

Job's Protestation of Innocence

Job 29 – 31

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Job and his three friends had been talking for quite some time when Job said, "How I long for the days when God was with me and my children were around me. I was engulfed in luxury. I felt certain I would live a long and happy life. Everyone spoke well of me, listened to my advice, sought my approval, and where I led, they followed.

"But not anymore. Now everyone looks down on me. I live in terror. My honor and my riches have vanished like a wisp of vapor caught up in a powerful wind. My life is ebbing away. I am overcome by depression. My body is racked with pain.

"Those who do evil earn the disaster God sends their way. But I have never lied. I have never deceived anyone. I have never disobeyed God or even wanted to. I have never desired another man's wife – what a shameful crime that would be.

"I have never used my influence to take advantage of those less fortunate – I would rather have my arm torn from my body. I have never worshiped the sun or the moon. I have never gloated over someone else's misfortunes. I have never sought vengeance.

"I have always dealt fairly with others – after all, didn't the same God who made me make them? I have always cared for the poor, for orphans, for widows, for the homeless. But now that I need relief, all I get is suffering.

"What have I done to deserve this? If only God would explain the charges against me so that I might know what they are. Then I would come before the Almighty in humble dignity and in my defense explain in great detail everything I have ever done."