



# Eternal PERSPECTIVE Job

## BIBLE TEXT | JOB 27:1-23

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**1** And Job again took up his discourse, and said: **2** "As God lives, who has taken away my right, and the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter, **3** as long as my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils, **4** my lips will not speak falsehood, and my tongue will not utter deceit. **5** Far be it from me to say that you are right; till I die I will not put away my integrity from me. **6** I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days. **7** "Let my enemy be as the wicked, and let him who rises up against me be as the unrighteous. **8** For what is the hope of the godless when God cuts him off when God takes away his life? **9** Will God hear his cry when distress comes upon him? **10** Will he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call upon God at all times? **11** I will teach you concerning the hand of God what is with the Almighty I will not conceal. **12** Behold, all of you have seen it yourselves why then have you become altogether vain? **13** "This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage that oppressors receive from the Almighty: **14** If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword and his descendants have not enough bread. **15** Those who survive him the pestilence buries, and his widows do not weep. **16** Though he heap up silver like dust, and pile up clothing like clay, **17** he may pile it up, but the righteous will wear it, and the innocent will divide the silver. **18** He builds his house like a moth's, like a booth that a watchman makes. **19** He goes to bed rich, but will do so no more; he opens his eyes, and his wealth is gone. **20** Terrors overtake him like a flood; in the night a whirlwind carries him off. **21** The east wind lifts him up and he is gone; it sweeps him out of his place. **22** It hurls at him without pity; he flees from its power in headlong flight. **23** It claps its hands at him and hisses at him from its place.



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## DEVOTIONAL FOR JOB 27:1-23

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As we have read through the book of Job, we have learned that Job had lost it all. We have also learned that his friends can't give him good advice or pinpoint what his supposed sin was. Yet Job is resolute to hold fast to his integrity. Verse 6 says, "I hold fast my righteousness and will not let go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days." I admire the last part of that verse. I am pretty sure Job was not perfect. Yet, God himself said in Job chapter 1: verse 8 that he was a "blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil." God also said in Job chapter 2 verse 3 that Job "holds fast his integrity."

Job's hope was found in God. That closeness with Him made Job a person with strong moral principles. That relationship with God made him righteous. Romans 1:17 in the NIV version says, "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" That was the first treasure. Job knew that he could stand firm on his right standing with God. This requires God revealing himself through Jesus to you and me.

Then Job gives God his cause. He calls on him and somehow even in the midst of silence from God, Job knows God hears the righteous and that God is good. Though he had to defend himself from bad advice, wrong reproaches, etc, his integrity leads him to the second treasure, which is God's sovereignty. Even though it did not make sense, he reflects on what would happen to someone that does not know God. That is basically an eternity without Him.

How much does it require to have that kind of integrity? How much do we have to love God, spend time with him, study him, and remain faithful to him so that we hold true to God? May we love him enough that in the end that we know that we will have nothing else but only God for eternity. Thank you God that you see us as righteous through Jesus' sacrifice!



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## Questions:

1. Is there in your life something that brings you hope, other than God?
2. What can you do this week to help you get closer to God?
3. Do you know that God can see you as a blameless man or woman through Jesus Christ's sacrifice? If you have questions about this, talk to your Journey Group or email us at [pastoraloffice@stonepointchurch.com](mailto:pastoraloffice@stonepointchurch.com).