

Job 29

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Job's Final Defense: My Life in the Past

- ¹ Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,
- ² Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;
- ³ When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;
- ⁴ As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;
- ⁵ When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;
- ⁶ When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;
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- ⁷ When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!
- ⁸ The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.
- ⁹ The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.
- ¹⁰ The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
- ¹¹ When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:
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- ¹² Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.

19 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.

23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Believe — אָמֵן (Aman)

To believe, trust, be faithful

The Hebrew **aman** (אָמֵן) means to believe or confirm—the root of 'Amen.' It conveys firm trust and reliability. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

Glory — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 29:1 **Parallel theme:** Job 27:1

Job 29:2 **Parallel theme:** Job 1:10; Jeremiah 31:28

Job 29:3 **Light:** Job 18:6; 22:28; Psalms 18:28; John 8:12; 12:46; Ephesians 5:8. **Parallel theme:** Job 11:17; Psalms 84:11; Proverbs 24:20; Isaiah 2:4

Job 29:4 **Parallel theme:** Job 1:10; Psalms 25:14; Proverbs 3:32. **Temple:** Psalms 27:5.

References God: Job 15:8

Job 29:5 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 1:9; Psalms 30:7; 128:3. **Related:** Song of Solomon 2:4

Job 29:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 20:17; Genesis 49:11; Deuteronomy 33:24; Psalms 81:16

Job 29:7 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 16:18; Ruth 4:11; Zechariah 8:16

Job 29:8

Parallel theme: Leviticus 19:32; Proverbs 16:31; Romans 13:7; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 5:5

Job 29:9 **Parallel theme:** Job 21:5; 40:4; Proverbs 10:19; 30:32; James 1:19

Job 29:10 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 137:6; Ezekiel 3:26

Job 29:11 **Witness:** Luke 4:22. **Blessing:** Job 31:20. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 29:2

Job 29:12 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 10:18; Psalms 68:5; 72:12; Proverbs 21:13; James 1:27

Job 29:13 **Parallel theme:** Job 22:9; Isaiah 27:13; Philemon 1:7

Job 29:14

Righteousness: Job 27:6; Deuteronomy 24:13; Psalms 132:9; Isaiah 59:17; 61:10; 2 Corinthians 6:7; Ephesians 6:14; Revelation 19:8. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 62:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Job 29:15 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 10:31; Matthew 11:5

Job 29:16 **Parallel theme:** Job 31:18; Esther 2:7; Psalms 68:5; Proverbs 25:2; 29:7

Job 29:17 **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 17:35; Psalms 3:7; 58:8; 124:6; Proverbs 30:14

Job 29:18

Parallel theme: Job 5:26; Genesis 32:12; Psalms 91:16; Jeremiah 49:16; Obadiah 1:4

Job 29:19 **Parallel theme:** Job 18:16; Psalms 1:3; Jeremiah 17:8

Job 29:20 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 49:24; Psalms 18:34; 103:5; Isaiah 40:31; 2 Corinthians 4:16. **Glory:** Genesis 45:13; Psalms 3:3

Job 29:22 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 32:2; Isaiah 52:15. **Word:** Ezekiel 20:46; Matthew 22:46. **Related:** Song of Solomon 4:11

Job 29:23 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 72:6; Hosea 6:3; Zechariah 10:1

Job 29:24

Parallel theme: Psalms 126:1. **Light:** Psalms 4:6; 89:15. **Faith:** Genesis 45:26; Luke 24:41

Job 29:25 Parallel theme: Genesis 41:40; Judges 11:8

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