

**Part 34 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job  
Job’s Righteousness and the Contrast of The Wicked**

**Job 27:1-23**

**2 Timothy 3** <sup>1</sup> But realize this, **that in the last days difficult times will come.**

<sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, **arrogant**, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, **conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,**



<sup>5</sup> **holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.**

<sup>6</sup> For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, <sup>7</sup> **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

<sup>8</sup> Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also **oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.**

*NET: Jannes and Jambres were the traditional names of two of Pharaoh’s magicians who opposed Moses at the time of the Exodus.*

<sup>9</sup> But they will not **make further progress**; for their folly will be **OBVIOUS to all**, just as Jannes's and Jambres's folly was also.

"all" **with distinction**, not "all" **without exception**.

<sup>10</sup> Now you **followed my teaching**, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,

<sup>11</sup> **persecutions, and sufferings**, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! <sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who **desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted**.

<sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> **You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them,**

<sup>15</sup> and that from childhood **you** have known the sacred writings which are able to give **you** the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup> **All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;** <sup>17</sup> **so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

"ALL" - **without exception**.

**1 John 3:10** By this the children of God and the children of the devil are **OBVIOUS**: anyone who **does not practice righteousness is not of God**, nor the one who does not love his brother.

Web site link: The Children of God are Obvious.

<http://www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com/audio/2017/obvious.mp3>

**Job 42:7** It came about after the Lord had spoken these words to Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, **because you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has.**

Overview of Chapter 27:

- 1. First section:** introduction in verses 1 through 6, Job establishes his righteousness.
- 2. Second section:** Job compares himself to the godless in verses 7 through 12.
- 3. Third section:** Job explains the results the wicked have to look forward to in verses 13-23.

**Job 27** <sup>1</sup> Then Job continued his discourse and said,

<sup>2</sup> **"As God lives,** who has **taken away my right,** *Job feels he is being handled unjustly*

And the Almighty, who has embittered **my soul,**

**As God lives** *NET Note: The expression חַי־אֱלֹהִים (khay 'el) is the oath formula: "as God lives." In other words, the speaker is staking God's life on the credibility of the words. It is like saying, "As truly as God is alive."*

<sup>3</sup> For as long as **life** is in me,

And the **breath** of God is in my nostrils,

**life** *NET Note: The word נְשָׁמָה (nshamah) is the "breath" that was breathed into Adam in [Gen 2:7](#). Its usage includes the animating breath, the spiritual understanding, and the functioning conscience—so the whole spirit of the person. The other word in this verse, רוּחַ (ruakh), may be translated as "wind," "breath," or "spirit/Spirit" depending on the context. Here, since it talks about the nostrils, it should be translated "breath."*

<sup>4</sup> My lips certainly will not speak **unjustly,**

Nor will my tongue mutter **deceit.**

<sup>5</sup> "Far be it from me that I should declare **you** right; *plural all 3 here, the NET version adds the number 3 into their translation.*

Till I die I will **not put away my integrity from me.**

<sup>6</sup> "I hold fast **my righteousness** and will not let it go.

**My heart** does not reproach any of **my days**.

*Or conscience*

**my days** - *all my life*

**Second section:** verses 7-12.

<sup>7</sup> "May my enemy be as the wicked

And my opponent as the unjust.

<sup>8</sup> "For what is the hope of the godless when he is **cut off**,

*NET: possibly when they pray*

When God requires his life?

<sup>9</sup> "Will God hear his **cry**

*again possibly prayer here*

When distress comes upon him?

<sup>10</sup> "Will he take delight in the Almighty?

Will **he call** on God at all times?

*again possibly prayer here*

<sup>11</sup> "I will instruct **you** in the power of God;

*Plural*

What is with the Almighty I will not conceal.

<sup>12</sup> "Behold, all of you have seen it;

Why then do you act foolishly?

**Third section:** Job expands on the real results of the wicked's lives:

<sup>13</sup> "This is the **portion** of a wicked man from God,  
And the **inheritance** which tyrants receive from the Almighty.

<sup>14</sup> "Though his sons are many, they are destined for the sword;  
And his descendants will not be satisfied with bread.

<sup>15</sup> "His survivors will be buried because of the plague,  
And their widows will not be able to **weep**.

*Mourn their deaths*

<sup>16</sup> "Though he piles up silver like dust  
And prepares garments as plentiful as the clay,

<sup>17</sup> He may prepare it, but **the just** will wear it  
And the innocent will divide the silver.

*the righteous*

<sup>18</sup> "He has built his house **like the spider's web**,  
Or as a hut which the watchman has made.

NET: 8:14 whose trust is in something futile, whose security is a spider's web.

<sup>19</sup> "He lies down rich, but never again;  
**He opens his eyes, and it is no longer.**

<sup>20</sup> "Terrors overtake him **like a flood**;  
**A tempest** steals him away in the night.

*NET: But "waters" sometimes stand for major calamities, and so may be retained here.*

<sup>21</sup> "The east wind carries him away, and **he is gone**,  
For it whirls him away from his place.

<sup>22</sup> "For it will hurl at him without sparing;  
He will surely try to flee from its power.

*Net: The text has "it hurls itself against him and shows no mercy."*

<sup>23</sup> "Men will clap their hands at him  
And will hiss him from his place.