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Job's Final Appeal (1-34)

- A series of “if / then” statements
 - “if” I have committed this sin...
 - “then” let my punishment be...
- A recognition of the wrongness of sin
- A vindication of righteous character
- A reminder of the sovereignty and justice of God
- WORTHY OF IMITATION**

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A Covenant with His Eyes (1-4)

- A pledge to himself
- I will not “gaze” at young women
 - show oneself attentive, consider diligently
- To avoid impure thoughts by avoiding lingering stares
 - THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF VIEWING PORNOGRAPHY**
 - “... calamity... unrighteous... disaster... iniquity”
- The Almighty sees all our steps... and clicks

“I have made a covenant with my eyes;
how then could I gaze at a virgin?

² What would be my portion from God above
and my heritage from the Almighty on high?

³ Is not calamity for the unrighteous,
and disaster for the workers of iniquity?

⁴ Does not he see my ways
and number all my steps?

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His Integrity (5-8)

- I have been honest in all my dealings
- What catches my eye doesn't compromise my character
- Truthfulness is my pattern of life
 - "Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching." – C.S. Lewis
- God knows my integrity

5 "If I have walked with falsehood
and my foot has hastened to deceit;
6 (Let me be weighed in a just balance,
and let God know my integrity!)
7 if my step has turned aside from the way
and my heart has gone after my eyes,
and if any spot has stuck to my hands,
8 then let me sow, and another eat,
and let what grows for me be rooted out.

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His Sexual Integrity (9-12)

- My heart is not open to unfaithfulness as Abaddon,
 - I made a covenant with my eyes, my
- I won't pursue or encourage another woman
- Marital infidelity is a heinous crime
- Adultery is a fire that consumes and destroys

⁹ “If my heart has been enticed toward a woman,
and I have lain in wait at my neighbor’s door,
¹⁰ then let my wife grind for another,
and let others bow down on her.
¹¹ For that would be a heinous crime;
that would be an iniquity to be punished by the
judges;
¹² for that would be a fire that consumes as far
as Abaddon,
and it would burn to the root all my increase.



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13 “If I have rejected the cause of my manservant or
my maidservant,
when they brought a complaint against me,
14 what then shall I do when God rises up?
When he makes inquiry, what shall I answer him?
15 Did not he who made me in the womb make him?
And did not one fashion us in the womb?

Justice for His Neighbor (13-15)

- I am willing to consider my own guilt
- I do not disregard the plight of others
 - Particularly the powerless
- How could I face God otherwise?
- He made us all... I can't look down on anyone

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Compassion for the Helpless (16-

- I have been charitable toward the poor
 - I have addressed their physical needs
- I have shown compassion for the lonely
- I have never taken advantage of the

*Generosity is measured by what we do
not what we would do with what*

¹⁶ “If I have withheld anything that the poor desired,
or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail,
¹⁷ or have eaten my morsel alone,
and the fatherless has not eaten of it
¹⁸ (for from my youth the fatherless grew up with me
as with a father,
and from my mother’s womb I guided the widow),
¹⁹ if I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,
or the needy without covering,
²⁰ if his body has not blessed me,
and if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep,
²¹ if I have raised my hand against the fatherless,
because I saw my help in the gate,
²² then let my shoulder blade fall from my shoulder,
and let my arm be broken from its socket.
²³ For I was in terror of calamity from God,
and I could not have faced his majesty.

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Where He Put His Confidence (24-28)

- I have not trusted in money
- I don't value my life by my possessions
 - An attitude not an amount
- I don't revel in my "power"
- I have not made physical wealth my idol
- I have not denied God by my lifestyle

24 "If I have made gold my trust
or called fine gold my confidence,
25 if I have rejoiced because my wealth
was abundant
or because my hand had found much,
26 if I have looked at the sun when it
shone, or the moon moving in splendor,
27 and my heart has been secretly enticed,
and my mouth has kissed my hand,
28 this also would be an iniquity to be
punished by the judges,
for I would have been false to God above.



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29 “If I have rejoiced at the ruin of him
who hated me,
or exulted when evil overtook him
30 (I have not let my mouth sin
by asking for his life with a curse),

He does not seek His Own Vengeance (29-30)

- I don't enjoy another's misfortune
- I am careful not to wish ill on others
- I have loved my enemies



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³¹ if the men of my tent have not said,
'Who is there that has not been filled
with his meat?'

³² (the sojourner has not lodged in the
street;
I have opened my doors to the traveler)

He is Given to Hospitality (31-32)

- Those that know me will say I am generous
- I have not missed opportunities to help others
- I have welcomed others into my home



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He does not Conceal His Sins (33-34)

- I have not been secretive about my sins
- I am not worried about what others will think more than
I am determined to be right with God
- I have not isolated myself from others

33 if I have concealed my transgressions
as others do
by hiding my iniquity in my heart,
34 because I stood in great fear of the
multitude,
and the contempt of families terrified me,
so that I kept silence, and did not go out
of doors—



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It is a Continuous Commitment

- It is a daily challenge
- It is a journey
- You don't have to travel alone...

*Iron sharpens iron, and
one man sharpens another*

Proverbs 27:17

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