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Title: [The Dialogue *cont'd.*] Job's Final Rejoinder (part 2)

Text: Job 29 & 30

Introduction:

- 1. Job refuses to renounce his integrity.
- 2. Job will now have a chance to thoroughly defend himself.
- 3. Man's wisdom is to fear God and to depart from evil.

I. Job's Former Prosperity (Ch. 29)

- A. Job's desires or longing for the former days (vv.1-11)
 - a. When God "preserved" me (v.2)
 - b. When God had sweet personal fellowship with me (v.4) (Ps. 25:14).
 - c. When God gave provisions: (v.5, v.6).
 - d. When God's presence was with me (v.5).
- B. Job's reasons of having enjoyed his former days (vv.12-25)
 - a. He was a man of wisdom (vv. 21-23)
 - b. He was a man of moral character (v.24)
 - c. He was a man of leadership (v.25)

II. Job's Present Misery (Ch. 30)

- A. Job was disrespected (vv.1-15)
- B. Job expressed that He was disregarded by God (vv. 16-23)
- C. Job expressed great physical and emotional pain (vv.24-31)

Conclusion:

- 1. Job testifies to the truth of the Lord's evaluation of his spirituality.
- 2. Truly Job was a godly man but now he is facing death. (James 5:11).
- 3. Job is a picture of Christ who became poor that we may be rich (2 Cor. 8:9).
- 4. Job 2:10 "in all this" Job sinned not with his lips
- 5. Job cries to God (30:20).
- 6. Job knows that God has done all this to reverse His blessings into misery (30:11).
- 7. Though Job is suffering, yet he is learning and growing and proving God against Satan to becoming the servant that the LORD knows him to be. (Jn. 15:16).