

HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART

Job 34

**When we accept the righteous judgment and justice of God
we will avoid a hardened heart.**

I. CONSIDER JOB'S SITUATION (5-9)

A. HIS CONTENTION (5-6)

1. I am righteous
2. God has taken my right
3. I should not dismiss my mistreatment (6a)
4. My wound is incurable
5. I am without transgression

B. ELIHU'S CONCLUSION (7-9)

1. Job's scoffing attitude is wrong (7)
2. Job's wicked associations are wrong (8)
3. Job's final assessment is wrong (9)
4. Job's critical heart is hardening!

II. CONSIDER GOD'S JUSTICE (10-20)

A. THE CHARACTER OF GOD (10-12)

- He does not pervert justice

B. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD (13-15)

1. The Creator answers to no one (13)
2. The Life-Giver can take the breath and spirit from anyone, even everyone, at any time (14-15)

C. THE APPEAL TO JOB (16-20)

1. Would you rather have unjust rulers? (17a)
2. Will you condemn the righteous mighty One? (17b)
 - The One who is impartial (18-19) and powerful (20)

III. CONSIDER GOD'S JUDGMENT (21-37)

A. PRACTICAL REMINDERS FOR ALL (21-30)

1. God knows and overthrows the wicked (21-28)
 - a. God knows the wicked (21-24)
 - b. Summary statement (25)
 - c. God overthrows the wicked (26-28)
2. God protects His people (29-30)
 - Even if God waits for a time before acting, He does not permit godless men to establish an enduring reign.

B. PERSONAL APPLICATIONS FOR JOB (31-37)

1. God controls reconciliation (31-33)
 - a. Job cannot dictate to God the terms He must accept and honor
 - b. Job will need to personally chose how he wishes to proceed with God's rebuke (33b)
2. The godly could conclude Job's a rebel (34-37)
 - a. Job's words about God are much like what a rebel would say (34-35)
 - b. God doesn't lightly dismiss rebellion (36-37)
 - c. Elihu's blunt warning is meant to be shocking to Job

IV. CONSIDER OUR WAYS (1-4)

A. THE WISE SHOULD LISTEN (1-2)

B. WE SHOULD DISCERN WHAT IS LEGALLY RIGHT AND MORALLY GOOD (3-4)

1. Elihu wasn't afraid to assess and address Job's condition (7-9)
2. Elihu publically declared God's justice and judgements (10-15 and 21-30)
3. Elihu was determined to apply the principles he established to Job's situation
 - We must be willing to practically, personally, particularly apply truth to life

CONCLUSION:

1. *Because God's justice is perfect, we dare not question it*
2. *Because Gods' judgment is certain, we dare not dismiss it*

When we question God's justice and dismiss God's judgment we are in danger of a hardened heart.

See Psalm 95:6-11 and Hebrews 3:13