

It's Time For a Reality Check!

Job 30:1-31

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Introduction: By the end of the previous 4 chapters, we may think the worst of his trials are over. It appears that Job gained a victory over his despair and pulled himself together. But this is not the case. Here in chapter 30, a wave of desolation breaks over him again. Forgetting about the past now, he says it's time for a reality check. This is a duty that each child of God has to work through in life. As painful as it may be, we all need to regularly examine ourselves and see ourselves in the mirror of the God's word for who we really are. In our text Job contrasts the 5 joys of his past from chapter 29 and compares them with his present complaints in chapter 30 and then face life for what it really is.

I. The Complaint of – “I have no respect” (vs. 1-15)

Reality Check ✓

“Am I living for others or am I living for Christ?”

II. The Complaint of – “I have no blessing” (vs. 16-23)

Reality Check ✓

“Am I living for God's blessings or am I living to fulfill God's purposes?”

III. The Complaint of – “I have no help” (vs. 24-25)

Reality Check ✓

“Am I trusting in man for help or am I trusting in God for help?”

IV. The Complaint of – “I have no future” (vs. 26-28)

Reality Check ✓

“Am I trying to map out my future or am I putting my trust in God?”

V. The Complaint of – “I have no ministry” (vs. 29-31)

Reality Check ✓ -

“Will I minister to others when I am going through a trial or will I wallow in self-pity and say, ‘it's no use; I can't serve?’ ”

Conclusion: As Job sat in the ash heap the Lord brought him to a low point to see reality! By honestly facing his present situation, he was able to grow and mature. We all need a reality check so we can repent of our sins like Job.

