

# January 11/Day 11

## Job 29

### Verses 1-2

- Job is remembering the years before his trial.

### Verses 3-4

- It is possible to be friends with God through the covenant of salvation.
- Isaiah 41:8, "But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of Abraham My friend."

### Verses 5-6

- I love this poetic language. Why poetry? These words were passed down by story and song for generations before they were written down. Through poetry and song, the stories are remembered.
- If your steps are bathed in butter, they'll be quite smooth and easy.
- Here we figuratively see oil from a rock. Later we will see water literally come from a rock. 1 Corinthians 10:4, "All drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ."

### Verses 7-11

- Job had been revered.

### Verses 12-14

- Isn't it beautiful to think of being clothed in righteousness and justice?
- Isaiah 61:10, "I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." Remember this for when we get to David and Jonathan.

### Verses 15-18

- Job assumed his life would continue as it was.

### Verses 19-24

- Do we carry His light on our face?

- Do we carry His scent? 2 Corinthians 2:15, “For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.”

Verse 25

## Job 30

- Notice it’s a new chapter, yet Job still speaks. Remember, chapters and verses were added later to help us navigate Scripture.

Verse 1

- How do people treat Job now?

Verses 2-4

- Mallow was swamp brush which while edible, was quite unpleasant.

Verses 5-7

- Nettles are possibly chickpeas.

Verses 8-9

- They gossip about him and mock him.

Verse 10

- Abhor means they despised him.
- To stand aloof is to stand at a distance.

Verse 11

- It seems he had become God’s target.

Verse 12

- A brood is a group of animals.
- His way has been hindered or detoured.

Verse 13

- It’s sickening when some profit from the misfortune of others. It’s the way of the world, not the way of the LORD.

Verse 14

- A breach is a fissure, cleft, or crack in a defense system by which an enemy can attack.

Verses 15-16

- To seize means to take captive.

Verse 17

- What pierces his bones? Look back to the last verse to see to what the pronoun refers.

Verse 18

- What do you learn about clothing from this verse?

Verse 19

- Now Job addresses God rather than talking about God. Have you noticed how he goes from “He” to “You”?

Verse 20

- Do you ever feel like God doesn’t hear you? Or He doesn’t answer you?

Verse 21

- If we truly know God’s character, is God ever cruel? Does it seem like He is at times?

Verses 22-23

- God is creator. Does He have the right and authority to bring us to death?

Verses 24-25

- Do we find life hard at times?

Verses 26-27

- Job is describing anxiety here. We saw him address depression before when he said he had not hope. If Job was a righteous and blameless man according to God, then is it possible for believers to become depressed or anxious? If Job was righteous and blameless according to God, were these emotions, depression and anxiety, sinful? Or, do they mean he was a human responding to difficulties of life. Notice though he grieves, and though he has depression and anxiety, he has not lost faith. He knows where to go with his afflictions.
- John 16:33, ““These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

- We will have troubles in this life. It is not sinful to experience troubles and the emotions that come from dealing with them; it's part of living in a fallen world.
- Our instruction is what to do with them when they come:
- 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."
- Phillippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
- Job was experiencing both depression and anxiety yet God doesn't tell him he's sinful and lacks faith. Job had great faith. Job was experiencing depression and anxiety yet God doesn't tell him he's sinful, instead God tells us and the devil and everybody in the world until the end of time that Job was a righteous and blameless man.
- If you are struggling, be encouraged. Do not allow some well-meaning Christians to condemn you. Romans 8:1, "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Verse 28

- His friends were no comfort and he hasn't heard from God. He feels alone. He is mourning. Mourning is grieving. There seems to be no encourager for Job.

Verse 29

- What do you learn about animals here? Remember, this is in the beginning, in the Fertile Crescent.

Verses 30-31

- What do you learn about music in the beginning?

## Job 31

- Still Job speaks.

Verse 1

- Job is even careful to keep sinful thoughts from before his eyes.
- Mark 9:47, "'If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell.'

Verses 2-4

- He knows us better than we know ourselves.
- He numbers our steps?

Verses 5-7

- Again, he mentions sin following sight. Remember how sight was a catalyst for Eve's disobedience?

Verses 8-11

- Wow, what if adultery was punishable by judges?

Verses 12-14

- Job is reviewing how he has treated his neighbor/others, how he has shown faithfulness to his wife, and how he has treated his servants. He's shown loyalty to all and acted faithfully rather than deceitfully in all his relationships.

Verses 15-19

- He even took care of the widows and the orphans, which is huge with God.
- Deuteronomy 27:19, "Cursed is he who distorts the justice due an alien, orphan, and widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'"

Verses 20-25

- Gloated here means to take pleasure.
- When we began Job, we were told about all his possessions and servants. If we didn't put two and two together, here we're told his wealth was great.

Verses 26-27

- The Ten Commandments weren't given until the time of Moses, so not worshipping any other god isn't yet written on stone, yet Job is aware he is not to worship the sun and moon. How do you think he would he have known this?

Verse 28

- When we turn to idolatry in any way, we deny God.

Verses 29-30

- Matthew 5:44, "'But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'"

Verses 31-32

- An alien is a foreigner or a traveler. In those days, it was common to accept weary travelers into your home with hospitality.

Verse 33

- Job has heard of Adam. He knows about how Adam tried to cover his sin by the works of his hands. What else does this mean Job would have known? (Hint: How did God provide a suitable covering?)

Verses 34-35

- This is exciting. Men had written signatures in the beginning and a written language.

Verse 36

- What would he carry on his shoulder? Go back to the last verse to find the source of the pronoun.

Verses 37-38

- Can land cry out? Can furrows weep? Poetic.
- He's even treated his land with respect. Leviticus 25:4, "But during the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard."
- In regard to the land crying out. James 5:4, "Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth." And we've already seen Genesis 4:10, "He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground."

Verses 39-40

See you tomorrow!