

“A Precedent for Faithfulness”
The Book of Job | Suffering...Sovereignty...Faith...
Job 29-31

- I. **Precedent One: Faithful Believers Are A Blessing to Their Community (Job 29)**
 - 1. **The Lord Gives (vv. 1-6)**
 - 2. **We Are Blessed to Be A Blessing (vv. 7-25)**

- II. **Precedent Two: Faithful Believers Are Not Exempt from Suffering (Job 30)**
 - 1. **Hurt People Hurt People (vv. 1-14)**
 - 2. **Grief Begets Groaning (vv. 15-23)**
 - 3. **Silence Makes It Louder (vv. 24-31)**

- III. **Precedent Three: Faithful Believers Remain Steadfast Under Trial (Job 31)**
 - 1. **I have not sinned with my eyes (vv. 1-4)**
 - 2. **I have not been deceitful (vv. 5-8)**
 - 3. **I have not committed adultery (vv. 9-12)**
 - 4. **I have not looked away from injustice/oppression (vv. 13-15)**
 - 5. **I have not been stingy (vv. 16-23)**
 - 6. **I have not trusted in wealth/ability (vv. 24-28)**
 - 7. **I have not hated my neighbor (vv. 29-32)**
 - 8. **I have not hidden my sin (vv. 33-34)**
 - 9. **I have not sinned against the land (vv. 38-40)**

Job 31:35-37

35 Oh, that I had one to hear me!

(Here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me!)

Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary!

36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder;

I would bind it on me as a crown;

37 I would give him an account of all my steps;

like a prince I would approach him.

- V. **The Greater Precedent for Faithfulness**
 - 1. **The Faithful One was a blessing to the world**
 - 2. **The Faithful One suffered and died**
 - 3. **The Faithful One went to trial on our behalf and stands as our Advocate**