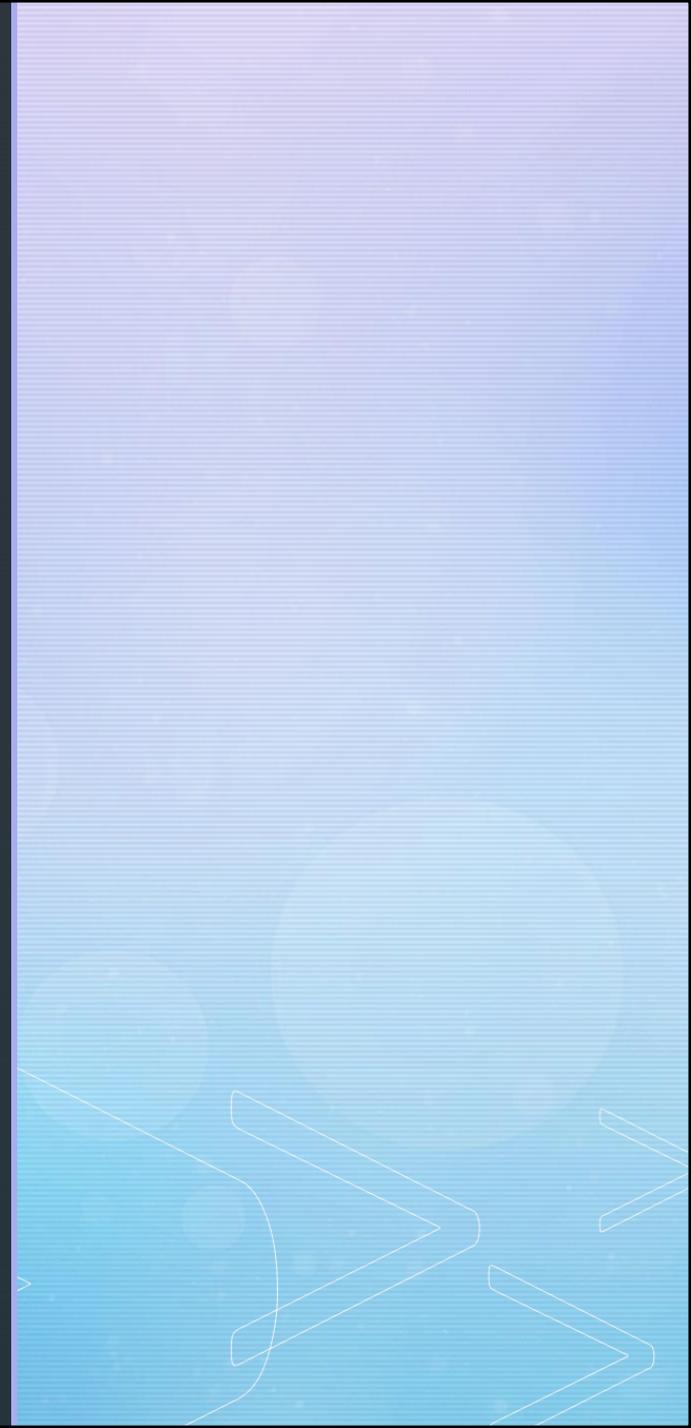


Job 31:1-12

The Covenant of Job



Job Understood: The Heart of God's Desire for Our Purity

- Job asks, “Why then should I look upon a young woman?”
 - He understood the separate nature of such a woman—that he had no right to her.
 - Only in marriage does one have this right – 1 Cor. 7:2-4
- If you want to be pure, free from the bondage of sin, you must learn as did Job that freedom begins with the eyes!
 - Jesus expressed the importance of the eyes – Lk. 11:34
 - We must not allow our eyes to look upon what is forbidden!

Job Understood: Nothing Escapes God's View

- “Does He not see my ways, and count all my steps?” – 31:4
- Job understood God's omniscience and what it meant to his life – Heb. 14:3
- Until we come to grips with this same fact, we will never be faithful to our pledge of purity that God demands!
 - God is with us and watching us every minute of the day.
 - This can be uncomfortable to the wicked and comforting to the righteous – 1 Cor. 10:13

Job Understood: God Responds to our Sin

- He knew the portion and inheritance from God to the wicked was destruction and disaster – 31:2-3
- He understood that sin brings great and deserving loss – 31:7-10, 12
 - Following his eyes would bring loss of his possessions – 31:7-8
 - Being enticed into an illicit relationship would bring loss of his wife – 31:9-10
 - Summary: Sin would bring catastrophic loss – 31:12
- He knew that God was just in bringing such condemnation – 31:11; Col. 3:5-7

Job Understood: The Nature of Sinful Desire

- “I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I **look upon** a young woman?” – 31:1
 - He refused to gaze, to look intently upon such a woman—one to which he had no claim.
 - This is the first step of lust leading to sin.
- He knew that the second step toward sin was the **heart following the eyes** – 31:7
- Job knew that the third step was **enticement** to sin – 31:9
 - It means to seduce, to be made gullible or simple-minded!
 - When our heart follows our eyes we become enticed, gullible to the destructive ways of Satan and sin!

Because Job Understood: He Made a Covenant with His Eyes

- He made a solemn vow, a pledge, to act in holy fashion with his eyes.
- What would such a contract look like today?
 - You should know your own limitations.
 - Resign yourself that God knows your every thought, intent, and action, and use it for strength to overcome sin – 1 Cor. 10:13
 - Understand and wholeheartedly agree with God's desire and design for your purity – Rom. 6:20-23
 - Cultivate a healthy respect for your sinful urges and learn to channel them properly – 1 Cor. 9:27; 7:2; Eph. 4:28
 - Understand the destruction sin brings! – Rev. 21:8
 - Know the value and reward of righteousness – 1 Tim. 6:11-12