

Zoom Class: “The Job 31 Man”—3/7/2021

Quite often we speak of the Proverbs 31 woman, the virtuous woman described in verses 10-31 of that same chapter. Lord willing, we’ll look more closely at that description March 14, but for this week, let’s consider the Job 31 man. This chapter describes Job’s attitudes and conduct in a number of areas, and it’s very impressive, impressive enough to be a model for us today.

We’ll divide this chapter into nine sections, with a question or two for each one.

Attitude/Conduct Toward Impure Thoughts (1-4)

Why was Job so determined to not “look upon another woman”? In other words, what did He consider about God?

Attitude/Conduct Toward Falsehood, Deceit, Any False Way (5-8)

“If my step has turned from the way, or **my heart walked after my eyes...**” (v. 7). What does it mean for your heart to walk after your eyes? Can you think of any Biblical examples?

Attitude/Conduct Toward Adultery (9-12)

Using vv. 11-12 especially, how would Job regard his involvement with another woman?

Attitude/Conduct Toward His Servants (13-15)

What knowledge helped Job have the right attitude toward his servants?

Attitude/Conduct Toward the Poor and Needy (16-23, see also Job 29:12-16)

What “special needs” people does Job specifically mention? What did Job expect from God if he shut up his heart from these people?

Attitude/Conduct Toward Covetousness/Idolatry (24-28, see also vv. 38-40)

No matter what it is, if something becomes our “confidence,” or takes first place in our lives, what is the bottom line, according to the last part of v. 28?

Attitude/Conduct Toward His Enemies (29-30)

What did Job NOT do when his enemies fell, or when trouble came to them?

Attitude/Conduct Toward Hospitality (31-32)

Who could serve as witnesses to Job’s hospitality?

Attitude/Conduct Toward Concealing Sin (33-34)

What does Job say could have **potentially** kept him from acknowledging his sins?