

Part 38 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
Job’s Closing Statement-Summation

Job 31:1-40

The meaning from the Cornell University web site: for the term “closing summation” means:

In a legal trial, summation refers to the final, closing argument articulated by a litigant to a judge or jury concerning the merits of their side of a case.

Another web site said this:

*Objective: The closing statement is the attorney's final statement to the jury before deliberation begins. **The attorney reiterates the important arguments, summarizes what the evidence has and has not shown, and requests the jury to consider the evidence and apply the law in his or her client's favor.***



**Proverbs 6:16-20 There are six things which the Lord hates,
Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:**

¹⁷ **Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,** *high arrogant ambition, willfully
rebellious or defiant*

And hands that **shed innocent blood,**

¹⁸ A heart that **devises wicked plans,**

Feet that **run rapidly to evil,**

¹⁹ A false witness **who utters lies,**

And one who **spreads strife among brothers.**

²⁰ My son, observe the commandment of your father

And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

Job 31 ¹ "I have made a covenant with my eyes;

How then could I gaze at a virgin?

1 Corinthians 15:33-34 ³³ **Do not be deceived:** "Bad company corrupts good morals." ³⁴ Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have **no knowledge of God.** I speak this to your shame.

To live in good morals:

1. Do not hang out with the wrong people.

2. be sober minded.

3. get an accurate knowledge of God.

Job 31: ² "And what is the portion of God from above
Or the heritage of the Almighty from on high?
³ "Is it not calamity to the unjust
And disaster to those who work iniquity?
⁴ "Does He not see **my ways**
And number all **my steps**?
⁵ "**If** I have walked with falsehood,
And my foot has hastened after deceit,
⁶ **Let Him weigh me** with accurate scales,
And **let God** know **my integrity**.

*Full conditional sentences contain two clauses: **the condition (IF)** or **PROTASIS**, and secondly **the consequences APODOSIS**.*

Job 19:4-6 ⁴ "Even **if** I have truly erred,
My error lodges with me.
⁵ "**If** indeed you vaunt yourselves against me
And prove my disgrace to me,
⁶ Know then that God has wronged me
And has closed His net around me.

Condition first then the consequences.

The PROTASIS-the condition.

Job 31: ⁷ **"If** my step has turned from the way,
Or my heart followed my eyes,
Or **if** any spot has stuck to my hands,

The APODOSIS-the consequences:

⁸ Let me sow and another eat,
And let my crops be uprooted.

The PROTASIS-the condition.

⁹ **"If** my heart has been **enticed by a woman,**
Or I have **lurked at my neighbor's doorway,**

the APODOSIS again follows - the consequences.

¹⁰ May my wife grind for another,
And let others **kneel down over her**.

*his wife acting as a concubine
Referring to the sexual act*

¹¹ "For that would be a lustful crime;
Moreover, it would be an iniquity punishable by judges.

¹² "For it would be fire that consumes to Abaddon,
And would uproot all my increase.

¹³ "If I have despised the claim of my male or female slaves
When they filed a complaint against me,

¹⁴ What then could I do when God arises?

And when He calls me to account, what will I answer Him?

¹⁵ "Did not **He who made me in the womb make him**,
And **the same one fashion us in the womb?**

¹⁶ "If I have kept the poor from their desire,
Or have caused the eyes of **the widow** to fail,

¹⁷ Or have eaten my morsel alone,
And **the orphan** has not shared it

¹⁸ (But from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,
And from infancy I guided **her**),

her refers to the widow in 16

¹⁹ **If** I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,
Or that the needy had no covering,

²⁰ **If** his loins have not thanked me,
And **if** he has not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep,

²¹ **If I have lifted up my hand against the orphan,**
Because I saw I had support in the gate,

He said in 29:12 how he helped the orphan who had no helper.

Job 29:12 Because I delivered the poor who cried for help,
And the orphan who had no helper.

Whereas Eliphaz accused Job of crushing the orphans in 22:9.

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

²¹ **If I have lifted up my hand against the orphan,**
Because I saw I had support in the gate,

²² Let my shoulder fall from the socket,
And my arm be broken off at the elbow.

²³ **"For calamity from God is a terror to me,**
And because of **His majesty** I can do nothing.

²⁴ **"If I have** put my confidence in gold,
And called fine gold my trust,

²⁵ **If I have** gloated because my wealth **was great**,
And because my hand had secured so much.

²⁶ **If I have** looked at **the sun** when it shone
Or **the moon** going in splendor,

²⁷ And my heart became **secretly enticed**,
And my hand threw a kiss from my mouth,

²⁸ **That too** would have been an **iniquity calling for judgment**,
For I would have denied God above.

1 Peter 2:18-20 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.

Job 31: ²⁹ "Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy,
Or exulted when evil befell him?

³⁰ "**No, I have not allowed my mouth to sin**
By asking for his life in a curse.

Proverbs 20:22 ²² Do not say, "I will repay evil";
Wait for the Lord, and He will **save** you.

Save-deliver.

Job 31:³¹ "Have **the men of my tent** not said,
'Who can find one who has not been satisfied with his meat'?"

Job's household

³² "The **alien** has not lodged outside,
For I have opened my doors to the traveler.

³³ "Have I covered my transgressions like Adam,
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

³⁴ Because I feared the great multitude, And the contempt of families terrified
me,

And kept silent and did not go out of doors?

³⁵ "Oh that I had one to hear me!

Behold, here is my signature;

Let the Almighty answer me!

And the indictment which my adversary has written,

³⁶ Surely I would carry it on my shoulder,

I would bind it to myself like a crown.

³⁷ "I would declare to Him the number of my steps;

Like a prince I would approach Him.

The condition – PROTASIS

³⁸ **If** my land cries out against me,

And its furrows weep together;

³⁹ **If** I have eaten its fruit **without money**,

without silver

Or have caused its owners to lose their lives,

The consequences – the APODOSIS

⁴⁰ Let briars grow instead of wheat,

And stinkweed instead of barley.”

The words of Job are ended.

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