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Job 20.1-7

1. I just can't hold back anymore

- a. **Job 20.2** - my thoughts cause me to answer
- b. **Job 20.3** - the spirit of my understanding
- c. **Matt 15.9** - the commandments of men
- d. **John 7.24** - judge righteous judgment

2. Appraisal of evil

- a. **Job 20.8** - fly away as a dream ... chased as a vision
- b. **Psm 73.19-20** - as a dream when one awaketh
- c. **Job 20.9-10** - children shall seek to please the poor
- d. **Job 20.27** - heaven shall reveal his iniquity

3. Mocking and fear

- a. **Job 21.3** - after that I have spoken mock on
- b. **Job 21.4** - why should not my spirit be troubled
- c. **Job 21.6** - I am afraid and trembling taketh hold on my flesh

4. Contrast

- a. **Job 21.7** - become old ... are mighty in power
- b. **Psm 73.3** - I saw the prosperity of the wicked
- c. **Psm 73.12** - the ungodly who prosper in the world
- d. **Job 21.8-9** - their seed is established ... houses safe from fear
- e. **Psm 73.5** - they are not in trouble as other men

5. Contrast in attitude

- a. **Job 21.17** - how oft cometh their destruction upon them
- b. **Psm 73.17-18** - until I went into the sanctuary of God
- c. **Job 21.18** - like chaff the storm carrieth away
- d. **Psm 1.4-6** - like the chaff
- e. **Job 21.22** - God judgeth those that are high
- f. **Eccl 8.12-13** - though a sinner days be prolonged
- g. **Job 21.23-25** - one dieth in full strength ... another in bitterness of soul
- h. **Job 21.26** - they shall lie down alike
- i. **Eccl 2.14-15** - one event happeneth to them all
- j. **Eccl 3.18-19** - one thing befalleth them

6. Righteous conclusion

- a. **Job 21.34** - in your answers there remaineth false hood

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1. I just can't hold back anymore

Job 20.2 - Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste.

Job 20.3 - I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

Matt 15.9 - But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

John 7.24 - Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

2. Appraisal of evil

Job 20.8 - He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

Psm 73.19-20 - How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. 20: As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

Job 20.9-10 - The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him. 10: His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

Job 20.27 - The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

3. Mocking and fear

Job 21.3 - Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.

Job 21.4 - As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?

Job 21.6 - Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

4. Contrast

Job 21.7 - Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

Psm 73.3 - For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

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Psm 73.12 - Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

Job 21.8-9 - Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. 9: Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.

Psm 73.5 - They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

5. Contrast in attitude

Job 21.17 - How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger.

Psm 73.17-18 - Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. 18: Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

Job 21.18 - They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

Psm 1.4-6 - The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5: Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6: For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Job 21.22 - Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

Ecc 8.12-13 - Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: 13: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

Job 21.23-25 - One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. 24: His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. 25: And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

Job 21.26 - They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

Ecc 2.14-15 - The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all. 15: Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is vanity.

Ecc 3.18-19 - I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might

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manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. 19: For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.

6. Righteous conclusion

Job 21.34 - How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

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