



The Gospel According to Job

July 26: Job's Discourse, Part 2: Job 30

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

How do you respond when the world has turned against you?

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

“Christians appeal to those who wrong them and make them friendly to themselves; they are eager to do good to their enemies; they are mild and conciliatory.” ~ Aristides of Athens (2nd Century)

Job 30:1

What kind of people have critiqued Job?

Does he have Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar in mind?

Job 15:10 Both the gray-haired and the aged are among us, older than your father.

What had Job done for such people before?

Job 30:2-4

How does Job describe his antagonists?

What do you make of their diet?

^{ESV} **Job 30:3** Through want and hard hunger they gnaw the dry ground by night in waste and desolation;

^{NIV} **Job 30:3** Haggard from want and hunger, they roamed the parched land in desolate wastelands at night.

Job 30:5-8

Job had been an esteemed elder sitting at the gate. How does he describe the alternate status of his persecutors?

Job 29:7-8 When I went out to the gate of the city, when I prepared my seat in the square, the young men saw me and withdrew, and the aged rose and stood.

^{ESV} **Job 30:8** A senseless, a nameless brood, they have been whipped out of the land.

^{NAU} **Job 30:8** Fools, even those without a name, they were scourged from the land.

^{NLT} **Job 30:8** They are nameless fools, outcasts of civilization.

Job 30:9-11

How do these young fools treat Job?

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Job 30:12-15

How do the rabble conduct themselves in the world?

^{NIV} **Job 30:12** On my right the tribe attacks; they lay snares for my feet, they build their siege ramps against me.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Job 30:16-18

What is now the focus of Job's lament?

^{ESV} **Job 30:18** With great force my garment is disfigured; it binds me about like the collar of my tunic.

^{NIV} **Job 30:18** In his great power *God* becomes like clothing to me; he binds me like the neck of my garment.

Job 30:19-23

Job is the only speaker in this book who directly addresses God. What is his final prayer before "The words of Job are ended" (Job 31:40)?

Job 30:24-25

Did Job grieve for the needy? Do any grieve for him?

Job 30:26-31

Where is Job's emotional condition?