



## Sexual Purity Course Lesson 16

**Scripture:** Read Job 31:1-12.

**Study:**

1. What does it mean that Job made a covenant with his *eyes*? What is the function of the eye in this section of Scripture?
2. What does it mean that Job made a *covenant* with his eyes? Explain this vivid metaphor.
3. How does Job take God's omnipresence and sovereignty into account so as to avoid sinning against God?
4. One commentator explains something very interesting going on in this passage. He describes Job's speech as an "oath of clearance." Quote,

The procedure was well-known in ancient jurisprudence. A crime could be disowned by calling down a curse on oneself if one had committed it... Although made in the interests of one's public honor it was addressed to God in an appeal against human judgment... The form Job uses is, 'If I have done X, then let Y happen to me!' X is the crime; Y is the penalty (Francis Anderson, *Job* in the Tyndale OT Commentary series, page 238).

Identify the X and Y in Job's words.

**Application:**

1. Make a covenant with your eyes. Make an agreement between yourself, God, and your eyes about what you will look upon. Be specific. Identify what you will not look at.
2. Job took God's omnipresence and sovereignty into account in order to help him avoid sin. How can you do the same thing? How will you incorporate these truths about God's attributes into your life so that they have a real impact?
3. Job believed that sinning against God would have real life consequences in this life. He believed that God punished those who work iniquity. Do you honestly believe that God will bring about devastating consequences in your life if you continue in sexual immorality? Explain.