



Walking in Integrity Until the End Marsh Fant

“The LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil’” (Job 1:8, NASB1995).

Job's Commitment	Job 31 (NASB1995)
	1 “I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?
	2 “And what is the portion of God from above Or the heritage of the Almighty from on high? 3 “Is it not calamity to the unjust And disaster to those who work iniquity? 4 “Does He not see my ways And number all my steps?
	5 “If I have walked with falsehood, And my foot has hastened after deceit, 6 “Let Him weigh me with accurate scales, And let God know my integrity.
	7 “If my step has turned from the way, Or my heart followed my eyes, Or if any spot has stuck to my hands, 8 “Let me sow and another eat, And let my crops be uprooted.
	9 “If my heart has been enticed by a woman, Or I have lurked at my neighbor’s doorway, 10 “May my wife grind for another, And let others kneel down over her. 11 “For that would be a lustful crime; Moreover, it would be an iniquity <i>punishable</i> by judges. 12 “For it would be fire that consumes to Abaddon, And would uproot all my increase.
	13 “If I have despised the claim of my male or female slaves When they filed a complaint against me, 14 What then could I do when God arises? And when He calls me to account, what will I answer Him? 15 “Did not He who made me in the womb make him, And the same one fashion us in the womb?
	16 “If I have kept the poor from <i>their</i> desire, Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, 17 Or have eaten my morsel alone, And the orphan has not shared it 18 (But from my youth he grew up with me as with a father, And from infancy I guided her), 19 If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, Or that the needy had no covering, 20 If his loins have not thanked me, And if he has not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep, 21 If I have lifted up my hand against the orphan, Because I saw I had support in the gate, 22 Let my shoulder fall from the socket, And my arm be broken off at the elbow. 23 “For calamity from God is a terror to me, And because of His majesty I can do nothing.
	24 “If I have put my confidence <i>in</i> gold, And called fine gold my trust, 25 If I have gloated because my wealth was great, And because my hand had secured so much;
	26 If I have looked at the sun when it shone Or the moon going in splendor, 27 And my heart became secretly enticed, And my hand threw a kiss from my mouth, 28 That too would have been an iniquity <i>calling for judgment</i> , For I would have denied God above.
	29 “Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy, Or exulted when evil befell him? 30 “No, I have not allowed my mouth to sin By asking for his life in a curse. 31 “Have the men of my tent not said, ‘Who can find one who has not been satisfied with his meat’? 32 “The alien has not lodged outside, For I have opened my doors to the traveler.
	33 “Have I covered my transgressions like Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my bosom, 34 Because I feared the great multitude, And the contempt of families terrified me, And kept silent and did not go out of doors? 35 “Oh that I had one to hear me! Behold, here is my signature; Let the Almighty answer me! And the indictment which my adversary has written, 36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, I would bind it to myself like a crown. 37 “I would declare to Him the number of my steps; Like a prince I would approach Him.
	38 “If my land cries out against me, And its furrows weep together; 39 If I have eaten its fruit without money, Or have caused its owners to lose their lives 40 Let briars grow instead of wheat, And stinkweed instead of barley.” The words of Job are ended.

Application:

“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1-3, NASB1995).

“But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; 4 and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. (Ephesians 5:3-4, NASB1995)

“Grace is not merely ‘unmerited favor’ – that God has a pleasing disposition toward us; grace is also *power*. Grace is divine strength given to us so we can live in ways that please God. God is calling Christians to obedience in Romans 1:5 [“through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name’s sake”]. He is also promising that we will have the power to accomplish this obedience. God’s gift of grace is the power to obey.” (Heath Lambert, *Finally Free*, p. 20)