**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 72**

**L.’ The Words of Job (29:1-31:40)**

**A. His Past Testimony (Job 29:1-25**)

1. His Years as a Minor (Job 29:1-6)

**2. His Years of Maturity (Job 29:7-17)**

3. His Years of Maintenance (Job 29:18-25)

**B. His Present Testing (Job 30:1-31)**

**A.’ His Past Testimony (Job 31:1-40)**

**PREMISE: Job thought about and rejoiced in his personal history to encourage him in testing. He was indeed a righteous man as the Lord averred, but now facing death! Cf. Job 2:10; Jam. 5:11**

**A. His Past Testimony (Job 29:1-25**) > Job 1:1; 28:28

**1. His Years as a Minor (Job 29:1-6)**

**2. His Years of Maturity (Job 29:7-17)**

 **a. The Response toward Job (vv. 7-11)**

 ***1) The Position of Respect (v. 7)***

 a) At the Gate (7a) > Dt. 22:15

 b) In the Seat (7b) > II Sam. 23:8; Mt. 23:2

 ***2) The Practice of Respect (vv. 8-11)***

 a) By the Youth (v. 8a) > *na`ar* (238x) > hid

 b. By the Aged (v. 8b) > *yashiysh* (4x) > stood up

 c. By the Princes (v. 9) > *sar* (421x) refrained from talking

 d) By the Nobles (v. 10) > *nagiyd* (44x) held their peace and tongue cleaved

e) By Everyone (v. 11) > *“ear”* (‘ozen [187x]) blessed and *“eye”* (*`ayin* [887x]) witnessed

 **b. The Reason of Job (vv. 12-13)**

 ***1) He Delivered (v. 12) > malat (95x)***

 a) The Poor (v. 12a) > *`aniy* (80x)

 b) The Fatherless (v. 12b) > *yathom* (42x)

 c) The Helpless (v. 12c) > *`azar* (82x)

***2) He Blessed (v. 13) > berecah (69x)***

 a) The Perishing (v. 13a) > *‘avad* (184x)

 b) The Widows (v. 13b) *> 'almanah* (55x)

 **c. The Righteousness of Job (vv. 14-17)**

 ***1) His Practice (v. 14)***

 a) He Clothed with Righteousness (v. 14a) > *tzedeq* (116x) > Isa. 11:4-5; Eph. 4:24

 b) He Clothed with Judgment (v. 14b) *mishpat* > (421x)

 ***2) His Purpose (vv. 15-17)***

 a) To Help (vv. 15-16)

1) The Blind (v. 15a) > *`iwwer* (26x)

 2) The Lame (v. 15b) > *pisseach* (14x)

 3) The Poor (v. 16) *'ebyon* (61x)

b) To Defend (v. 17)

1) He Pursued the Details (v. 17a) > *chaqar* (27x) > Prov. 18:17

2) He Protected the Defenseless (v. 17b) > *“jaws”* *methalle`ah* (3x) *“teeth” sheen* (55x) he delivered the defenseless from the wild animals.

**CONCLUSION: Job testified to the truth of the Lord’s evaluation of his spirituality**.