**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 80**

**L.’ The Words of Job (29:1-31:40)**

**A. His Past Testimony (Job 29:1-25**)

**B. His Present Testing (Job 30:1-31)**

**A.’ His Past Testimony (Job 31:1-40)**

1. His Declarations of Innocence (vv. 1-34)

 **2. His Desire of Inquest (v. 35)**

 **1.’ His Declarations of Intent (vv. 36-40)**

**PREMISE: The last discourse by Job was an affidavit of a series of oaths (*‘im* [17x] vv. 5-39) to be weighed by a just Judge. He claimed he had no faults—but suffered anyway. *“I find no fault in him”* (Jn. 18:38; 19:4, 6): He claimed he had no personal, public, or pious sins! He wants a hearing!**

**1. His Declarations of Innoncence (vv. 1-34)**

**2. His Desire of Inquest (v. 35) Job 19:7**

 ***a. Answer from the Almighty (v. 35a)***

 1) His General Request > Who?

 2) His Specific Request > God

 a) Job 9:33; 13:3; 30:20

 b) I Tim. 2:5; Rom. 14:12; I Cor. 3:12-15; Phil. 1:10; 2:16

 ***b. Apologetic against the Adversary (v. 35b)***  Job 19:23

1) The Writing of Accusations > written list of his “sins” (Job wrote list! [Job 19:23])

 2) The Witness about Accusations > Job 29 and 31

**1.’ His Declarations of Intent (vv. 36-40)**

 ***a. His Reception of the Accusations (v. 36)***

 1) The Exaltation > “crown of honor”

 2) The Examples

 a) Isa. 9:6; 62:3

 b) Zech. 6:11

 ***b. His Response to the Accusations (v. 37)***

 1) The Detail of His Steps > Job 14:16; 18:7; 23:11; Pss. 37:23, 31

 2) The Defamation of His Steps

 a) He was a fool > Job 5:2

 b) He was a mocker > Job 11:2-3

 c) He was wicked > Job 12:14

 d) He was a blasphemer > Job 15:13

e) He was a hypocrite > Job 20:5

 f) He was a robber > Job 18:9

 g) He was oppressive > Job 22:5, 9

 h) He was impious > Job 22:13, 17

 ***c. His Ruination because of the Accusations (vv. 38-39)***

 1) The Onus of the Land (v. 38) > Gen. 4:10; Hab. 2:11

 2) The Owner of the Land (v. 39) > Gen. 23:13, I Ki. 21:19

 ***d. His Retribution for the Accusations (v. 40)***

 1) His Curse > Gen. 3:18

 2) His Conclusion > No more words of rebuttal to 3 friends. No response to Elihu!

**CONCLUSION: The Lord’s testimony and Job’ testimony match. Let the Judge hear my case!**