

. Job 29  
New King James Version (NKJV)

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Job's Summary Defense

. 1 Job further continued his discourse,  
and said:

. 2 "Oh, that I were as in months past,  
As in the days when God watched over me;

. 3 When His lamp shone upon my head,  
And when by His light I walked through  
darkness;

. 4 Just as I was in the days of my prime,  
When the friendly counsel of God was over my  
tent;

. 5 When the Almighty was yet with me,  
When my children were around me;

. 6 When my steps were bathed with  
cream, And the rock poured out rivers of oil for  
me!

. 7 "When I went out to the gate by the

city, When I took my seat in the open square,

. 8 The young men saw me and hid, And  
the aged arose and stood;

. 9 The princes refrained from talking,  
And put their hand on their mouth;

. 10 The voice of nobles was hushed,  
And their tongue stuck to the roof of their  
mouth.

. 11 When the ear heard, then it blessed me,  
And when the eye saw, then it approved me;

. 12 Because I delivered the poor who cried  
out, The fatherless and the one who had no  
helper.

. 13 The blessing of a perishing man came  
upon me, And I caused the widow's heart to  
sing for joy.

- . 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;  
My justice was like a robe and a turban.
  
- . 15 I was eyes to the blind, And I was feet to  
the lame.
  
- . 16 I was a father to the poor,  
And I searched out the case that I did not  
know.
  
- . 17 I broke the fangs of the wicked,  
And plucked the victim from his teeth.
  
- . 18 “Then I said, ‘I shall die in my nest, And  
multiply my days as the sand.
  
- . 19 My root is spread out to the waters,  
And the dew lies all night on my branch.
  
- . 20 My glory is fresh within me,  
And my bow is renewed in my hand.’

- . 21 “Men listened to me and waited, And kept silence for my counsel.
  
- . 22 After my words they did not speak again, And my speech settled on them as dew.
  
- . 23 They waited for me as for the rain, And they opened their mouth wide as for the spring
  - . rain.
  - . 24 If I mocked at them, they did not believe it, And the light of my countenance they did not cast
    - . down.
    - . 25 I chose the way for them, and sat as chief; So I dwelt as a king in the army,

As one who comforts mourners.

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