

Job #29 (Chapter 34)

I. Let us Look at Verses 1 - 9

- A. V. 2- Elihu may or may not be addressing Job's 3 comforters
 - 1. Appears he hasn't believed they are wise (32:3) | Cor 10:15; Prv. 9:8
- B. V. 3-Tells them to judge what he says- Act 17:11; I Th. 5:11; I Cor. 2:15
 - 1. Heb. 5:11- can become dull of hearing- But should fight against that
 - 2. Anyone's words need to be judged (I John 4:1; I Cor. 14:29)
- C. V. 4 – Noun form of word for "Choose" means "youth"
 - 1. Ecc. 12:1 – Important for young people to make right choices
 - 2. Phil. 1:10–We should try things–and choose the most excellent things
- D. V. 5- Elihu reports that Job is saying that he is right
 - 1. Perhaps referring to 13:18 or 23:10, 11 or even in 27:6 or 31:5-7
- E. Issue between them is difference between justification and sanctification
 - 1. Job has been declared righteous by God (Job 1:8- Justification)
 - a. OT saints had this justification through Christ – Isaiah 45:24
 - 2. V. 6-"I am without transgression"-probably refers to 9:17 or 16:16, 17
 - a. If Job is claiming to have no sin- he is wrong – I Jn 1:8, 10; Ja. 3:2
 - 3. But Job doesn't need to admit his is as sinful as they say he is
- F. 2nd statement in v. 5- God has taken away my right –refers to 27:2
 - 1. God either rejected Job's plea or was delaying His answer- Ec.3:11
 - 2. Job isn't only one who says this- Church often does- Is. 40:27
- G. In verse 6 Job oversteps himself in saying is suffering is causeless
 - 1. Even the purest of us have a cause for judgment – Ezra 9:13
- H. Verses 7 and 8 are mindful of Psalm 1:1 – Scoffers, wicked, evildoers
 - 1. "What man is like Job'- Word "man" means "valiant man"
 - 2. We shouldn't be scoffers – in scriptures among worst of men
 - a. 2 Peter 3:3, 4; Jude 1:18; Proverbs 17:5; 30:17; 24:9; 1:22
 - b. Possibly could be passive – Job is enduring scoffing
 - 3. V. 8- doesn't mean that Job was traveling with evil men
 - a. But in thinking way Job was- he was on the same path as them
 - b. Must be careful not to think same way as wicked- Rom. 12:2
- I. Verse 9 is example of thinking the same way that world thinks
 - 1. Should never say that it doesn't profit us to serve God – Mk. 8:36
 - 2. Job comes close in 9:22- Comp. Mal. 3:14; I Tim. 4:8; Ps. 19:10, 11

II. Let us Look at Verses 10-15

- A. In vs 10 and 12 Elihu states Biblical truth- God cannot do wickedness
 - 1. James 1:13; Romans 9:14; Psalm 92:15; Gen. 18:24, 25
- B. V. 11- Another truth that God repays men according to their deeds
 - 1. Galatians 6:7, 8; Ecc. 12:14; Hebrews 6:10
 - 2. Since our works are all deficient and sinful- how can that comfort us
 - 3. This is where we need the message of angels to shepherds-Lu. 2:11
 - a. Who is God well pleased in? His Son- Mk. 1:11; 2 Peter 1:17
 - 4. Everyone outside of Christ judged by their own works – Rom. 2:8, 9
 - a. But Christians are judged in Christ – Ps. 103:10 – 13
- C. V. 12- God able to justify wicked & remain just through Christ-Rom. 3:26
- D. Vs. 13-15- God is sovereign- Could take life away from all