

Part 36 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job

Job – Before vs After

Job 29:1-25

Note: Word study on Wisdom by Anne posted under Written Teachings on web site. Below are verses on wisdom submitted by Steve:

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor comes humility.



Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 33:6 And He will be the stability of your times,
A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge;
The fear of the Lord is his treasure.

Micah 6:9 The voice of the Lord will call to the city—
And it is sound wisdom to fear Your name:
“Hear, O tribe. Who has appointed its time?”

Job 29 ¹ And Job again took up his discourse and said,

² "Oh that I were as in months gone by,

As in the days when God watched over me;

³ **When** His **lamp** shone over my head,

And by His light I **walked** through darkness; *continuously but in the past*

NET Note: Lamp and light are symbols of God's blessings of life and all the prosperous and good things it includes.

⁴ As I **was** in **the prime of my days**, *was-past tense*

NET Note: denotes the time when the harvest is gathered in because the fruit is ripe.

When the friendship of God was over my tent;

NET Note here: The text is pointing to a time when the righteous reaps what he has sown and can enjoy the benefits. The translation "most productive time" seems to capture the point better than "autumn" or even "prime."

⁵ **When** the Almighty was yet with me,

And my children were around me;

⁶ **When** my **steps** were bathed in butter, *steps: referring to his course in life*

And the rock poured out for me streams of oil!

⁷ "**When** I went out to the gate of the city,

When I took my seat in the **square**,

⁸ The young men saw me and **hid** themselves,
And the old men arose and stood.

NET Note: The verb means "to hide; to withdraw." The young men out of respect would withdraw or yield the place of leadership to Job (thus the translation "step aside"). The old men would rise and remain standing until Job took his seat—a sign of respect.

Job 19:18-19 Even young children **despise me**;

I rise up and they speak against me.

¹⁹ "All my associates abhor me,
And those I love have turned **against me**.

Job 29 ⁹ "The **princes** stopped talking

And put their hands on their mouths;

¹⁰ The voice of the **nobles** was hushed,
And their tongue stuck to their palate.

¹¹ "For **when** the ear heard, it called **me** blessed,
And **when** the eye saw, it gave witness of **me**,

¹² Because **I** delivered the poor who cried for help,
And the orphan who had no helper.

Job 22:9-10 "You have sent **widows away empty**,
And the strength of the **orphans has been crushed**.

¹⁰ "Therefore snares surround you, And sudden dread terrifies you,

Job 29 ¹³ “The blessing of the one ready to perish came upon me,
And I made the widow’s heart sing for joy.

Sing for joy: The verb אָרַן (*arnin*) is from רָנַן (*ranan*, “to give a ringing cry”) but here “cause to give a ringing cry,” i.e., shout of joy. The rejoicing envisioned in this word is far greater than what the words “sing” or “rejoice” suggest.

¹⁴ “**I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;**
My justice was like a robe and a turban.

NET Note: The figure of clothing is used for the character of the person: to wear righteousness is to be righteous.

My justice: It refers to the decisions he made in settling issues, how he dealt with other people justly.

1 John 3:7 Little children, make sure no one **deceives** you; **the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**

Job 1:1 ¹ There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God **and turning away from evil.**

1 Peter 2:13-25 **Submit yourselves** for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

¹⁵ For such is the will of God that **by doing right** you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. ¹⁶ **Act** as free men, and **do not** use your freedom as a covering for evil, **but use it** as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

¹⁸ Servants, **be submissive** to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. ¹⁹ **For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.**

²⁰ For what credit is there if, **when you** sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if **when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.**

²¹ **For you have been called for this purpose,** since Christ also suffered for you, **leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,** ²² **who committed no sin,** nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; **while suffering,** He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself **to Him who judges righteously;**

5 points we are asked to DO here:

1. Commit no sin
2. Live with no verbal deceit
3. When reviled we are not to revile in return, **while suffering**
4. Utter no threats.
5. Keep entrusting ourselves to Him who judges righteously.

²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, **so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness**; for by His wounds you were healed.

²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Text reads: "**having died to sin** you might live to righteousness".

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¹⁵ "**I was** eyes to the blind

And feet to the lame.

¹⁶ "**I was** a father to the needy,

And **I** investigated the case which **I** did not know.

¹⁷ "**I broke** the jaws of the wicked

And snatched the prey from his teeth.

¹⁸ "Then **I** thought, '**I** shall die in my nest,

And **I** shall multiply **my** days as the sand.

¹⁹ 'My root is spread out to the waters,

And dew lies all night on my branch.

²⁰ 'My glory is ever new with me,

And my bow is renewed in my hand.'

²¹ "To me they listened and waited,

And kept silent for my counsel.

²² "After my words they did not speak again,

And my speech dropped on them.

²³ "They waited for me as for the rain,
And opened their mouth as for the spring rain.
²⁴ "I smiled on them when they did not believe,
And the light of my face they did not cast down.
²⁵ "I chose a way for them and **sat as chief**,
And dwelt **as a king** among the troops,
As one who comforted the mourners.