

Job: the Glory Days

(and Jesus the true & better Job)



- longing for “the good ol’ days”

LONGING for FRIENDSHIP with GOD (29:1-6)

- ▶ the experience of friendship with God

- ▶ the fulfillment of friendship with God ¹

LONGING for a RIGHTEOUS RULER (29:7-25)

- ▶ the righteous ruler will be honoured
(vv. 7-10) ²

- ▶ the righteous ruler helps the needy
(vv. 11-17) ³

- ▶ the righteous ruler will be blessed
(vv. 18-20) ⁴

- ▶ the righteous ruler rules through his word
(vv. 21-25) ⁵

¹ John 1:18; Romans 5:10; Isaiah 41:8; 2 Chronicles 20:7; James 2:23; John 15:13-14; Genesis 5:24; 6:10; Micah 6:8; Psalm 23:4; Revelation 21:3; 22:4; John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Tim Chester, *Enjoying God: Experience the Power and Love of God in Everyday Life* (2018).

² Revelation 5:12-13; Philippians 2:9-10; Malachi 1:6-8; 2 Timothy 2:12

³ Matthew 9:36; Revelation 22:20. The fact that Job waited so long to introduce into the debate with his miserable counselors (his “friends”) any hard evidence of his own good works shows enormous restraint and humility on his part, and I think it dissuades us from thinking that he’s blowing his own horn in **Job 29**.

⁴ Psalm 72; Luke 1:32-33

⁵ 2 Timothy 2:15

Job 29

Job continued his discourse:

² "How I long for the months gone by,
for the days when God watched over me,
³ when his lamp shone on my head
and by his light I walked through darkness!
⁴ Oh, for the days when I was in my prime,
when God's intimate friendship blessed my
house,
⁵ when the Almighty was still with me
and my children were around me,
⁶ when my path was drenched with cream
and the rock poured out for me streams of
olive oil.



⁷ "When I went to the gate of the city
and took my seat in the public square,
⁸ the young men saw me and stepped aside
and the old men rose to their feet;
⁹ the chief men refrained from speaking
and covered their mouths with their hands;
¹⁰ the voices of the nobles were hushed,
and their tongues stuck to the roof of their
mouths.
¹¹ Whoever heard me spoke well of me,
and those who saw me commended me,
¹² because I rescued the poor who cried for help,
and the fatherless who had none to assist
them.
¹³ The one who was dying blessed me;
I made the widow's heart sing.
¹⁴ I put on righteousness as my clothing;
justice was my robe and my turban.
¹⁵ I was eyes to the blind
and feet to the lame.
¹⁶ I was a father to the needy;
I took up the case of the stranger.
¹⁷ I broke the fangs of the wicked
and snatched the victims from their teeth.

¹⁸ "I thought, 'I will die in my own house,
my days as numerous as the grains of sand.
¹⁹ My roots will reach to the water,
and the dew will lie all night on my branches.
²⁰ My glory will not fade;
the bow will be ever new in my hand.'

²¹ "People listened to me expectantly,
waiting in silence for my counsel.
²² After I had spoken, they spoke no more;
my words fell gently on their ears.
²³ They waited for me as for showers
and drank in my words as the spring rain.
²⁴ When I smiled at them, they scarcely believed
it;
the light of my face was precious to them.^[a]
²⁵ I chose the way for them and sat as their chief;
I dwelt as a king among his troops;
I was like one who comforts mourners.

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Jesus the True & Better Job

Job's... 	Jesus'... 
intimate friendship with God (29:1-6)	ultimate friendship with God the Father
honour to dishonour to honour (29:7-11; 42:10-17)	glory to humiliation to exaltation
righteous ruling in rescue & relief of the needy (29:12-17)	righteous ruling in saving and serving the lost
longing for blessing, health, and longevity (29:18-20)	return as King to richly bless with eternal life
teaching, counseling, and comforting as chief (29:21-25)	life-giving, authoritative, word as King of Kings

