

Job's Solemn Protestation Of His Integrity (Job 31:1-40)

Solemn: serious, thoughtful, earnest, intense, heavy, no-nonsense.....**Protestation:** an open declaration.....**Integrity:** uprightness, honesty, sincerity

Job 31:1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? (KJV)

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Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, **2** That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. **3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always **(1)strive** with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.(KJV)

Definition:(1)strive with man-1777 diyn (deen);or (Gen. 6:3) duwn (doon); a primitive roy a straight course, i.e. sail direct: KJV-- (come) with a straight course.

2 Sam 11:2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. **3** And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? **4** And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. **5** And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.(KJV)

Psa 119:37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.(KJV)

Prov 4:25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. **26** Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. **27** Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil. (KJV)

Prov 23:30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. **31** Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. **32** At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. **33** Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. **34** Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. **35** They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again. (KJV)

Matt 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. **29** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out,

and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. (KJV)

I Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. **17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (KJV)

Job 31:1 ... think upon a maid? (KJV)

Prov 6:25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. (KJV)

James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (KJV)

Job 31:2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high? **3** Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity? **4** Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps? **5** If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit; **6** Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity. **7** If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands; **8** Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out. **9** If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; **10** Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

Job 31:10 ... grind unto another, (KJV)

Matt 24:41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Job 31:10 ... and let others bow down upon her. (KJV)

2 Sam 12:10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. **11** Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. **12** For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. **13** And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. **14** Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die. (KJV)

Jer 8:9-10 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them? **10** Therefore will I give their wives unto others,

and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. (KJV)

Hosea 4:12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God. **13** They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery. **14** I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall. **15** Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD liveth. **16** For Israel **(1)slideth back** as a **(1)backsliding** heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

Definition:(1) slideth back; backsliding heifer-5637 carar (saw-rar'); a primitive root; to turn away, i.e. (morally) be refractory to rebel, to be stubborn, to be rebellious: KJV-- X away, backsliding, rebellious, revolter (-ing), slide back, stubborn, withdrew.

Job 31:11 For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges. **12** For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase. **13** If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; **14** What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? **15** Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb? **16** If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; **17** Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; **18** (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;) **19** If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; **20** If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep; **21** If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate: **22** Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone. (see also Isa.58:7; Luke16:19-31; Acts11:29-30; Gal.2:5)

Job 31:23 For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

Job 31:23 ... destruction from God was a terror to me, (KJV)

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. **11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. (KJV)

Job 31:24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; **25**

If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much; **26** If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; **27** And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:

Job 31:27 ... my heart hath been secretly enticed, (KJV)

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. **16** Do not err, my beloved brethren.(KJV)

Job 31:28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.

Job 31:28 ... for I should have denied the God that is above. (KJV)

Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. **16** They profess that they know God; **but in works** they **(1)deny** him, being abominable, and disobedient, and **unto every good work reprobate**. (worthless) (KJV)

(1) they **deny** him-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ahee); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; **to contradict**, i.e. **disavow**, **reject**, abnegate: KJV-- deny, **refuse**.

I Jn 2:22 Who is a liar but he that **(1)denieth** that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that **(1)denieth** the Father and the Son. **23** Whosoever **(1)denieth** the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. **24** Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. **25** And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. **26** These things have I written unto you concerning **them that seduce you**.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. **4** For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and **(1)denying** the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. **5** I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.(KJV)

Job 31:29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him: **30** Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul. **31** If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied. **32** The

stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the traveller. **33** If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

Job 31:33 ... covered my transgressions (KJV)

Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. **9** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? **10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. **11** And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. (KJV)

Job 31:34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the **(1)contempt** of **(2)families** **(3)terrify me**, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?

Definitions: **(1)contempt**-937 buwz (booz); from 936; **disrespect:** KJV-- contempt (-uously), **despised, shamed****(2)families**-4940 mishpachah (mish-paw-khaw'); from 8192 [compare 8198]; **a family, i.e. circle of relatives;** figuratively, a class (of persons), a species (of animals) or sort (of things); by extens. a tribe or people: KJV-- **family, kind (-red)**....**(3)terrify me**-2865 chathath (khaw-thath'); a primitive root; properly, to prostrate; hence, **to break down**, either (literally) by violence, or (figuratively) **by confusion and fear:** KJV-- abolish, affright, be (make) **afraid**, amaze, **beat down, discourage**, (cause to) dismay, go down, scare, terrify.

Job 31:34 ... the contempt of families terrify me, (KJV)

2 Cor 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. **17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.(KJV)

Job 31:35 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book. **36** Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me. **37** I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him. **38** If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain; **39** If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

Job 31:39 ... fruits thereof without money, or caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

James 5:1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. **2**

Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. **3** Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. **4** Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. **5 (1)Ye have lived in pleasure** on the earth, and **(2)been wanton**; **(3)ye have nourished** your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. **6** Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. **7 (4)Be patient** therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. **8** Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. **9 (5)Grudge** not one against another, brethren, lest **(6)ye be condemned**: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

Definitions:**(1)Ye have lived in pleasure** on the earth-5171 truphao (troo-fah'-o); from 5172; to indulge in luxury, to live delicately, to live luxuriously, to be given to a soft and luxurious life: KJV-- live in pleasure.....**(2)been wanton**-4684 spatlao-to live luxuriously, to lead a voluptuous life, to give oneself to pleasure....**(3)ye have nourished** your hearts-5142 trepho (tref-o); a primary verb (properly, threpho; but perhaps strength. from the base of 5157 through the idea of convolution); properly, to stiffen, i.e. fatten (by implication, to cherish [with food, etc.], pamper, rear): KJV-- bring up, feed, nourish.....**(4)Be patient**-3114 makrothumeo (mak-roth-oo-meh'-o); from the same as 3116; to be long-spirited, i.e. (objectively) forbearing or (subjectively) patient a) to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles b) to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others: KJV-- bear (suffer) long, be longsuffering, have (long) patience, be patient, patiently endure.....**(5)Grudge** not one against another-4727 stenazo (sten-ad'-zo); from **4728**; to make (intransitively, be) in straits, i.e. (by implication) to sigh, murmur, pray inaudibly: KJV-- with grief, groan, grudge, sigh. **4728** stenos (sten-os'); probably from the base of 2476; narrow (from obstacles standing close about): KJV-- strait....**(6) lest ye be condemned**-2919 krino (kree'-no); properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish, 1) to separate, to put asunder, to pick out, to select, to choose 4) to determine, to resolve, to decree 5) to judge a) to pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong to be judged, that is, summoned to trial that one's case may be examined and judgment passed upon it b) to pronounce judgment, to subject to censure, 6) to rule, to govern: KJV-- avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

Job 31:40 Let **(1)thistles** grow instead of wheat, and **(2)cockle** instead of barley. The words of Job are ended. (KJV)

Definitions:**(1)Let thistles** grow-2336 chowach-1) a thorn, a brier, a bramble, a thornbush, a thicket.....**(2)and cockle**-890 bo'shah-stinking things, stinking or noxious weeds, stinkweed

Job 31:40 ... thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley (KJV)

Heb 6: 1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us go on unto perfection**;

not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, **2** Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **3** And this will we do, if God permit. **4** *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, **5** And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. **6** If **(1)they shall fall away, (2)to renew** them again unto **(3)repentance**; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. **7** For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: **8** But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. **9** But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. (KJV)

Definitions:**(1)they shall fall away**-3895 parapipto (par-ap-ip'-to); from 3844 and 4098; to fall aside, i.e. (figuratively) to apostatize, 2) to slip aside a) to deviate from the right path, to turn aside, to wander b) to error: KJV-- fall away.....**(2)to renew** them again-340 anakainizo (an-ak-ahee-nid'-zo);from 303 and a derivative of 2537; to restore: KJV-- renew.....**(3)unto repentance** 3341 metanoia-a change of mind (heart), as it appears to one who repents of a purpose he has formed or of something he has done.

PLEASE MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS.