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## JOB

## Chapter 29

1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,  
 2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;  
 3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;  
 4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;  
 5 When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;  
 6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;  
 7 When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!  
 8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.  
 9 The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.  
 10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.  
 11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:  
 12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.  
 13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.  
 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.  
 15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.  
 16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.  
 17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.  
 18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.  
 19 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.  
 20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.  
 21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.  
 22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.  
 23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.  
 24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.  
 25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

## Chapter 30

1 But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.  
 2 Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?  
 3 For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste.  
 4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat.  
 5 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;)

6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.  
 7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

- 8 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.  
 9 And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.  
 10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.  
 11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.  
 12 Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.  
 13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.  
 14 They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.  
 15 Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.  
 16 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.  
 17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.  
 18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.  
 19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.  
 20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.  
 21 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.  
 22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my substance.  
 23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.  
 24 Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.  
 25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor?  
 26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.  
 27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.  
 28 I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.  
 29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.  
 30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.  
 31 My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

## Chapter 31

- 1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?  
 2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?  
 3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?  
 4 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?  
 5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;  
 6 Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity.  
 7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;  
 8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.  
 9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;  
 10 Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.  
 11 For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.  
 13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;  
 14 What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?  
 15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?  
 16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;  
 17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;  
 18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;)  
 19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;  
 20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;  
 21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:  
 22 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.  
 23 For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.  
 24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence;  
 25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;  
 26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;  
 27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:  
 28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.  
 29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:  
 30 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.  
 31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.  
 32 The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the traveller.  
 33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:  
 34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?  
 35 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book.  
 36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me.  
 37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.  
 38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;  
 39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:  
 40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

## Chapter 32

1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.  
 2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.  
 3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.  
 4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.

5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.

7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

9 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.

12 Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words:

13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.

14 Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.

16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;)

17 I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.

18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.

19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

### Chapter 33

1 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.

3 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

4 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

5 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up.

6 Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.

7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,

9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.

10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy,

11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

12 Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:  
 20 So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.  
 21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.  
 22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.  
 23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:  
 24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.  
 25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:  
 26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.  
 27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;  
 28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.  
 29 Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,  
 30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.  
 31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.  
 32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.  
 33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

#### Chapter 34

1 Furthermore Elihu answered and said,  
 2 Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.  
 3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.  
 4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.  
 5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.  
 6 Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.  
 7 What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?  
 8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.  
 9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.  
 10 Therefore hearken unto me ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.  
 11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.  
 12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.  
 13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?  
 14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;  
 15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.  
 16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.  
 17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?  
 18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?  
 19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;

27 Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:

28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:

32 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

33 Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.

34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

36 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

## Chapter 35

1 Elihu spake moreover, and said,

2 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's?

3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin?

4 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

10 But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust thou in him.

15 But now, because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth it not in great extremity:

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

## Chapter 36

1 Elihu also proceeded, and said,

2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.

3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

8 And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;

9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.

14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

15 He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness.

17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold on thee.

18 Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

19 Will he esteem thy riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?

23 Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.

25 Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.

26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

28 Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.

29 Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.

31 For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.

32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt.

33 The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.