

**Part 37 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job**  
**The 4 C's of Job's Present Tense Days of Affliction**

**Job 30:1- 31**

**Job 1:8** The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

**9** Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"



**1. The first C** being the **CHARACTERS** in Job's affliction in verses 1-8

**2. The second C** being the **CURSES** that came from these same people, depicted in Job's afflictions in verses 9-15

**3. The Third C** being the **CRUELTY** of Job's afflictions in verses 16-23  
Job uses the term in verse 21:

**Job 30:21** "You have become **cruel** to me; With the might of Your hand You persecute me.

4. **The Fourth** and final C being the **C** of Job's **CRIES** in his days of affliction in verses 24-31

**Job 30:24** Yet does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand,  
Or in his disaster therefore **cry out for help?**

**Job 30** <sup>1</sup> "**BUT NOW** those **younger** than I **mock me**,  
Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.

**Job 19:18-19** Even young children despise me;  
I rise up and they speak against me.

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

**Job 30** <sup>2</sup> "Indeed, what good was the strength of their hands to me?  
Vigor had perished from them.

<sup>3</sup> "From want and famine they are gaunt

Who gnaw the dry ground by night in waste and desolation,

<sup>4</sup> Who pluck **mallow** by the bushes, *mallow grew in the salt marshes*

And whose food is the root of the broom shrub.

<sup>5</sup> "They are driven from the community;  
They shout against them as against a thief,  
<sup>6</sup> So that they dwell in dreadful valleys,  
In holes of the earth and of the rocks.  
<sup>7</sup> "Among the bushes they cry out;  
Under the nettles they are gathered together.  
<sup>8</sup> "Fools, even those without a name,  
They were scourged from the land.

2. The second **C** being the **CURSES** that came from these same people,  
depicted in Job's afflictions in verses 9-15

<sup>9</sup> "And **now I have become their taunt**,  
I have even become a byword to them.  
<sup>10</sup> "**They** abhor me and stand aloof from me,  
And **they** do not refrain from spitting at my face.

**Hebrews 6:4-8** For in the case of those who have once **been enlightened**  
and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy  
Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to  
come,  
<sup>6</sup> and **then have fallen away**, it is impossible to renew them again to  
repentance, **since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and**  
**put Him to open shame.**

<sup>7</sup> For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; <sup>8</sup> but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

**Job 30:** <sup>11</sup> "Because He has loosed His bowstring and **afflicted me**,  
They have cast off the bridle before me.

<sup>12</sup> "On the right hand **their** brood arises;

**They** thrust aside my feet and build up against me **their** ways of destruction.

<sup>13</sup> "**They** break up my path,

**They** profit from my destruction;

No one restrains them.

<sup>14</sup> "As through a wide breach **they** come,

Amid the tempest **they** roll on.

<sup>15</sup> "Terrors are turned against me;

**They** pursue my honor as the wind,

And my prosperity has passed away like a cloud.

3. The Third **C** being the **CRUELTY** of Job's afflictions in verses 16-23

Job uses the term cruelty in verse 21

<sup>16</sup> "And now my soul is poured out within me;

Days of **affliction** have seized me.

<sup>17</sup> "At night it pierces my bones within me,  
And my gnawing pains take no rest.

<sup>18</sup> "By a great force my garment is distorted;  
It binds me about as the collar of my coat.

<sup>19</sup> "**He** has cast me into the mire, *God*  
And I have become like dust and ashes.

The "**you's**" coming up refer to God.

<sup>20</sup> "**I cry out to You for help, but You do not answer me;**  
I stand up, and **You** turn **Your** attention against me.

<sup>21</sup> "**You** have become **cruel** to me;  
With the might of **Your** hand **You** persecute me.

<sup>22</sup> "**You** lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride;  
And **You** dissolve me in a storm.

<sup>23</sup> "For I know that **You** will bring me to death  
And to the house of meeting for all living.

4. The Fourth one being the **C** of Job's **CRIES in his afflictions**  
in verses 24-31

<sup>24</sup> "Yet does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand,  
Or in his disaster therefore **cry out for help?**

<sup>25</sup> **“Have I not wept** for the one whose life is hard?

**Was not my soul grieved** for the needy?

<sup>26</sup> “When I expected good, then evil came;

When I waited for light, then darkness came.

<sup>27</sup> **“I am seething within and cannot relax;**

**Days of affliction confront me.**

<sup>28</sup> “I go about **mourning** without comfort;

I stand up in the assembly and **cry out** for help.

<sup>29</sup> “I have become a brother to jackals

And a companion of ostriches.

<sup>30</sup> “My skin turns black on me,

And my bones burn with fever.

<sup>31</sup> “Therefore my harp is turned **to mourning,**

And my flute to the sound of those **who weep.**

### **The cries here are:**

Verse 24: crying out for help

Verse 25: weeping

Verse 25: grieving

Verse 27: seething within

Verse 28: crying out for help

A summary of some of the main truths we have seen so far:

1. Our love for God is not dependent on our "stuff", our prosperity.
2. Our commitment to God is not dependent on our circumstances good or bad.
3. Our righteous and holy living, may well ensure suffering and persecution.
4. Suffering is something to be embraced as it is not ALWAYS an indication of sin.
5. God's discipline is to be received and accepted, as proof of our sonship as we live for Him.
6. Our faithfulness to God is not dependent on us "hearing" from God.
7. Having a true relationship with our God **should be enough**.
8. We should not be dependent on the acceptance of others.
9. We should be extremely wary of the influence of the religious in life.
10. We must maintain our correct view of God via His written testimony, rightly divided.
11. Finally, we must understand God as a God of compassion and mercy.

Today we also saw the **4 C's** in Chapter 30:

The first **C** being the **CHARACTERS** in Job's afflictions.

The second **C** being the **CURSES** that came from these same characters

The Third **C** being the **CRUELTY** of Job's afflictions.

Then the Fourth and final one being the **C** of Job's **CRIES** in his days of afflictions.