

## Job Claims to Be Ready For God's Judgment (Job 31)

### I. Job Desires His Conscience to Be Judged (1-6)

#### A. Job Devotes Himself to A Clear Conscience (1-3)

1. Job has covenanted himself to inner purity (1)
  - a. He has made a covenant with his eyes that he will not look upon a virgin
    - i. Job isn't just talking about admiring beauty
    - ii. Job is talking about lusting, desire, etc.
  - b. He isn't just talking about the specific sin, Job has made a covenant for inner purity in all areas.
2. Job expects he should be Justified before God (2-3)
  - a. Job expects good from his clear conscience (2)
    - i. Since he considers himself justified he expects his portion should be good
    - ii. He also expects his heritage to be of blessing
  - b. Job expects calamity and disaster only for the unrighteous (3)

#### B. Job Calls for God's Assessment of His Heart (4-6)

1. Job knows that God sees his ways (4)
2. Job is ready for God's Assessment (5-6)
  - a. If he has walked in falsehood and deceit, he is ready for God to judge him
  - b. Job is ready to be weighed in God's balance and judged for his integrity
  - c. Job is sure that he will pass God's test

### II. Job Recounts His Life Before God (7-40)

#### A. Job's Life Gives Evidence to His Clear Conscience (7-34)

1. Job's Heart has not turned away from God (7-8)
  - a. Job is ready to face the consequences if his heart has turned away
  - b. Job asserts that his heart has not gone after his eyes
  - c. He is ready to accept the punishment if God finds it so
2. Job's Heart has not turned to Adultery (9-12)
  - a. Job's heart has not been enticed by a woman
  - b. Job has not coveted his neighbors
  - c. If God finds it so Job is ready to accept punishment
    - i. He says let my wife go after another
    - ii. He understands the seriousness of adultery
    - iii. He understands that if it were so he would deserve judgment and the fire of Abaddon
    - iv. He is ready to let it burn all his increase if it is found to be so
3. Job's Heart Has Not Turned toward Injustice (13-15)
  - a. Job has not rejected the cause of his servants and he has been fair with the poor

- b. Job knows that if God finds this to be the case he will have no answer for his justification
  - c. Job knows that the servants and the poor are both made in the image of God and deserve respect
- 4. Job Has not Witheld Help From the Needy (16-20)
  - a. He has been kind to the widows and orphans (16-18)
    - i. He withheld nothing from the poor
    - ii. He never cause the widow to lose hope
    - iii. He never ate himself without giving to the orphans
    - iv. He was ever a father to the orphans
    - v. He was a guide to the widows
  - b. He has been kind and generous to the Needy (19-20)
    - i. He gave clothing to those in need
    - ii. He gave sacrificially of his own sheep to cover the poor even though they could not bless him in return
- 5. Job Has not Harmed the Helpless (21-23)
  - a. Job never has never mistreated the fatherless though he was a man of high standing
  - b. Job will accept severe punishment if God finds it so
    - i. He desires his shoulder blade to fall out
    - ii. He desires his arm to be broken
  - c. Job desired to be right before God so he never mistreated the poor
- 6. Job Has not Trusted in His Wealth (24-25)
  - a. He has not made gold his trust or confidence
  - b. He has not rejoiced in simply having wealth
- 7. Job Has not committed Idolatry (26-28)
  - a. Job has not been enticed to worship the sun or the moon
  - b. Job knows this would be sin punishable by the judges and an affront to God Himself
- 8. Job Did Not Seek Vengeance on His Enemy (29-30)
  - a. Job never rejoiced in another's ruin who hated him
  - b. Job never exulted when evil overtook his enemies
  - c. Job never asked for another's life in vengeance
- 9. Job has Always been hospitable to Strangers (31-32)
  - a. He always fed those who visited him
  - b. He always gave lodging to sojourners
  - c. He always opened his doors to the travelers
- 10. Job Did not hide Secret Sins (33-34)
  - a. Job did not hide his iniquity in his heart
  - b. Job cared what the people thought of him – he knew he represented God to them – therefore he admitted his wrongs and repented of them

B. Job Calls For God's Judgment (35-40)

1. Job calls for God to assess his heart (35-37)

- a. Job desires his case to be heard
- b. Job "signs his name" to his testimony
- c. Job desires his indictment to be written out and he would wear it as a garment
- d. Job would give account to God for all his actions and approach God with reverence and fear

2. Job Calls Creation as His Witness (38-40)

- a. Job calls his land to testify on his behalf for he has only done right
- b. Job has killed no one in getting his land and has always s paid for it
- c. Job is ready to face the consequences if he is wrong – he is ready for thorns to grow instead of wheat and weeds instead of barley if he is wrong
- d. Job ends his words.