

Job

Job 1

- ¶1. There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and eschewed evil.
2. And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.
3. And he owned seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a great many slaves. And this man was greater than any of the sons of the east.
4. And his sons went and made a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.
5. It came to pass that when the days of their feasting had gone round, that Job sent and sanctified them, and he rose up early in the morning, and he offered burnt offering according to the number of them all, for Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Job did like this all the time.
6. Now, there was a day when the sons of God came in to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.
7. And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" And Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."
8. And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one who fears God and eschews evil?"
9. Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"
10. Have you not made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.
11. But stretch out your hand now and strike all that he has, and he will curse you to your face."
12. Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not put your hand on him." So, Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.
13. Now, there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother, the firstborn,
14. and a messenger came to Job, and he said, "The oxen were plowing and the she-asses were grazing nearby them.
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20. And Job arose and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell to the earth, and worshipped.
21. And he said, "Naked, I came out of my mother's womb, and naked, I will return there. Jehovah gave, and Jehovah has taken away. Blessed be the name of Jehovah!"
22. In all this, Job did not sin, nor did he charge God foolishly.

Job 2

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2. And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" And Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."
3. And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one who fears God and eschews evil? And still, he holds fast his integrity, even though you moved me against him to destroy him without cause."
4. And Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin, yes, all that a man has, he will give for his life.
5. Stretch out your hand now and strike his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."
6. And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand. But save his life."
7. So, Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and he struck Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head.
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9. curse God and die!"
10. And he said to her, "You talk as one of the foolish women talk. What? Shall we receive good from God, and not receive evil?" In all this, Job did not sin with his lips.
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7. Think back, now. Who has perished, being innocent? Or when were the upright ever brought to ruin?
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12. Now, a word was subtly brought to me, and my ear caught in a whisper *just* some of it
13. when disquieting thoughts of night visions, when deep sleep falls upon men.
14. Dread came upon me, and trembling; a multitude of my bones were filled with dread.
15. Then a spirit passed before my face. The hair of my flesh stood up!
16. It stood still, but I did not recognize its form; it was a shape before my eyes. *There was* silence. And then I heard a voice:
17. 'Is a man more righteous than God? Or a man purer than His maker?'
18. Behold, He puts no trust in His servants, and charges His angels with error.
19. How much more, those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in dirt, who are crushed before a moth!
20. They are stricken from morning to evening; unnoticed, they vanish forever.
21. Is not their abundance taken away with them? They die, but with no wisdom.

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Does God pervert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert what is right?

If you were pure and upright, He would rouse Himself for you, and make your righteous abode prosperous.

Behold, God will not refuse a perfect man! Neither will He strengthen the hand of the wicked.

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13. God will not withdraw His anger. Helpers of the Proud One will bow beneath Him.

17. who crushes me with an overwhelming flood and multiplies my wounds without cause.

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Job 11

- ¶1. Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
2. “Should not this multitude of words be answered? And should a man full of talk be justified?
 3. Should your vain speech make men silent? And when you mock *God*, should no one put *you* to shame?
 4. For you have said, ‘My doctrine is pure,’ and ‘I am clean in your sight.’
 5. Oh, that God would speak and open His lips against you,
 6. and show you the secrets of wisdom, that *they are* double in sound wisdom! Know that God is exacting of you *less* than your iniquity *deserves*!
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Your own mouth condemns you, and not I. Your own lips testify against you!

Behold, he puts no trust in His holy ones, and the heavens are not clean in His sight.

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Job 16

¶1. Then Job answered and said,

2. "I have heard many such things. Miserable comforters are *you* all!
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16. My face is contorted from my weeping, and on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death,
17. even though there is no cruelty in my hands. My prayer is pure!
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Job 19

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6. Know now that God has overthrown me, and encompassed me in His net.
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8. He has walled up my path, and I cannot go on; upon my paths has He laid darkness.
9. He has stripped me of my glory, and removed the crown from my head.
10. He has broken me down on every side, and I am gone.....
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My skin and my flesh cleave to my bones, and I have escaped with the skin of my teeth.
Have pity on me! Have pity on me, my friends! For the hand of God has touched me!

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Job 23

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3. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him! I would go to His house!
4. Let me lay out my case before Him, and fill my mouth with arguments!
5. Let me know the words that He would answer me, and understand what He would say to me!
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8. Behold, I go forward, but He is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
9. on the left hand where He is working, but I cannot behold Him; He is hiding Himself on the right hand so that I cannot see Him.
10. Still, He knows how it is with me, and when He has tried me, I will come forth like gold.
11. My foot has held fast to His steps. I have kept His way. I have not turned aside.
- 12a. Nor have I turned away from the commandment of His lips.
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12. By His power, He stirs up the sea, and by His understanding He strikes through the Proud One.
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Job 27

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5. I will never justify you! Until I die, I will not forsake my integrity!
6. I will hold fast my righteousness, and I will not let it go! My heart will not condemn me so long as I live!
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Job 29

- ¶1. And Job continued to utter his ? and said,
- 2. “Oh, that I was as in months past, as in the days when God protected me,
- 3. when His lamp shined upon my head, and by His light, I walked through darkness,
- 4. as when I was in my strength, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle,
- 5. when the Almighty was still with me, when my little ones were around me,
- 6. when I washed my steps with cream, and the rock poured out streams of oil for me,
- 7. when I went out to the gate of the city, when I set up my seat in the plaza!
- 8. The young men saw me and withdrew themselves, and the aged rose, and stood still.
- 9. Princes refrained from speaking, and laid their hand on their mouth.
- 10. The rulers hid their voice; their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth.
- 11. When the ear heard *me*, it blessed me, and when the eye saw *me*, it bore me witness,
- 12. because I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless, and *whoever had* no helper.
- 13. The blessing of the man about to perish came upon me, and I made the widow’s heart to cry out with joy.
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- 15. I was eyes to the blind, and I was feet to the lame.
- 16. I was a father to the needy, and
- 17. I crushed the jaws of the unjust and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.
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- 21. Men waited and listened for me, and grew silent at my counsel.
- 22. After my words, they did not *speak* again, and my speech dropped upon them.
- 23. They waited for me as the rain
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- 25. I examined their ways and sat as chief among them, and I lived like a king with an army, as one who comforts the mournful.

Job 30

- ¶1. But now, those younger than I mock me, whose fathers I would have refused to put among the dogs of my flock.
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8. *They are* fools, worthless people, *the kind* driven out of the land with whips.
9. But now, I have become their song. I am a byword to them.
10. They loathe me; they keep far from me, and do not hesitate to spit in my face.
11. Because He has let loose His bowstring and brought me low, they throw off the bridle at the sight of me.
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21. You have become cruel to me; with your mighty hand, you assault me.
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14. Though God speaks once, yea, twice, man does not perceive it,
15. in a dream, a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, in slumberings on a bed.
16. Then He opens the ear of men and makes their instruction sure,
17. to turn man from *his own* way and hide pride from man.
18. He keeps his soul from the pit and his life from perishing by the sword.¹
19. Or he is disciplined with pain upon his bed or with a persistent conflict in his bones,
20. so that his being loathes food, and his soul, its favorite food.
21. His flesh wastes away from sight, and his bones that were not seen appear,
22. and his soul draws near the pit, and his life, to those who put to death.
23. If there is an angel over him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show a man His uprightness,
24. then He is gracious to him and says, “Deliver him from going down to the pit! I have found a ransom.”
25. His flesh will be fresher than a child’s. He will return to the days of his youth.
26. He will pray to God, and He will accept him, and he will see His face with a shout of joy. And then, He will restore to a man his righteousness.
27. He observes men, and he says, “I sinned and perverted what is right, and it did not profit me.
28. He has redeemed my soul from going over into the pit; yea, my life will see the light.”
29. Behold, all these things God works twice, three times with man
30. to turn his soul back from the pit, that he might be enlightened by the light of the living.
31. Pay attention, Job! Listen to me! Be silent, and I will speak!
32. If there is something to say, answer me! Speak! For I would be pleased to justify you.
33. If not, then listen to me! Be silent, and I will teach you wisdom.

Job 34

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29. When He orders peace, who can make trouble? And when He hides His face, who can see Him, whether it *be done to* a nation or a single man?
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31. Dare it be said to God, "I have borne *chastisement, yet*; I did not do wrong.
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5. Look at the heavens, and see! And behold the clouds which are higher than you!
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13. He causes it to happen, whether for chastisement, or for His land, or for mercy.
- 14 Give ear to this, O Job! Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.
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Job 41

- ¶1. Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or his tongue with a cord which you let down?
2. Can you put an hook into his nose, or bore his jaw through with a thorn?
3. Will he make many supplications to you? Will he speak soft words to you?
4. Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him for a servant forever?
5. Will you play with him as with a bird?
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- ¶1. Then Job answered the LORD and said,
 2. “I know that you can do anything; not even an intent can be kept from you.
 3. Who am I? Perverting counsel with ignorance, I went on, making declarations, but I have no understanding. It is not in me to comprehend things beyond my power.
 4. Hear, I beg you, and I will speak! I am asking you, for you make me know.
 5. I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you.
 6. It makes me despise myself, and I repent in dirt and ashes.”
7. And it came to pass, after Jehovah spoke these words to Job, that Jehovah said to Eliphaz the Temanite,
 8. “My wrath is kindled against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken what is right about me, as my servant Job has.”
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