

"Now Mine Eyes Seeth Thee"

Lesson 11

Job's Review Of His Own Life: His Glorious Past, Miserable Present, & Claim Of Innocence Job 29-31

Introduction

The dialogue between Job and his friends had ended. Neither side was able to convince the other of its position. As the entire debate was preceded by a monologue from Job (**ch. 3**), it ends similarly with Job having the final words in a closing speech (**chs. 29-31**).

Job's speech can be divided into 3 topics: a review of his glorious past before his sufferings (**ch. 29**), a presentation of his miserable present (**ch. 30**), and his continued claim of innocence (**ch. 31**).

Job's Glorious Past Life (Job 29:1-25)

1. How does Job begin to recall the former days when he was not afflicted? (**29:2**) In **29:1-6**, what areas of his life does Job mention as evidence of how blessed he was? What does he seem to emphasize by his words in **29:6**?
2. What does Job highlight next about his glorious past? (**29:7-12**; **cp. 4:3-4**) What reason is given in **29:12** as to why Job was so successful among men?
3. How does Job stress his concern for others who weren't as fortunate as he? (**29:13-17**) How did Job see himself in his life full of blessings? (**29:18-20**) How did others see him? (**29:21-25**)

Job's Miserable Present Life (Job 30:1-31)

4. How does Job begin to contrast his miserable present with his glorious past? (**30:1**) How does he describe those who now hold him in derision? (**30:2-8**)

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5. How does Job say he is contemptuously treated by such men? (30:9-15) What does Job think is the reason why he is so treated? (30:11a) How “powerful” are they in their opposition to Job? (30:11b-13)

6. What parts of his suffering do you see Job summarizing in 30:16-23? From these 8 verses alone, what word(s) would you use to describe Job?

7. What does Job logically ask after having so described himself? (30:24) How did he justify his cry for help? (30:25) Rather than help, what does Job say he received? (30:26-31)

Job's Continued Claim Of Innocence (Job 31:1-40)

8. In affirming his righteousness, list below the things Job mentions as proof of his innocence.

vv. 1-4 _____

vv. 5-8 _____

vv. 9-12 _____

vv. 13-15 _____

vv. 16-23 _____

vv. 24-28 _____

vv. 29-30 _____

vv. 31-32 _____

vv. 33-34 _____

9. What one final challenge does Job issue towards God? (31:35-37) With what words does Job end his final speech? (31:38-40)