

Job speaks of a lifestyle that faithfully reflects the character of God that applies well to us all. As you reflect on these verses from the 31st chapter of Job, ask our good Lord to use them to shape your own life:

¹ "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully..."

⁷ If my steps have turned from the path, if my heart has been led by my eyes, or if my hands have been defiled, ⁸ then may others eat what I have sown, and may my crops be uprooted."

¹³ "If I have denied justice to my menservants and maidservants when they had a grievance against me, ¹⁴ what will I do when God confronts me?"

¹⁶ "If I have denied the desires of the poor or let the eyes of the widow grow weary, ¹⁷ if I have kept my bread to myself, not sharing it with the fatherless- ¹⁸ but from my youth I reared him as would a father, and from my birth I guided the widow- ¹⁹ if I have seen anyone perishing for lack of clothing, or a needy man without a garment, ²⁰ and his heart did not bless me for warming him with the fleece from my sheep..."

²⁸ "then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high."

When we fall short of such a calling we know the grace of our Lord covers and cleanses us from all sin (I John 1:9; 2:1). At the same time we are called to face forward and to walk in a manner worthy of our Lord (Colossians 1:10).

In the fullness of grace and with the filling of the Spirit let us so walk faithfully!

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Prayer Suggestions

- Give thanks and praise to God Our Father for covering and cleansing us by His Grace.
- Pray for forgiveness of our sins, that we may learn to "face forward and to walk in a manner worthy of Our Lord."
- Lift up those who strive daily to make our lives safer and better – police, firefighters, first responders, medical professionals.
- Lift up those invisible folks who serve us – sales clerks, mailpersons, delivery people, wait staff, cleaning crews and others.
- Pray for those in our church family who are dealing with medical issues.
- Pray for Pastor Jeff and the leaders of our church, who continue to inspire us.
- Pray that our church can continue to be a blessing to our community.
- As the New Year begins, pray for healing of our beleaguered and troubled world.
- As the New Year begins, pray that Americans can come together to promote better days for our Great Nation, remembering the basic principles on which we were founded, respecting each other, putting aside differences for the good of all.
- As the New Year begins, pray for Peace.

