

## Job 31

Consider Job 6: Closing Arguments

*Last ditch efforts ...*

### I. Closing Arguments

A. Final Words of Counsel

B. Job's Defense

### II. A Dangerous Proposition

A. I'll Tell You

B. You Tell Me

### III. One Defense

A. Naked Before God

B. Covered in Christ

*... corum deo.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Is Job any happier after all his thinking and input from his friends?
2. Above all the voices and his own thoughts, who does Job need to listen to?
3. If we are respectful, is it good to tell God what is on our minds when we pray?
4. Even though things may not go the way we want and we may be confused by that, what must we always remember about God?

### **Ready to Speak. Ready to Listen?**

Job is absolutely at his wit's end. His thoughts fail him and his friends frustrate him and he has come to the end of his rope. He has come to the point where he is ready to lay it all out before the Lord. He has expressed himself to God before, but he's not going to hold back, he is going to lay out his case by way of complaint, defense and appeal. Fair enough. God will hear him out. That said, Job needs to brace himself for God's response. We won't get to the full barrage of God's questions to Job yet, but we will follow Job into the dangerously vulnerable to which he brings himself, openly stating his case before the face of God without reservation. He is ready to unleash, but is he ready to listen to God Almighty when God turns things around and him and he finds himself under intensive divine interrogation?