

# **DEVOTED TO GOD**

## **Job 25-27**

**Let's look at and learn from Job's enduring devotion to God**

### **I. OUR DELIGHT: Focusing on the Creator (26:5-14)**

#### **A. HOW WONDERFUL! (5-13)**

1. The Depths (5-6)
  - The grave and death are comprehended by God
2. The Heights (7-10)
  - The sky and horizon are contained by God
3. The Earth (11-13)
  - The mountains, seas and winds are controlled by God

#### **B. HOW UNFATHOMABLE! (14)**

1. God's Ways
  - "These examples are only the extremities or outlines of God's actions."  
(Roy Zuck, "Job," Moody Press, 1978, p. 119)
2. God's Whisper
  - God is so remote that all we really hear is a faint whisper of all He has to tell us
3. God's Works
  - Thunder lets us know that God is there but not completely understood

#### **C. HOW ENJOYABLE!**

1. God's Canvas: The world as His work of art
2. God's Communication: The heavens declare His glory - Psalm 19:1
3. God's Creativity - Psalm 104

### **II. OUR DETERMINATION: Maintaining Personal Godliness (27:1-6)**

#### **A. THE DECLARATION OF AN OATH (2-3)**

1. As God lives (2)
2. As long as I live (3)

#### **B. THE DETAILS OF THIS OATH (4-6)**

1. Honesty (4)
  - a. No unjust or deceitful words
  - b. No slander, gossip or lying - See Psalm 120:2
2. Integrity (5)
  - a. Not conceding to those who would condemn us
  - b. Committed to godly character
    - Discipline is required - Note Psalm 119:9-16 and I Cor. 9:24-27

3. Tenacity (6a)
  - a. Clinging to one's righteousness
    - See Gen. 39:6-13; Daniel 1:8 and 3:13-18
  - b. Holding onto godliness but not arrogance
4. Sincerity (6b)
  - a. Living with a clear conscience - See Paul's ambition in Acts 24:16
  - b. This requires confession of known sin - Psalm 139:23-24

### III. **OUR DUTY: Instructing the uninformed** (27:7-23 with 25:1-26:4)

#### A. THE NATURE OF THE UNINFORMED (25:1-26:4 with 27:7-23)

1. Pessimistic (25:1-6)
  - a. An awesome God sees only an awful man (4)
  - b. God's mightiness only reveals man's maggot-ness! (5-6)
2. Unhelpful (26:1-4)
  - Providing no strength (2), wisdom (3) or encouragement (4)
3. Condemnable (27:7)
  - Because they are the enemy and opponent of the godly - Note Acts 13:8-11
4. Hopeless (27:8-10)
  - In death (8), distress (9) and discouragement (10)
5. Foolish (27:13-23)
  - They are wrong about death (13-15), wealth (16-19) and judgement (20-23)

#### B. THE NURTURE OF THE INSTRUCTOR (27:11-12)

1. Communicate the power of God (11a)
  - Illustrated by Paul at Athens in Acts 17:22-28
2. Reveal the person of God (11b)
  - As Peter's preaching at Pentecost did - Acts 2:14-36
3. Focus on the presence of God (12a)
  - Teach what they stubbornly refuse admit about God - See Rom. 1:18-20
4. Offer a probe from God (12b)
  - Aren't you tired of being empty? - See John 4:13-18

### **CONCLUSION:**

#### ***Are you devoted to God?***

**Consider the answer to these three questions then draw your own conclusions.**

1. Does the Creator and His creation thrill you? (26:5-14)
2. Does godly character describe you? (27:1-6)
3. Does teaching the ignorant inspire you? (27:7-23 with 25:1-26:4)

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