

Job Wraps Up His Case

Series: Job, #5
Job chapters 29-31
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Theme: **When it is all said and done, bring everything to God, hoping in Him.**

His first point: look at my past wonderful life.

1. God's fellowship and blessing. (29:1-6)
2. The people's respect and honor. (29:7-11, 21-25)
3. His righteousness. (29:12-17)
4. His expectation for the future. (29:18-20)

His second point: compare that to my present calamity.

1. Mocked by the lowest of the low. (30:1-15)
2. Afflicted by God. (30:16-23)
3. No answer, help, rest or joy. (30:24-31)

His concluding point: convict me or clear me!

1. The structure of his closing statement.
2. In light of my …
   a. Personal moral purity. (31:1-4, 9-12)
   b. Honesty. (31:5-8)
   c. Justice. (31:13-15)
   d. Grace and mercy to the weak and poor. (31:16-23)
   e. Loyal trust in God. (31:24-28)

f. Kindness and hospitality to enemies and strangers. (31:29-32)

g. Admission and confession of sin. (31:33-34)

h. Faithful stewardship of the land. (31:38-40)

… *hear me and convict me or clear me!* (31:35-37)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations
and responses on a separate piece of paper and
save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Job 29. Job is not wallowing in misery for the *good old days,* nor giving us a *rose-colored glasses* view of the past. This is a careful argument about how it was, how he was. As you look at his argument, listen also to his heart. We should not dwell in the past, but we should remember the wonderful things God has done for and in us.

Tuesday. Read Job 30. Check the outline for a structure to this statement of his present condition. Now go back and read chapter 3? What similarities and differences do you see? How has Job progressed?

Wednesday. Read Job 31. On Sunday we pointed out that Job is setting his conclusion in the form of a legal argument. As with chapter 30, note the differences in tone from earlier, especially in what he says about God (*e.g.,* 9:17-18, 13:24; 14:19, 16:7-14, etc.). Again, how has Job progressed? What value can you see in the long process of suffering for Job from this perspective?

Thursday. Do a brief survey of chapters 29-31. What can you learn here for the problems or calamities you are facing? Can you reaffirm your hope in God in them (and, yes, in spite of them) and live the truth that *when it is all said and done, bring everything to God, hoping in Him*?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we will look at God responding to Job. Read through 38:1 through 42:6 in preparation for our time together.

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