Job #31 (chapter 36)

Vs 1-4 are introduction - V. 2- Wants Job to allow him to continue (he does)

V. 2- We should always seek to speak on God's behalf

V. 3- Not speak of ordinary things - but things deeply considered - Ps. 78:2, 3

V. 3 - He will ascribe righteous to His Maker - Rom. 3:4; Ps. 51:4

Also be careful not to murmur against His judgments - Ph. 2:14; Jer. 12:1

V. 3- My Maker- "One who does" - God's works creation & providence

V. 4 - Speaks truth (Eph. 4:15; Zech. 8:19) true word of God - 1 Thess. 2:13

"One perfect in knowledge is with you" - Perhaps referring to God or Elihu

I. Let us Look in Particular at Verses 5 and 6

A. V. 5 - God's attributes - First His might, Power or omnipotence - Lu. 1:49

   1. Two kinds of power - Strength and authority - God has both
      a. Ps. 62:11; 22:8; Is. 40:28; Ps. 115:3; Is. 14:27; Dan. 4:35; Pr. 8:15
      b. Authority to decree, and power to bring about His decrees

B. And does not despise any - This makes power perfect - not abused

C. V. 5 - Strength of Understanding - He is as wise as He is Strong

   1. This understanding perfectly balances His power
   2. He knows all things including future - Heb. 4:13; Is. 41:21-23; 46:9, 10
   3. Not only knows - but perfectly applies that - We call it wisdom
      a. Ps. 104:24; Rom. 16:27 - His is the only Wise One - Is. 55:8, 9
      1. Any wisdom we have is derived from him - Is. 28:26; Dan. 2:21
      2. If we lack wisdom go to Him - Jm. 1:5 - not trust our own - Pr. 3:5, 6

D. V. 6 - God doesn't "enliven" the wicked in their wickedness

   1. Only the righteous can expect God's protection - Ps. 84:11; 2 Pet. 2:9
   2. Wicked perish where God supernaturally protects righteous
      a. 3 Hebrew children - Dan. 3:22; Daniel - Daniel 6:24

E. V. 6 - God is often shown on the side of the afflicted - Ps. 140:12

II. Then Let us Look at Verses 7 - 12

A. V. 7 - Word withdraw means "diminish" - Ex. 21:10; Deut. 4:2; Ex. 5:8

   1. Lord's care over us is never diminished or weakened

B. "His eyes" - not literal but speaks of God's watchfulness - Ps. 34:15

   1. In one sense sees both the righteous and wicked - Pr. 15:3; Heb. 4:13
   2. But God's care is particularly over righteous - Ps. 121:4; Ps. 32:8
      a. He always sees them - Ex. 3:7; Is. 49:16; Is. 27:3; Heb. 13:5

C. V. 7 - He will set them as Kings - God will exalt us and exalt us forever

   1. Rev. 1:6; Rev. 2:26, 27; Psalm 113:7, 8

D. Vs. 8-12-God uses affliction to teach righteous - make us repent (V. 15)

   1. In affliction we can see our sins better - Gen. 42:21, 22
   2. If we listen, we will live - if not we will die - Ezek. 3:19-21

III. Let Us Look at Verses 24 and 25

A. We are to remember to extol God's works: and also to sing of them

   1. Also commanded to remember Him in Lord's supper
   2. Remember all His works - All day long
      a. His works of Creation, Providence, and Redemption

B. V. 25 - They can behold them from afar off - Rom. 1:19, 20; Ps. 19:1-4