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**Job 31**

*The Innocent Sufferer*

Intro

**A. DIVINE DISCIPLINE AS A MOTIVE FOR GODLY LIVING (ch. 31).**

1. Job’s innocence regarding sin (Job 31:1-40).

2. Job’s fear of divine discipline (Job 31:2-3, 23, 28).

3. Job swears an oath of innocence (Job 31:8, 10, 22, 40).

4. All believers should fear divine discipline for sin (Heb. 12).

a. God disciplines all His children in love (Heb. 12:5-9).

b. Reasons for the Father’s discipline (Job 12:10-11).

(1) For our good (Job 31:10).

(2) Share His holiness (Job 31:10).

(3) Training for peace and righteousness (Job 31:11).

c. The sorrow of discipline (Job 31:11).

**B. BELIEVERS AS INNOCENT SUFFERERS.**

1. Sometimes believers suffer unjustly.

2. The pattern is to conform us to Christ’s image. Rom. 8:29, 17.

3. Christ as an innocent Sufferer becomes our example. 1 Pet. 2:18-24.

Conclusion