

# The Holy Bible — KJV

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## JOB: Chapter 31

**31:1** I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

**31:2** For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

**31:3** Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?

**31:4** Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

**31:5** If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;

**31:6** Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity.

**31:7** 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;

**31:8** Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

**31:9** If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

**31:10** Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

**31:11** For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

**31:12** For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

**31:13** If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;

**31:14** What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

**31:15** Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

**31:16** If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

**31:17** Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

**31:18** (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;)

**31:19** If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;

**31:20** If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

**31:21** If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:

**31:22** Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.

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

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

**31:25** If I rejoice because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

**31:26** If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;

**31:27** And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:

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

**31:29** If I rejoice at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:

**31:30** Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.

**31:31** If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

**31:32** The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the traveller.

**31:33** If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

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

**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.

**31:36** Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me.

**31:37** I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.

**31:38** If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;

**31:39** If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

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

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