

Job #27 (31:24 – 40)

I. Let us Look at Verses 24-28

- A. Here Job is protesting against the sin of covetousness
 - 1. Violates 10th commandment but also 1st and 2nd (Both tables)
 - a. Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:5; Luke 16:13
 - 2. Not denying he had wealth – but saying that wealth didn't have him
 - a. Job shows us person can be rich and not be covetous
- B. Job is the opposite of the rich man in Luke 12:17-19
 - 1. He followed the advice of Jeremiah 14:8 and Psalm 62:5, 6
- C. Those who are rich have great temptation to make gold their trust
 - 1. Psalm 49:6; Psalm 52:7; Psalm 62:10; I Timothy 6:17
- D. To trust in riches is foolish because there is much they cannot do
 - 1. They cannot make us wise or contented-Lu. 12:15; Ecc. 5:10
 - 2. Cannot free us from temptation, but bring special temptations
 - 3. They cannot deliver us in day of temptation- Proverbs 11:4
 - a. They can bring more trouble-Prov. 30:8, 9; Matt. 19:24
- E. V. 25- Job says that he didn't rejoice because his wealth was abundant
 - 1. Doesn't mean we shouldn't be thankful if God blesses us-Deut. 12:6, 7
 - 2. Our rejoicing should be in Christ not in wealth – Psalm 4:6, 7
 - a. Always easier for us to rejoice in things we see- Luke 10:17-20
 - b. Rejoice in means- Ps. 122:1, 2;
 - c. Since Christ has brought us into favor with God-Ps. 63:3; Rm. 5:2
- F. Second part of verse 25 – Not to rejoice in what our hand has gotten
 - 1. It is always a temptation for us to say we achieved our own wealth
 - a. Isaiah 10:12, 13; Daniel 4:30; Deuteronomy 8:17, 18
 - 2. But it is always due to God- Ps. 127:1, 2; Ecc. 9:11
- G. More we look to material- the less we look to spiritual- 2 Cor. 4:18
- H. Verse 26-28- Job seems to speak of not being an idolator

II. Let us Look at verses 29 and 30

- A. This is something only one walking grace could ever say
 - 1. Bible gives various commands on how to treat our enemies
 - a. Matt. 5:44, 45; Romans 12:14, 17, 19-21; Prov. 24:17, 18
 - 2. Another OT character who exhibited this was David- Ps. 35:12, 13
 - a. With Saul- 2 Samuel 1:11, 12; With Absalom – 2 Sam. 18:32, 33
 - 3. In this Job speaks and typifies our Lord Jesus Christ – Luke 22:34
- B. There is a kind of rejoicing over enemy that scripture allows
 - 1. Israel over Egypt – Exodus 15:1-4; Psalm 58:10
 - 2. There is difference between our enemies and enemies of our Lord

III. Let us Look at verses 33-35

- A. Verse 33 could either be “covered like man” or “covered like Adam”
 - 1. Either way it is true- Genesis 3:7, 8; Proverbs 28:13
- B. If we cover sins- God cannot cover them- Ps. 32:1; Is. 43:25; I Jn 1:8, 9
 - 1. But Christ is perfect covering like mercy seat – Romans 3:25, 26
 - 2. “In bosom” – can't cherish sin – want to keep it and Christ
- C. When we preach to sinners we have part in covering sins-Jms 5:19, 20
- D. Verse 34- Fear of man can cause us to hide sins