

January 13 Answers

- 1) Job's final words (Job 29–31). Job began by fondly recounting the **happiness** and glory of his past life (Job 29). Notice that Job recognized and acknowledged that **God** was the source of his blessings, and he remembered with longing the **fellowship** he had with God. Yet Job did not **hoard** God's blessings for himself. Job used his wealth and influence to be a **blessing** in the lives of others. Job then gave a vivid description of the misery and **disgrace** of his present calamity (Job 30). Job concluded with a detailed, formal **oath of innocence** (Job 31). Job's testimony in this chapter is a personal **challenge** to us. Can you look in the mirror of Job's words and measure up to his integrity? Have you:
1. Made a **covenant** with your eyes to keep yourself from **lust**? (31:1–4).
 2. Kept yourself from **lies** and deceit? (31:5–6).
 3. Refused to **covet** what belongs to others? (31:7–8).
 4. Remained **faithful** to your spouse? (31:9–12).
 5. Treated those under your authority with fairness and **justice**? (31:13–15).
 6. Helped the **poor**? (31:16–18).
 7. **Clothed** the needy? (31:19–20).
 8. Refused to take **advantage** of those who were weak? (31:21–23).
 9. Guarded yourself against **trusting** in your wealth? (31:24–25).
 10. Refused to **worship** false gods? (31:26–28).
 11. Kept yourself from **rejoicing** at your enemy's downfall? (31:29–30).
 12. Shown **hospitality** to travelers? (31:31–32).
 13. **Confessed** your sins? (31:33–34).
 14. Come by your possessions **honestly**? (31:38–40b).