

**Job 30:1-31:40 Job mocked and ridiculed – Cries in agony, God does not answer
If Job has sinned his trouble would be understandable
Oh that God would answer**

Job lost all honor and respect of the people [Job 30:1-15]

1 "But now they mock at me, men younger than I, Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.

2 Indeed, what profit is the strength of their hands to me? Their vigor has perished.

3 They are gaunt from want and famine, Fleeing late to the wilderness, desolate and waste,

4 Who pluck mallow by the bushes, And broom tree roots for their food.

5 They were driven out from among men, They shouted at them as at a thief.

6 They had to live in the clefts of the valleys, In caves of the earth and the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they brayed, Under the nettles they nestled.

8 They were sons of fools, Yes, sons of vile men; They were scourged from the land.

9 "And now I am their taunting song; Yes, I am their byword.

10 They abhor me, they keep far from me; They do not hesitate to spit in my face.

11 Because He has loosed my bowstring and afflicted me, They have cast off restraint before me.

12 At my right hand the rabble arises; They push away my feet, And they raise against me their ways of destruction.

13 They break up my path, They promote my calamity; They have no helper.

14 They come as broad breakers; Under the ruinous storm they roll along.

15 Terrors are turned upon me; They pursue my honor as the wind, And my prosperity has passed like a cloud.

Job cries out in agony – God does not answer him [Job 30:16-31]

16 "And now my soul is poured out because of my plight; The days of affliction take hold of me.

17 My bones are pierced in me at night, And my gnawing pains take no rest.

18 By great force my garment is disfigured; It binds me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He has cast me into the mire, And I have become like dust and ashes.

20 "I cry out to You, but You do not answer me; I stand up, and You regard me.

21 But You have become cruel to me; With the strength of Your hand You oppose me.

22 You lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride on it; You spoil my success.

23 For I know that You will bring me to death, And to the house appointed for all living.

24 "Surely He would not stretch out His hand against a heap of ruins, If they cry out when He destroys it.

25 Have I not wept for him who was in trouble? Has not my soul grieved for the poor?

26 But when I looked for good, evil came to me; And when I waited for light, then came darkness.

27 My heart is in turmoil and cannot rest; Days of affliction confront me.

28 I go about mourning, but not in the sun; I stand up in the assembly and cry out for help.

29 I am a brother of jackals, And a companion of ostriches.

30 My skin grows black and falls from me; My bones burn with fever.

31 My harp is turned to mourning, And my flute to the voice of those who weep.

Job Defends His Righteousness [Job 31:1-40]

1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?
2 For what is the allotment of Elowah (God) from above, And the inheritance of Shaday (the Almighty) from on high?
3 Is it not destruction for the wicked, And disaster for the workers of iniquity?
4 Does He not see my ways, And count all my steps?

5 "If I have walked with falsehood, Or if my foot has hastened to deceit,
6 Let me be weighed on honest scales, That Elowah (God) may know my integrity.
7 If my step has turned from the way, Or my heart walked after my eyes, Or if any spot adheres to my hands,
8 Then let me sow, and another eat; Yes, let my harvest be rooted out.

9 "If my heart has been enticed by a woman, Or if I have lurked at my neighbor's door,
10 Then let my wife grind for another, And let others bow down over her.
11 For that would be wickedness; Yes, it would be iniquity deserving of judgment.
12 For that would be a fire that consumes to destruction, And would root out all my increase.

13 "If I have despised the cause of my male or female servant When they complained against me,
14 What then shall I do when God rises up? When He punishes, how shall I answer Him?
15 Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One fashion us in the womb?

16 "If I have kept the poor from their desire, Or caused the eyes of the widow to fail,
17 Or eaten my morsel by myself, So that the fatherless could not eat of it
18 (But from my youth I reared him as a father, And from my mother's womb I guided the widow);
19 If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, Or any poor man without covering;
20 If his heart has not blessed me, And if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
21 If I have raised my hand against the fatherless, When I saw I had help in the gate;
22 Then let my arm fall from my shoulder, Let my arm be torn from the socket.
23 For destruction from God is a terror to me, And because of His magnificence I cannot endure.

24 "If I have made gold my hope, Or said to fine gold, 'You are my confidence';
25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, And because my hand had gained much;
26 If I have observed the sun when it shines, Or the moon moving in brightness,
27 So that my heart has been secretly enticed, And my mouth has kissed my hand;
28 This also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, For I would have denied God who is above.

29 "If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me, Or lifted myself up when evil found him
30 (Indeed I have not allowed my mouth to sin By asking for a curse on his soul);
31 If the men of my tent have not said, 'Who is there that has not been satisfied with his meat?'
32 (But no sojourner had to lodge in the street, For I have opened my doors to the traveler);
33 If I have covered my transgressions as Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,
34 Because I feared the great multitude, And dreaded the contempt of families, So that I kept silence
And did not go out of the door —

Oh that God would hear and answer

35 Oh, that I had one to hear me! Here is my mark. Oh, that Shaday (the Almighty) would answer me, That my Prosecutor had written a book!

36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, And bind it on me like a crown;

37 I would declare to Him the number of my steps; Like a prince I would approach Him.

38 "If my land cries out against me, And its furrows weep together;

39 If I have eaten its fruit without money, Or caused its owners to lose their lives;

40 Then let thistles grow instead of wheat, And weeds instead of barley."

The words of Job are ended.

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Facts Revealed:

Job lost all honor and respect of the people [Job 30:1-15]

✧ Younger men mock Job, they were sons of fools, sons of vile men, who were scourged from the land and live in clefts of the valley, caves of the earth, and the rocks. Job disdained to put their fathers with the dogs of his flock. They were driven out from among men, who shouted at them as to a thief. "And now I am their taunting song; Yes, I am their byword. They abhor me, they keep far from me; They do not hesitate to spit in my face.

[Job30:1-10]

✧ Foolish young men who were classed as the scourge of the land, now mock and ridicule Job because of his miserable state and great loss.

✧ Because God has afflicted Job he is no longer honored or respected.

✧ The rabble are emboldened and attack on every side, casting off restraint, they attack his person and increase his calamity.

✧ Job said, "They have no helper." Thus indicating that Job knows about the judgment of God in the end as He repays their wickedness. [Job 30:11-15]

Job cries out in agony – God does not answer him [Job 30:16-31]

✧ "And now my soul is poured out because of my plight; The days of affliction take hold of me. My bones are pierced in me at night, And my gnawing pains take no rest. By great force my garment is disfigured; It binds me about as the collar of my coat.

He has cast me into the mire, And I have become like dust and ashes. [Job 30:16-19]

✧ Job described his anguish of soul and physical agony.

✧ "I cry out to You, but You do not answer me; I stand up, and You regard me. But You have become cruel to me; With the strength of Your hand You oppose me.

You lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride on it; You spoil my success.

For I know that You will bring me to death, And to the house appointed for all living.

"Surely He would not stretch out His hand against a heap of ruins, If they cry out when He destroys it. [Job 30:20-24]

✧ Job complained that God has been cruel to him and will not answer his prayers even though He would not raise His hand against a heap of ruins if they cry out when He destroys it.

✧ Have I not wept for him who was in trouble? Has not my soul grieved for the poor?

But when I looked for good, evil came to me; And when I waited for light, then came darkness.

My heart is in turmoil and cannot rest; Days of affliction confront me.

I go about mourning, but not in the sun; I stand up in the assembly and cry out for help.

I am a brother of jackals, And a companion of ostriches.

My skin grows black and falls from me; My bones burn with fever.

My harp is turned to mourning, And my flute to the voice of those who weep. [Job 30:25-31]

- ✧ In his righteousness Job has wept for one in trouble, and grieved for the poor.
- ✧ Yet when he expected good, evil came upon him, he waited for light but darkness came
- ✧ His heart is in turmoil and cannot rest because of the affliction that confronts him.
- ✧ Job goes about mourning and publicly cried out for help.
- ✧ Since help has not come he feels akin to jackals and ostriches.
- ✧ My skin grows black and falls from me; My bones burn with fever.
- ✧ His joy has turned to mourning and his song to the voice of weeping.

Job Defends His Righteousness [Job 31:1-34]

- ✧ "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?
For what is the allotment of Elowah (God) from above, And the inheritance of Shaday (the Almighty) from on high?

Is it not destruction for the wicked, And disaster for the workers of iniquity?

Does He not see my ways, And count all my steps? [Job 31:1-4]

- ✧ In his righteousness, Job kept himself sexually pure avoiding temptation.
- ✧ Job knows that Elowah will destroy the wicked and the workers of Iniquity.
- ✧ He knows that Shaday sees all his ways and counts all his steps.
- ✧ Job asked to be weighed on honest scales that Elowah will know his integrity. If he has sinned he would deserve to be punished. [Job 31:5-34]

Oh that God would hear and answer [Job 31:35-40]

- ✧ Oh, that I had one to hear me! Here is my mark. Oh, that Shaday (the Almighty) would answer me, That my Prosecutor had written a book!
Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, And bind it on me like a crown;
I would declare to Him the number of my steps; Like a prince I would approach Him. [Job 31:35-37]

✧ Job longs for Elowah to show him his sin.

- ✧ "If my land cries out against me, And its furrows weep together;
If I have eaten its fruit without money, Or caused its owners to lose their lives;
Then let thistles grow instead of wheat, And weeds instead of barley." [Job 31:38-40]
- ✧ Job again indicated that if he has sinned he would deserve punishment from God.
- ✧ The words of Job are ended.