthless men (1-8)

1. Job is ridiculed by useless men (1-2)
 - a. Men younger than he laugh at him (1)
 - b. Men whose fathers are unworthy of his dogs laugh at him
 - c. Men who are no use to him laugh at him (2)
 - d. Men who are weak and frail laugh at him
2. Job is ridiculed by scavengers of man (3-4)
 - a. They gnaw at waste for food
 - b. They scavenge bushes and roots for food
 - c. They do not even provide for themselves
3. Job is ridiculed by men of ill repute (5-8)
 - a. Job speaks of their low character
 - i. Humans drive them away and shout after them (5)
 - ii. They aren't worth dwelling in holes
 - b. Job speaks of their undesirable nature
 - i. They huddle together for no one else wants them
 - ii. They have been forced out of the land

B. Job Endures the Assaults of Wicked Men (9-15)

1. Job is Shamed and Hated (9-10)
 - a. Job has become their byword and their song
 - b. Job is set apart even from these despicable men
 - c. Job is spit on by the lowest of men
2. Job is attacked by his mockers (11-12)
 - a. God has humbled him by allowing these attacks
 - b. The rabble attacks him and bring their destructive ways against him.
3. Job is shattered by his mockers (13-15)
 - a. The mockers break up his path – he is unable to see a way out
 - b. The mockers promote his calamity
 - c. The mockers crash in on Job like a tide
 - d. Terrors pursue him and his prosperity passes away

II. Job Believes He Endures Unjust Suffering from God (16-31)

A. Job's Suffering comes from God (16-23)

1. Job's Suffering is unbearable (16-18)
 - a. His soul is poured out inside him
 - b. He experiences only days of affliction
 - c. In the night his bones hurt and pain gives him no rest
 - d. Job feels as if his own garments are strangling him
2. Job blames God for his Suffering (19)
 - a. God has thrown into the mire
 - b. God has made him as dust as ashes

B. Job Cries to God in His Suffering (20-23)

1. Job Blames God for not answering His prayers (20-21)
 - a. Job claims God will not answer his cries
 - b. Job claims God stares at him in his distress
 2. Job Blames God for being Cruel (22-23)
 - a. Job says God has turned cruel to him
 - b. Job says God is persecuting him
 - c. Job says God is tossing him about in a storm
 - d. Job has no hope that he will escape death from God's torment
- C. Job Has Not received the Care He Gave Others (24-31)
1. Job Once Cared for the Sufferer (24-25)
 - a. Job is crying for help in the same way he helped others
 - b. Job once wept for those who toiled
 - c. Job once grieved for the needed
 2. Job has not received care in his suffering (26-28)
 - a. Job hoped for good but evil came
 - b. Job hoped for light but darkness came
 - c. Job is in constant turmoil in his inward parts
 - d. Job's whole life is darkened
 - e. Job stands in the assembly and cries for help
 3. Job is Abandoned in His Suffering (29-31)
 - a. Job has become brother to jackals and companion of ostriches
 - b. Job's skin has turned black and his bones burn
 - c. Job's song is nothing more than mourning.

Job has completely lost balance. He has reached the end of his rope and his suffering is becoming more than he can bear. There seems to be no hope for him at all. Everything is falling apart. Suffering has brought him to a place of absolute despair and depression. He has reached the point where he is even questioning his God.