

Job 27 - Job Asserts His Innocence

II. Dialogue (Job 3:1—42:6)

(4) Third dialogue cycle (Job 22:1—31:40)

(B) Job's exchange with Bildad (Job 25:1—28:28)

(b) Job's reply (Job 26:1—28:28)

(i) Job discredits Bildad's wisdom (Job 26:1—27:27)

(c) Job reiterates his innocence (27:1-6)

(d) Job calls for justice against his enemies (27:7-10)

(e) Job claims superior wisdom in comparison to his friends (27:11-12)

(f) The unrighteous will inevitably be judged (27:13-27)

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(c) Job reiterates his innocence (27:1-6)

1 Job again took up his discourse and said,

1 Then Job continued his discourse and said,

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1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

2 "As God lives, who has taken away my right, And the Almighty, who has embittered my soul,

2 "As God lives, who has taken away my right, And the Almighty, who has embittered my soul,

2 "The living God has withheld justice from me; the Almighty has made my life bitter.

2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;

3 For as long as life is in me, And the breath of God is in my nostrils,

3 For as long as life is in me, And the breath of God is in my nostrils,

3 As long as I can breathe; as long as God's breath is in my nostrils,

3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

4 My lips certainly will not speak unjustly, Nor will my tongue mutter deceit.

4 My lips certainly will not speak unjustly, Nor will my tongue mutter deceit.

4 I won't speak lies nor will I utter deceit.

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

5 "Far be it from me that I should declare you right; Until I die, I will not give up my integrity.

5 "Far be it from me that I should declare you right; Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.

5 Far be it from me to admit that you're right! I intend to maintain my integrity even if it kills me!

5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

6 "I have kept hold of my righteousness and will not let it go. My heart does not rebuke any of my days.

6 "I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go. My heart does not reproach any of my days.

6 I'll retain my righteousness and not compromise it; my conscience won't rebuke me at any time.

6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

(d) Job calls for justice against his enemies (27:7-10)

7 "May my enemy be as the wicked, And my opponent as the criminal.

7 "May my enemy be as the wicked And my opponent as the unjust.

7 "May my enemy be like the wicked; my adversary like the unjust.

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

8 "For what is the hope of the godless when he makes an end *of life*, When God requires his life?

8 "For what is the hope of the godless when he is cut off, When God requires his life?

8 For where is the hope of the godless when he is eliminated; when God takes away his life?

8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

9 "Will God hear his cry When distress comes upon him?

9 "Will God hear his cry When distress comes upon him?

9 Will God hear his cry when distress overtakes him?

9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

- 10 "Or will he take pleasure in the Almighty? Will he call on God at all times?
- 10 "Will he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call on God at all times?
- 10 Will he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call on God at all times?"
- 10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

(e) Job claims superior wisdom in comparison to his friends (27:11-12)

- 11 "I will instruct you in the power of God; What is with the Almighty I will not conceal.
- 11 "I will instruct you in the power of God; What is with the Almighty I will not conceal.
- 11 "I'll teach you about the power of God, that which is with the Almighty I won't conceal.
- 11 I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

- 12 "Behold, all of you have seen *it*; Why then do you talk of nothing?
- 12 "Behold, all of you have seen *it*; Why then do you act foolishly?
- 12 Look! All of you have been watching, so why have you become so completely worthless?
- 12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain?

(f) The unrighteous will inevitably be judged (27:13-27)

- 13** "This is the portion of a wicked person from God, And the inheritance *which* tyrants receive from the Almighty:
- 13** "This is the portion of a wicked man from God, And the inheritance *which* tyrants receive from the Almighty.
- 13 "This is what a wicked person inherits from God, and what the ruthless will receive from the Almighty:
- 13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty.
- 14 Though his sons are many, they are destined for the sword; And his descendants will not be satisfied with bread.
- 14 "Though his sons are many, they are destined for the sword; And his descendants will not be satisfied with bread.
- 14 If he has many children, their destiny is to die by the sword, and his descendants won't have enough food.
- 14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

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

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

15 Those who do survive him disease will bury, and his widow won't even weep.

15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.

16 "Though he piles up silver like dust, And prepares garments as *plentiful as* the clay,

16 "Though he piles up silver like dust And prepares garments as *plentiful as* the clay,

16 "Though he hoards silver like dust, and stores away garments like clay,

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

17 He may prepare *it*, but the righteous will wear *it* And the innocent will divide the silver.

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

17 whatever he stores up, the righteous will wear, and the innocent will inherit that silver!

17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

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

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

18 "He has built his house like a moth's cocoon, like a temporary sunshade that a watchman makes.

18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh.

19 "He lies down rich, but never again; He opens his eyes, and it no *longer* exists.

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

19 He will go to bed wealthy, but won't be doing that anymore! When he opens his eyes, it will be gone!

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not.

20 "Terrors overtake him like a flood; A storm steals him away in the night.

20 "Terrors overtake him like a flood; A tempest steals him away in the night.

20 Terror will overtake him like a flood, at night, a tornado will sweep him away.

20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

21 "The east wind carries him away, and he is gone; For it sweeps him away from his place.

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

21 He'll be swept up by a storm wind and carried away; he'll be whirled away from his place.

21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

22 "For it will hurl at him without mercy; He will certainly try to flee from its power.

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

22 It will toss him around without pity. He'll try to break free from its grip,

22 For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 "*People* will clap their hands at him, And will whistle at him from their places.

23 "*Men* will clap their hands at him And will hiss him from his place.

23 but it will clap its hands over him, hissing at him as it lunges toward him."

23 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.