**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 77**

**L.’ The Words of Job (29:1-31:40)**

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

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

1. Now His Disgrace by the Lowly (vv. 1-8)

 2. Now His Disrespect with Laughter (vv. 9-15)

 1.’ Now His Disgrace by the Lord (vv. 16-31)

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

 **1. His Declarations of Innocence (vv. 1-34)**

 **2. His Desire of Inquest (v. 35)**

 **1.’ His Declarations of Intent (vv. 36-40)**

**PREMISE: The last discourse by Job was an affidavit of a series of oaths (*‘im* [17x] vv. 5-39) to be weighed by a just Judge. He claimed he had no faults—but suffered anyway. *“I find no fault in him”* (Jn. 18:38; 19:4, 6)**

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***a. The Declaration of Innocence in His Personal life (vv. 1-12)***

 1) His **Disavowal** of **Immorality** (vv. 1-5)

 a) The Covenant with Eyes (v. 1)

 (1) The Decision > *“made”* > *“cut”* a covenant eyes > two parties (self and eyes)

 (2) The Details > *“maid”* > *“virgin” bethulah* (50x) > Prov. 5:15-21; I Cor. 7:1-2

 b) The Consequence from God (vv. 2-3)

 (1) He was governed by the Realization of God (v. 2) > Job 20:27-29

 (2) He was governed by the Ruination by God (v. 3) > Prov. 6:32-35

 c) The Counting of Steps (vv. 4-5)

 (1) The Lord sees his ways (v. 4) *derec* (705x) > Prov. 5:20; 30:20

(2) The Lord sees his walk (v. 5) > *“vanity”* *shawe’* (53x) and *“deceit” mirmah* (39x)

 2) His **Dissipation** for **Immorality** (vv. 6-8)

 a) The Examination of His Integrity (v. 6)

 (1) Honest Scales > Job 6:2-3;

 (2) Honest Statements > Prov. 11:1; 16:11; Job 23:10

 b) The Exception to His Integrity (v. 7)

 (1) Any Possibility of Immorality > *“if” ‘im* (17x in chapter)

(2) Awful Progression to Immorality > feet, heart, eyes, hands > Mt. 5:28-29; II Pet. 2:14

 c) The Example because of His Integrity (v. 8)

 (1) Judgment on fields (Mic. 6:15)

 (2) Judgment on family > offspring (Job 1:19)

 1.’) His **Disavowal** of **Immorality** (vv. 9-12)

 a) The Deception with Immorality (v. 9)

 (1) Temptation by Deception (Prov. 7:4-14)

 (2) Temptation at Door (Prov. 7:19)

 b) The Declaration because of Immorality (v. 10)

 (1) Let my wife be a slave > grind meal > Ex. 11:5; Mt. 24:41

 (2) Let my wife be seduced > ravished or raped!

 c) The Deviance in Immorality (v. 11)

 (1) The Crime of Immorality > *“heinous crime” > zimmah* (29x)

 (2) The Consequence of Immorality > *“judges” paliyl* (3x)

 d) The Destruction by Immorality (v. 12)

(1) The Fire Consumes to Destruction > *‘acal abaddon* literally “eats to destruction” > Jude 1:7

 (2) The Fire Culminates in Destruction > *“all”* Job 15:30

**b. The Declaration of Innocence in His Public Life (vv. 13-23)**

**c. The Declaration of Innocence in His Pious Life (vv. 24-34)**

**2. His Desire for Inquest (v. 35)**

**1.’ His Declaration of Intent (vv. 36-40)**

**CONCLUSION: Job avowed that he never committed immorality either mentally or physically.**