### Job 29-31

### "Job Rests His Defense"

#### **Job 29-31: INTRODUCTION**

- 26 Job tells his friends that he understands man's frailty and God's majesty.
- 27- he maintains his integrity
- 28 speaks on the importance and value of wisdom.

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- 29 Job recalls the blessings of the past
- 30 Job laments the sufferings of the present
- 31 Job challenges God to vindicate him in the future, and put himself under oath, challenging God to either condemn or vindicate him.

# 29:1-6 Job's Prior Blessings With God

# 29:7-10 Job's Prior Blessings With People

# 29:11-17 Job's Prior Blessings For Others

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Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what [will happen] tomorrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead, you [ought] to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

# 29:21-25 A Barnabas Becomes a Byword

## 30:1-15 Mocked by Sons of Fools

# 30:16-23 A Soul Poured Out

## 30:24-31 A Heart Without Rest

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"Chapter 31 is Job's Sermon on the Mount, for in it he touches on many of the same issues of spiritual ethics that Jesus covers in Matthew 5-7, including

the relationship between lust and adultery (Job 31:1, 9-12),

loving one's neighbor as oneself (Job 31:13-15), almsgiving and

social justice (Job 31:16-23), and

the love of money and other idolatries (Job 31:24-28)."

(Mike Mason (The Gospel According to Job

quoted by Guzik)

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# 31:13-15 Job Proclaims His Fairness as an Employer

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# 31:24-28 Job Was Not a Seeker of False Gods

## 31:29-34 Job Had No Concealed Sin

## 31:35-37 A Final Plea

# 31:38-40 The Words of Job Are Ended

## Taking It Home

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