

Job #25 (Chapter 31)

I. Job Begins by Speaking of Sexual Sin (V. 1, 9-11)

- A. Remember Job was probably written during time of patriarchs
 - 1. But we see a very developed knowledge of the moral law
- B. V. 1- I have made a covenant – firmly resolved within himself- Ps. 39:1
- C. Job does this because he understands depravity of human nature
 - 1. Romans 7:21 – 23; Seed of all sin remains even in the redeemed
 - 2. Sexual sin is area many are tempted in – I Cor. 6:18-20
- D. Because of severeness of situation-Job make severe rules-Ps. 119:106
- E. Job knows the entrance to this kind of sin is particularly the eyes
 - 1. I Jn 2:16; Prv. 23:29-31; Jos. 7:21; Mat. 4:8,9; Gn. 6:1, 2; 2 Pet 2:14
 - 2. This was what happened to David – 2 Sam. 11:2
 - 3. Jesus counseled in this area – Matthew 5:27-29; Ps. 119:37
- F. Power of eyes seen in difficulty we have in grasping the invisible
 - 1. Galatians 3:1- God made visible in the word and sacraments
- G. “How can I gaze?” Hebrew word means to think or to consider
 - 1. Need to cast down imaginations- 2 Cor. 10:5- Use shield – Eph. 6:16
- H. Job asks question – “How can I Consider?” – we need to do this
 - 1. Joseph did it in Genesis 39:9; Psalmist in Psalm 42:5
- I. This sin is also associated with being idle – David – 2 Samuel 11:1
- J. In verses 9-12 Job returns to this sin- From thoughts to deed
 - 1. This sin usually starts in the heart – Matthew 15:19; Prov. 7:25-27
 - 2. Admonitions not only to men but women – There must be modesty
 - a. Ecclesiastes 7:26; I Timothy 2:9; Proverbs 7:10; I Peter 3:1 – 5
- K. Job speaks about “laying in wait at neighbor’s door”- premeditation
 - 1. Must be careful not only of sin, but of opportunity to sin- Ps. 36:4
- L. V. 10 – May refer to wife as a slave (Lam 5:13) – or wife as adulteress
 - 1. This penalty is spoken of in scripture–2 Sam. 12:9-12; Hosea 4:12, 13
 - 2. Worst penalty is for God to give us up to our sins- Romans 1:26-28
- M. V. 11- “Heinous Crime” – again teaches us there are degrees of sin

II. Let us Look at Verses 2-3

- A. V. 2- Job indicates if he walks in sin can’t expect rewards- Rom 6:21-23
 - 1. There is a portion for the saints of God – Ps 31:19; Col. 1:12;
 - 2. But the wicked can expect no such portion – Acts 8:20, 21
 - 3. Our portion is with Christ and is Christ – John 13:8; Eph. 2:12
- B. V. 3 – The wicked's portion is calamity and destruction
 - 1. Fornication like giving away birthright–Heb. 12:16, 17; I Cor. 6:15, 16
 - 2. Last portion for the wicked is everlasting destruction- Matt. 25:46
 - 3. Last part refers to a strange punishment or calamity – Isaiah 28:21
 - a. God can send a strange or different punishment than ever before
 - b. Can also refer to being estranged from God – Eph. 4:18

III. Let us Look at Verse 4

- A. God is great Watchman and Great Mathematician – Matt 10:30
 - 1. Job is asserting that God sees everything that we do- nothing hid
 - a. Hebrews 4:13; Zechariah 4:10; Proverbs 5:21
 - 2. Our response is seen in Psalm 16:8