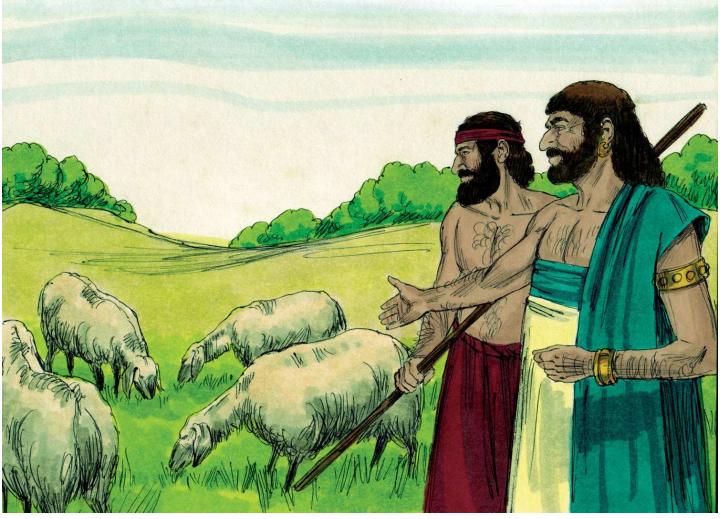
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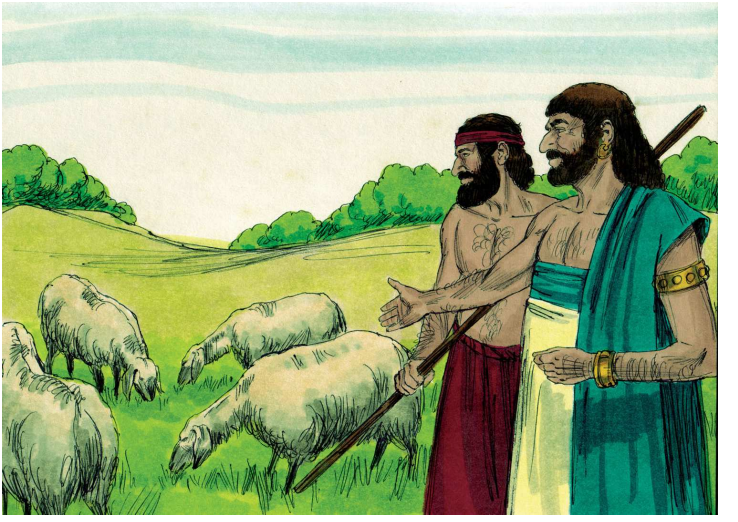
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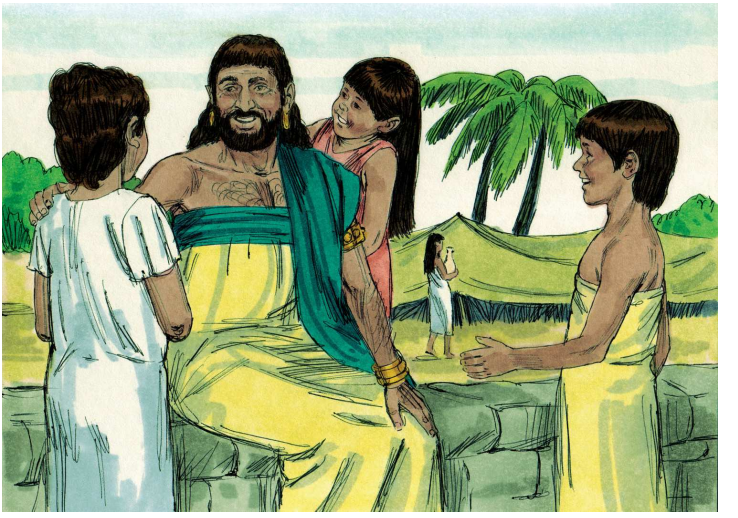
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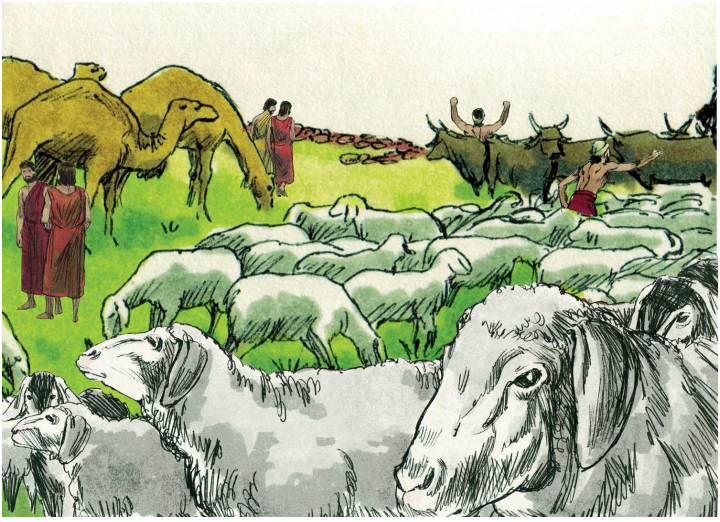
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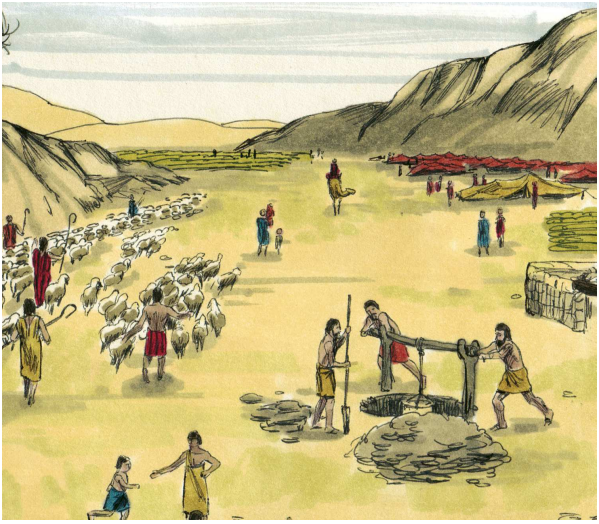
Many years ago a man named Job lived in the land of Uz. Job was a good, honest man. He worshiped God and avoided evil.



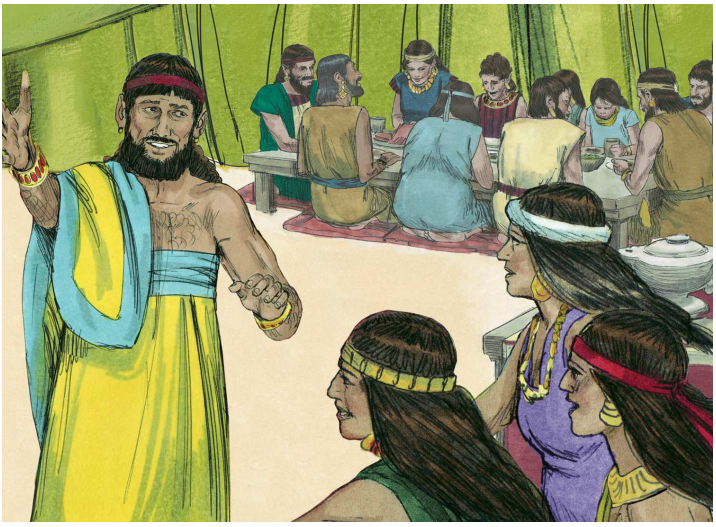
Job had seven sons and three daughters.



He owned 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 1000 oxen and 500 donkeys.



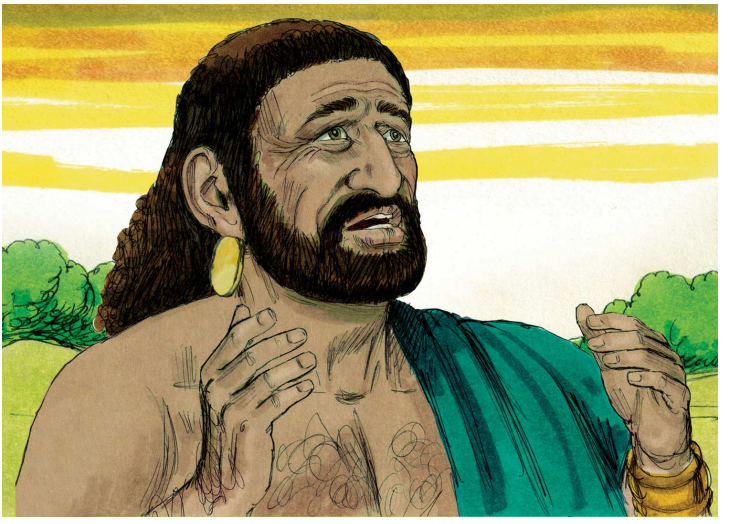
He had many servants and was the greatest man of all the people in the East.



Job's sons took turns holding feasts in their homes. Each time they invited their three sisters to eat and drink with them.



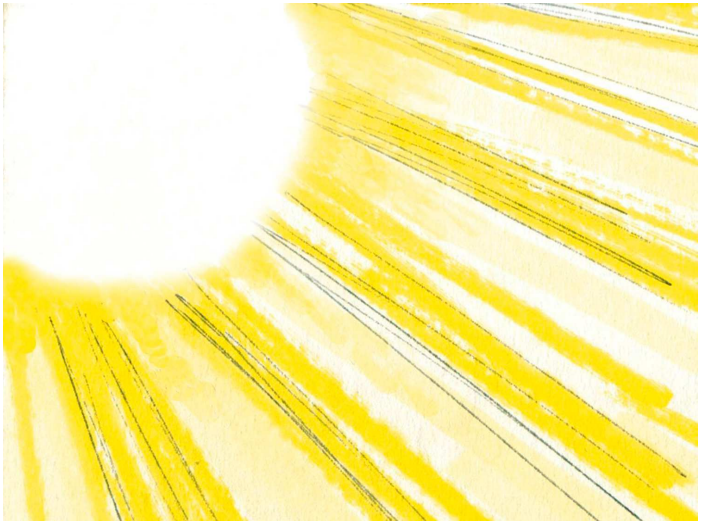
After the days of feasting, Job would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of his children.



Job was thinking, “Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” This was Job’s regular custom.



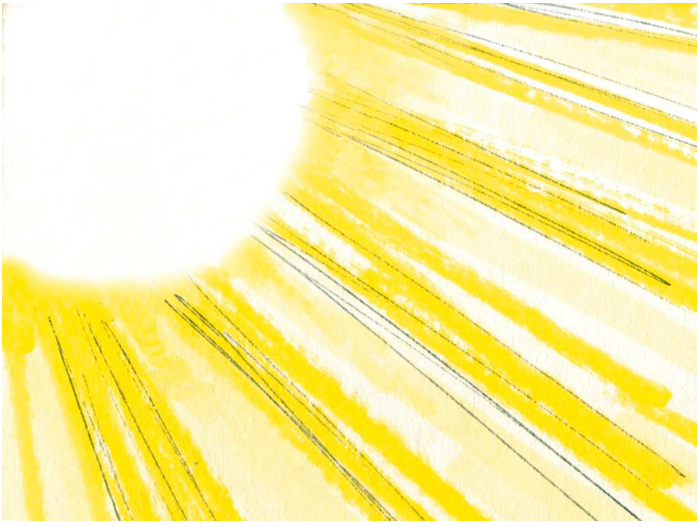
One day the angels came before God, and Satan also came with them.



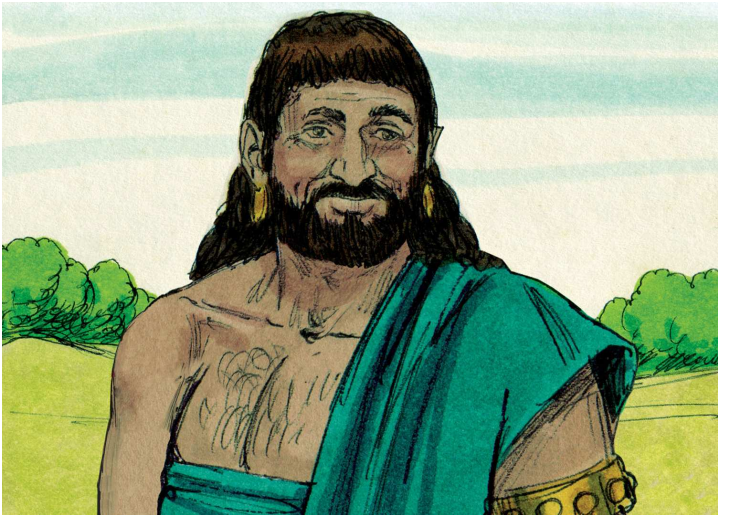
The Lord asked Satan, “Where have you been?”



Satan answered, “I have been roaming throughout the earth.”



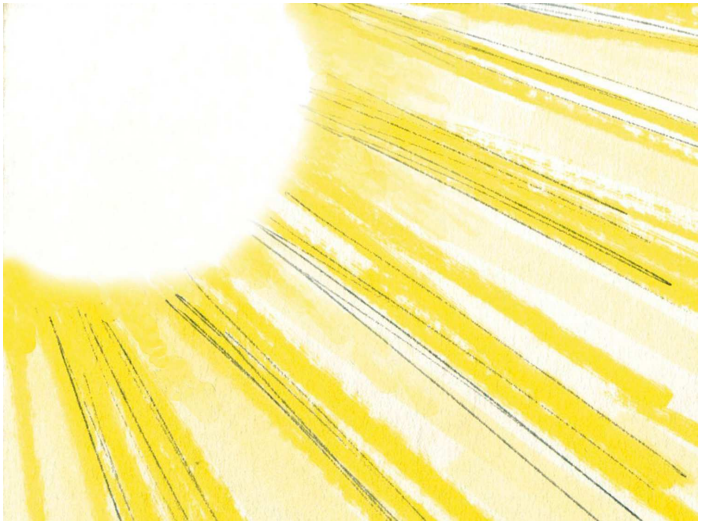
God said, “Have you noticed my servant Job?”



“He is a man of complete integrity–the finest man on earth. He fears God and avoids evil.”



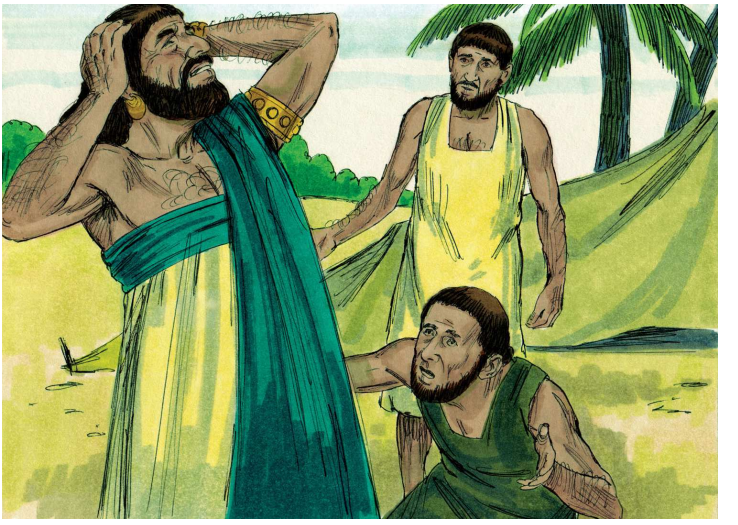
Satan replied to the Lord, “Of course Job fears you. You have always protected him and made him prosper. If you take away everything he has, he will surely curse you.”



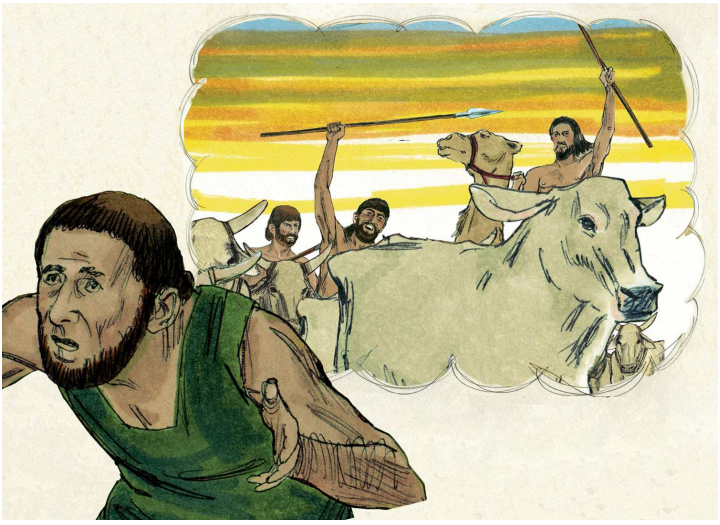
Then the Lord said to Satan, “I will allow you to go and test Job. Do whatever you want with everything he has, but do not harm his body.”



Then Satan left the Lord's presence.



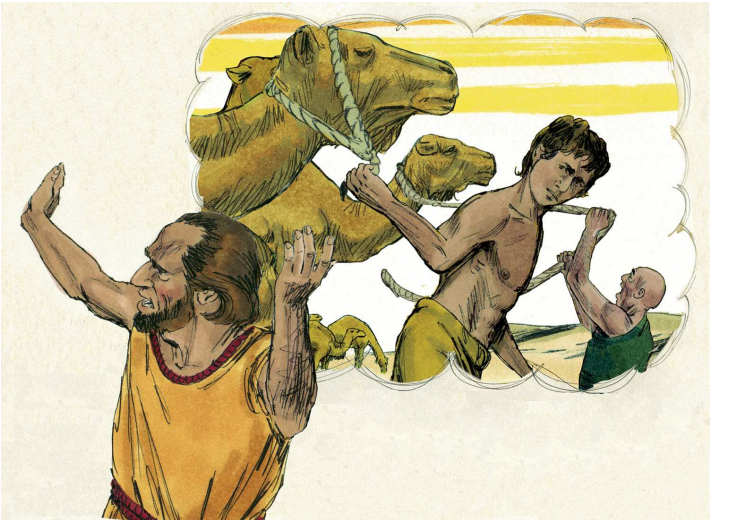
On one day when all Job's children were feasting at their oldest brother's home, a messenger came to Job and said, "Your enemies, the Sabeans, have attacked us."



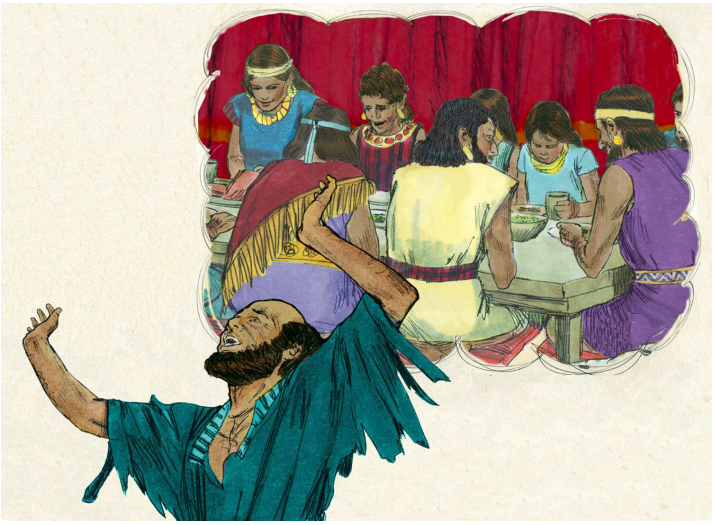
“They killed all your farmhands and stole all your oxen and donkeys. And only I escaped.”



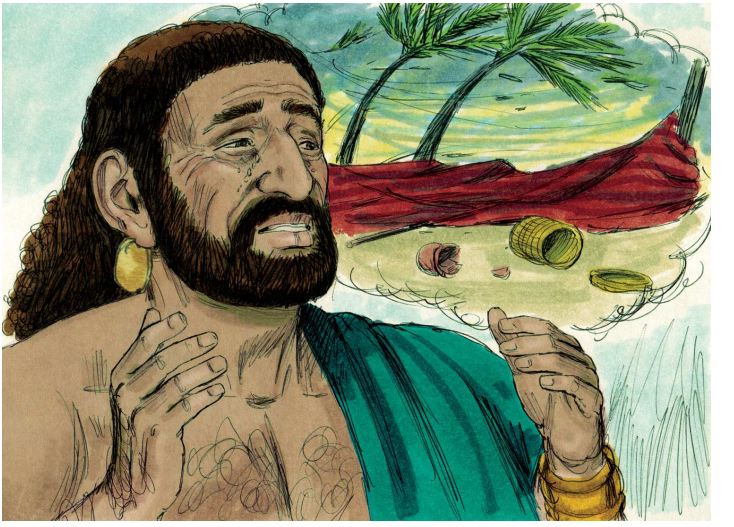
While he was still speaking, another messenger came, and said, “The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up all your sheep and shepherds. And only I escaped.”



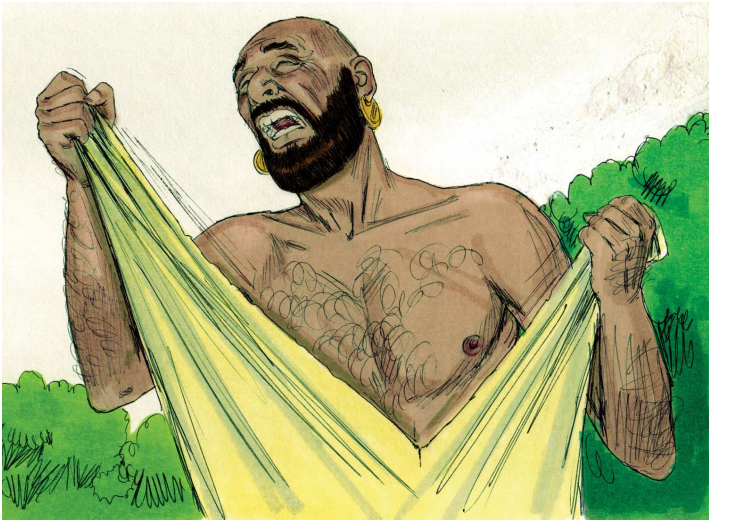
While he was still speaking a third messenger arrived, and said, “Enemy Chaldean raiders came, killed your servants and stole all your camels. And only I escaped.”



While this messenger was telling his news, another messenger came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking together in their oldest brother’s house.”



“Then suddenly, *a* mighty wind struck the house. The house coll*a*psed on them *a*nd *a*ll your children died. And only I esc*a*ped.”



When Job heard this, he got up, shaved his head and tore his robe to show his grief, and he worshiped God.



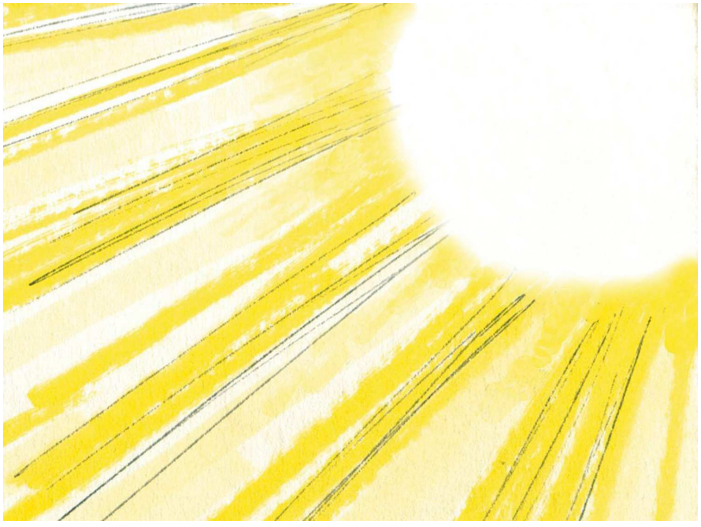
As he worshiped, Job fell to the ground and said, “I was born without anything and I will die without anything.”



“The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. May the name of the Lord be praised.” During all these troubles, Job did not sin or accuse God of wrongdoing.



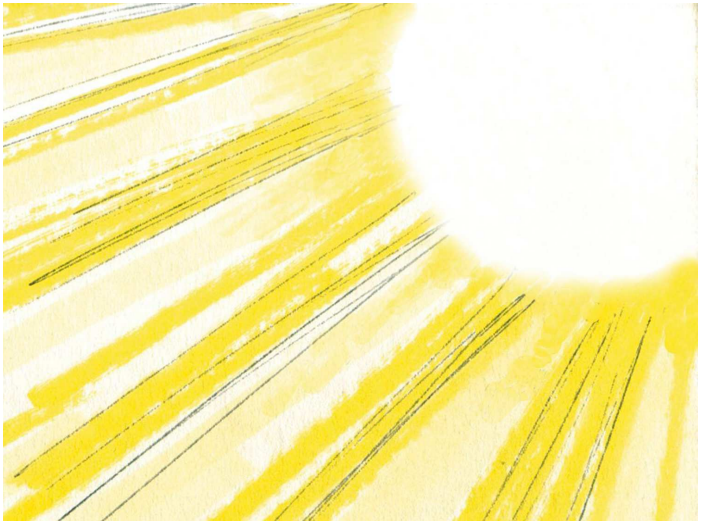
The angels came before the LORD again. Satan was there too. God said to him,



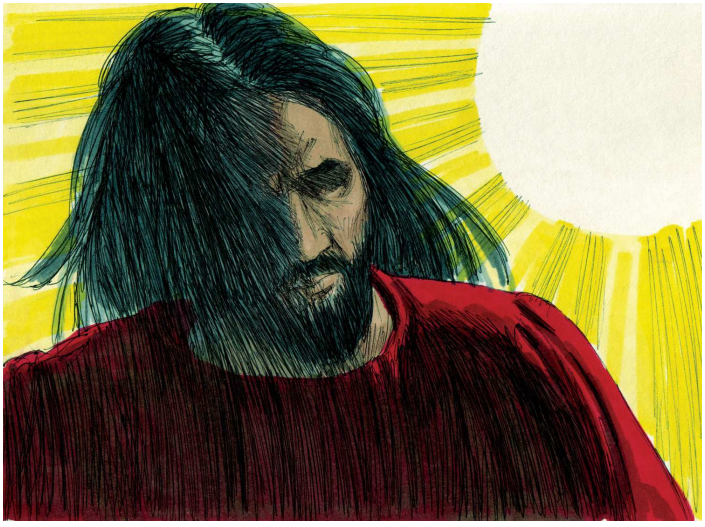
“Even though I allowed you to ruin Job for no reason, he has remained faithful to me.”



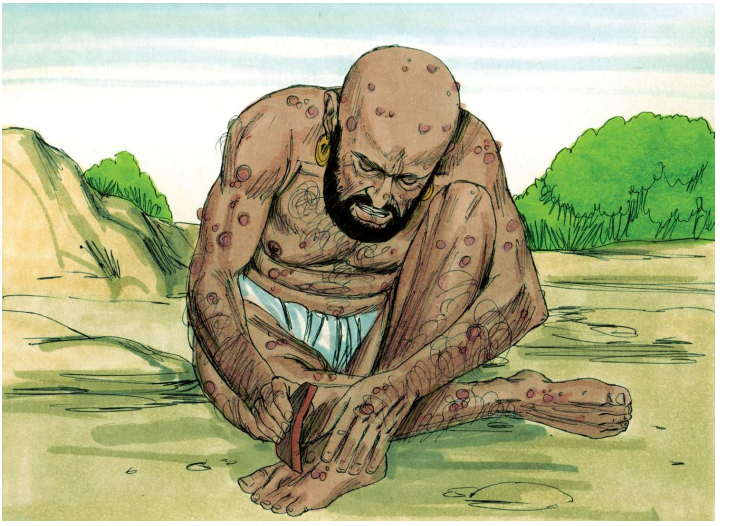
Satan replied, “A man will give up everything for his own life. If you strike his body, he will curse you.”



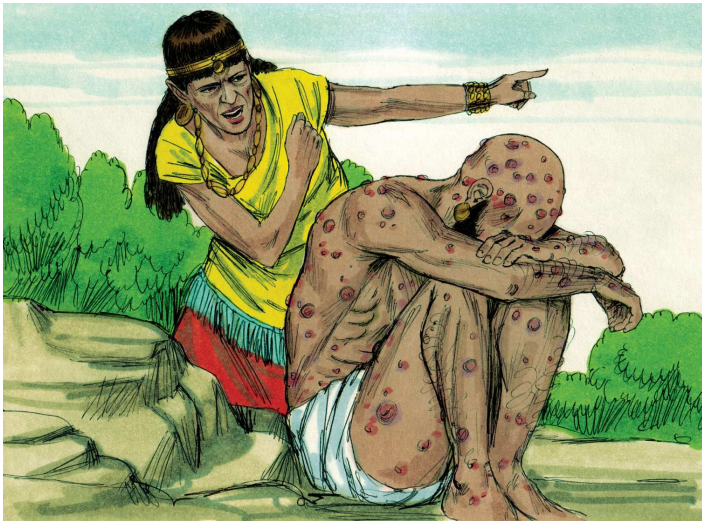
God answered, “Ok, you may do to him as you like, but do not kill him.”



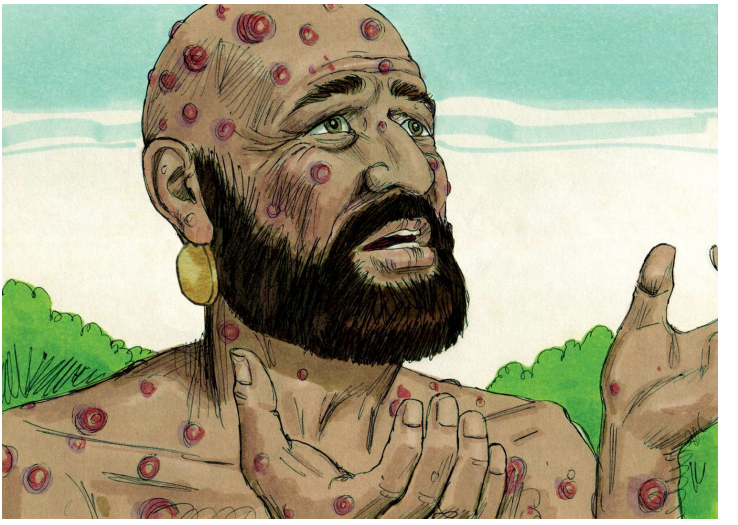
So Satan left the presence of God.



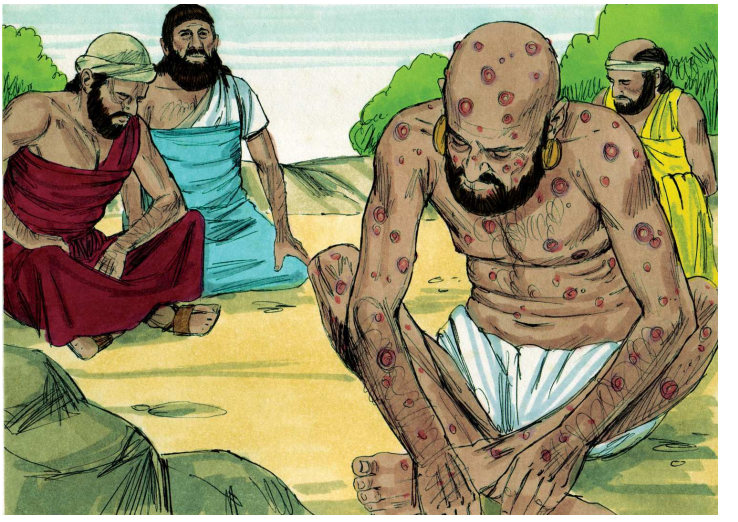
Satan afflicted Job with painful sores from his head to his feet. Then Job sat in ashes and scraped himself with a piece of broken pottery.



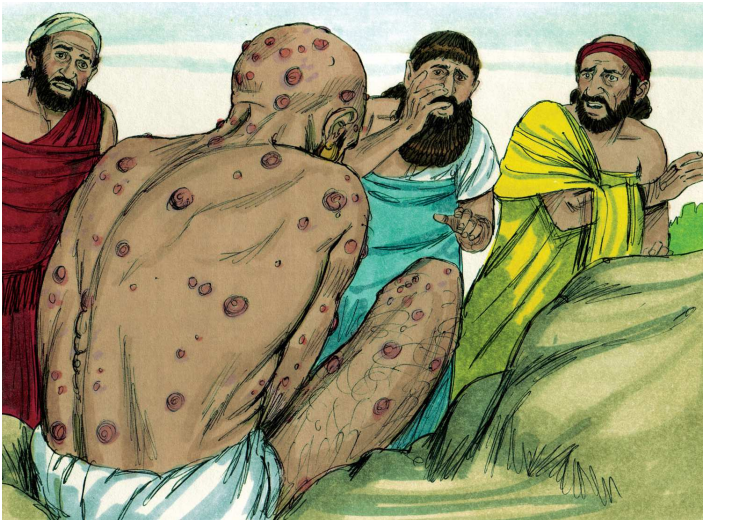
His wife said to him, “Why are you still trying to be good? Curse God and die.”



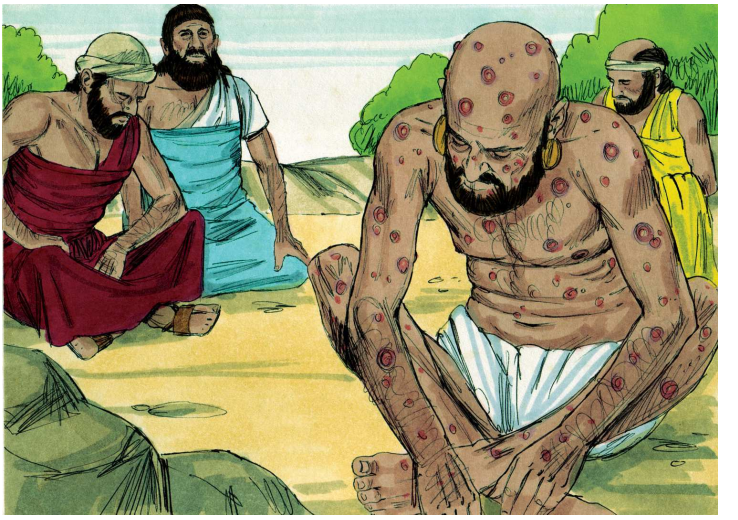
Job replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. We should accept both good and bad things from God.” During all of his sufferings, Job did not speak against God.



When three of Job's friends heard of his suffering, they traveled a long way from their homes to sit with him and comfort him.



When they saw Job, they hardly recognized him. They wept aloud, tore their robes and threw dust upon themselves to show their grief.



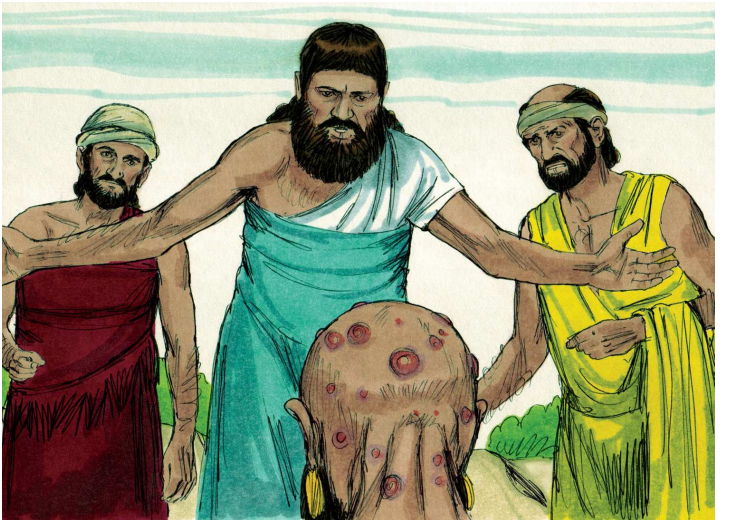
Then they sat on the ground near Job for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word because they could see how much Job was suffering.



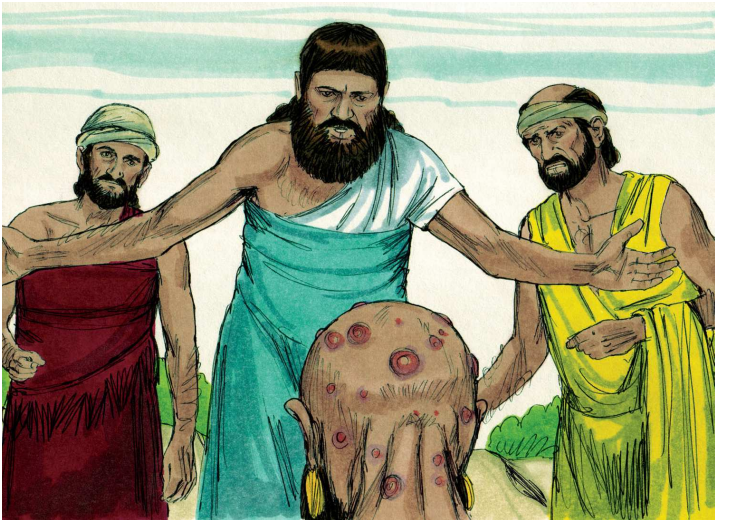
Then Job said, “Why was I ever born? That day was a terrible day.”



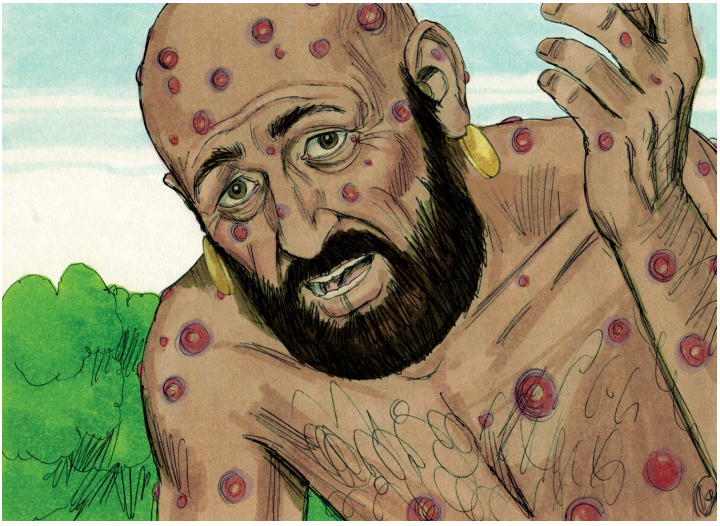
“I wish I had died at birth. If I had died, I would have peace. Now I have no peace, no rest. I only have trouble.”



His friend Eliphaz responded, “Job, you have helped others, now listen to me. People who do the right thing are blessed by God, but God punishes those who do evil.”



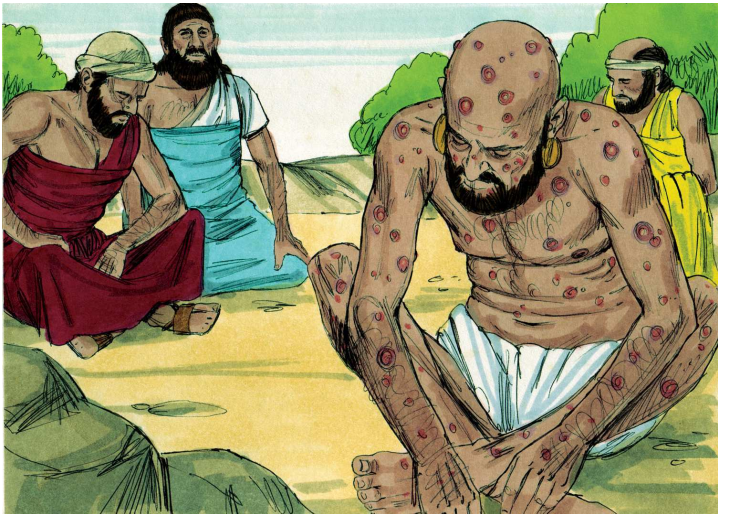
“God is just and gives people what they deserve. When God corrects you, do not despise His discipline. If I were you, I would appeal to God and tell Him you have done wrong.”



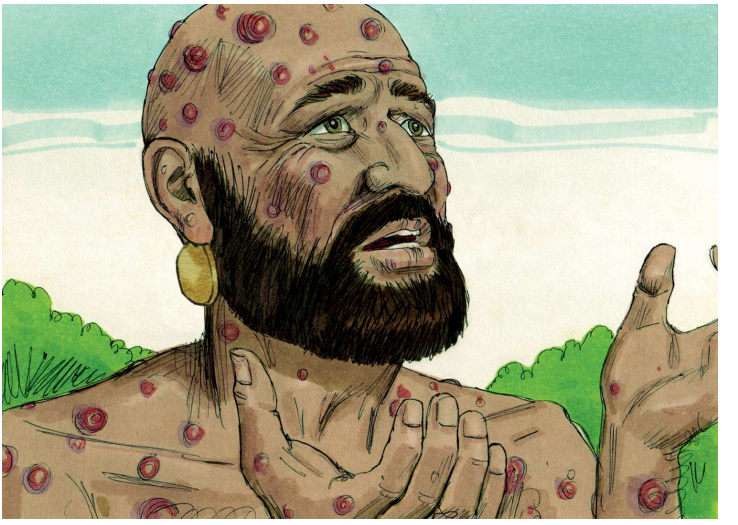
Job answered saying, “God is treating me very harshly. I know He is the holy One, and I have no power to help myself.”



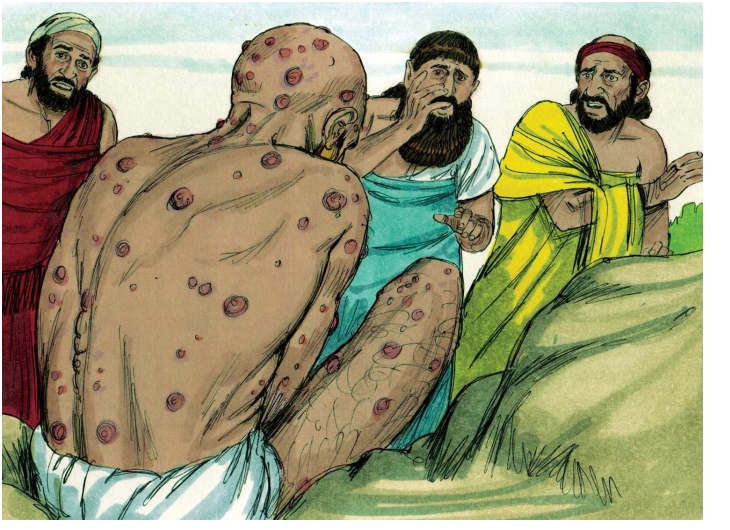
“And you, my friends, are no help. Your arguments prove nothing. I will speak out. I will not be silent in my anguish. God is treating me like a target.”



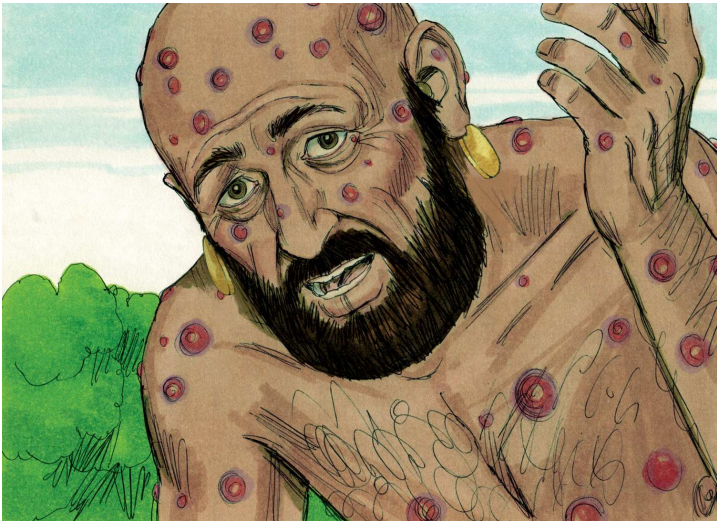
His friend Bildad answered him, “Don’t talk like that. God is always just.”



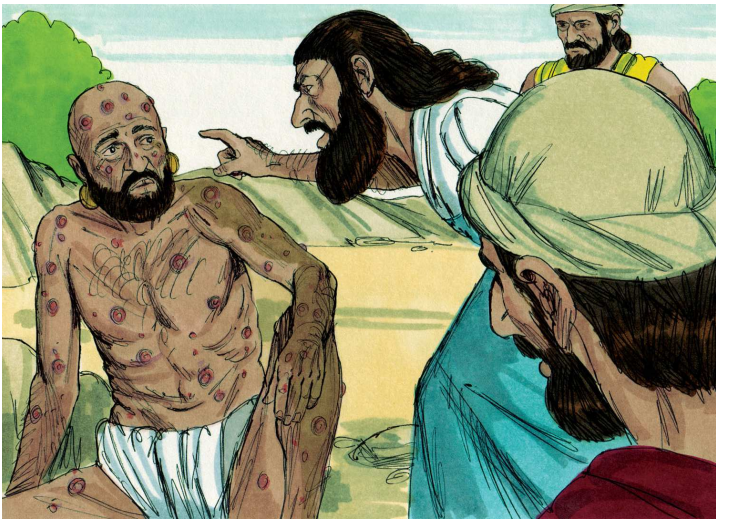
Job said, “I know that is true. A mortal man can never be totally innocent before God. We are helpless before Him.”



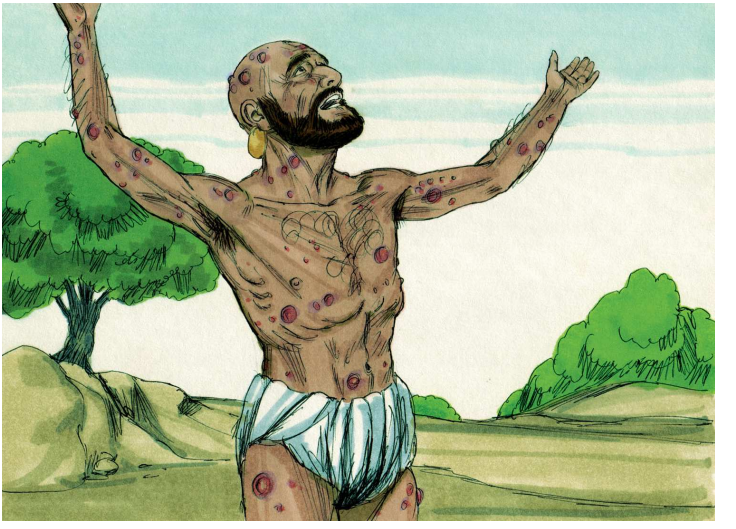
Then his friend Zophar spoke, “No one can understand God, but if you turn away from your sin, you will have hope again.” They talked back and forth like this for a long time.



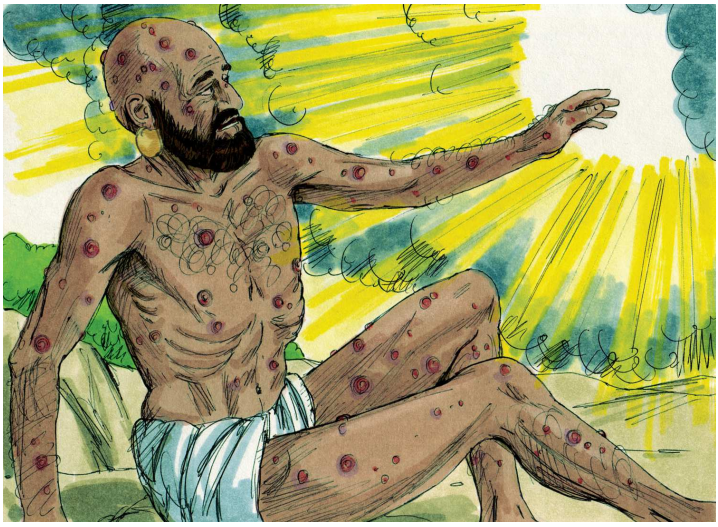
Then Job replied, “You, my friends, laugh at me. You do not understand that I am innocent. You are not sympathetic towards me at all.”



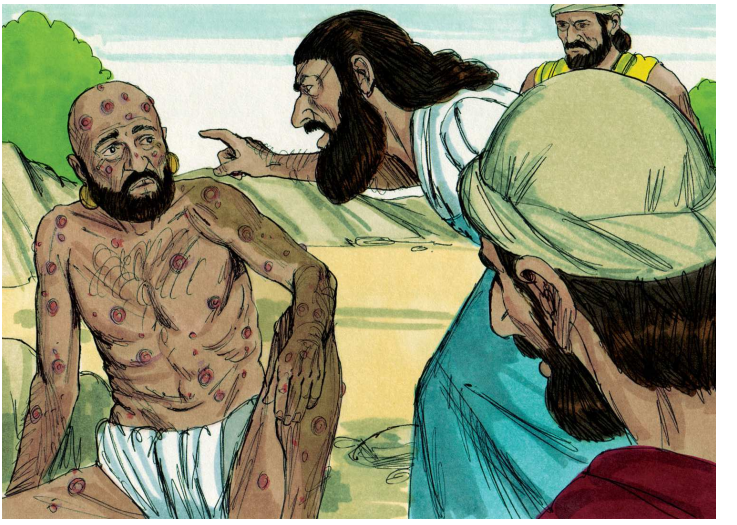
Eliphaz spoke again, “Job, you are not as wise as you think you are. The wealth of wicked people will not last. They live in distress and pain because they arrogantly oppose God Almighty.”



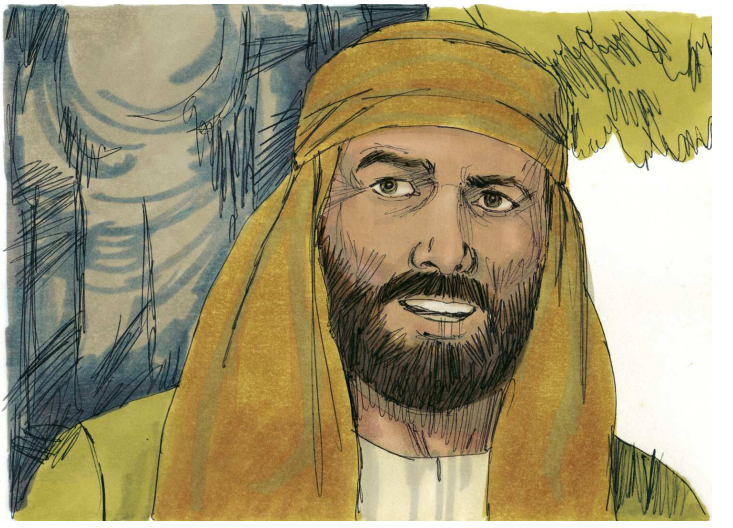
Job said to them, “You all are miserable comforters. God has broken me, yet my hands have never harmed anyone and my prayers are pure.”



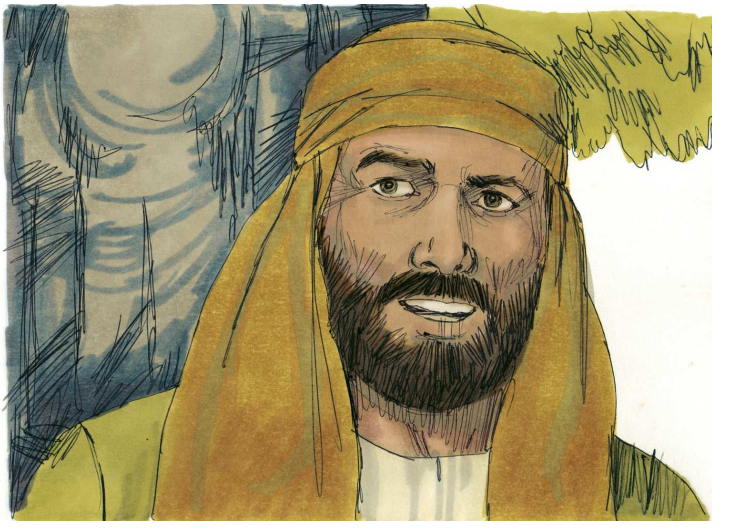
“All my friends have deserted me, yet I know that my Redeemer lives. In the end He will stand upon the earth. After my body is no more, I will see God with my own eyes. How my heart yearns for that day.”



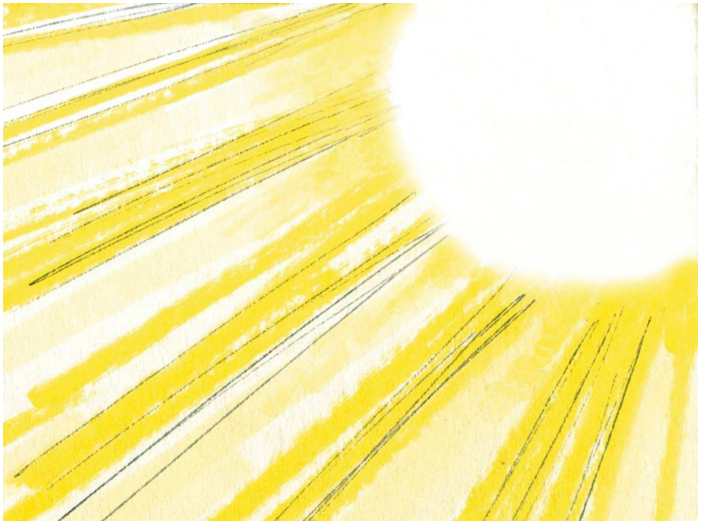
But Job's friends continued to accuse him of sinning; and Job continued to declare his innocence.



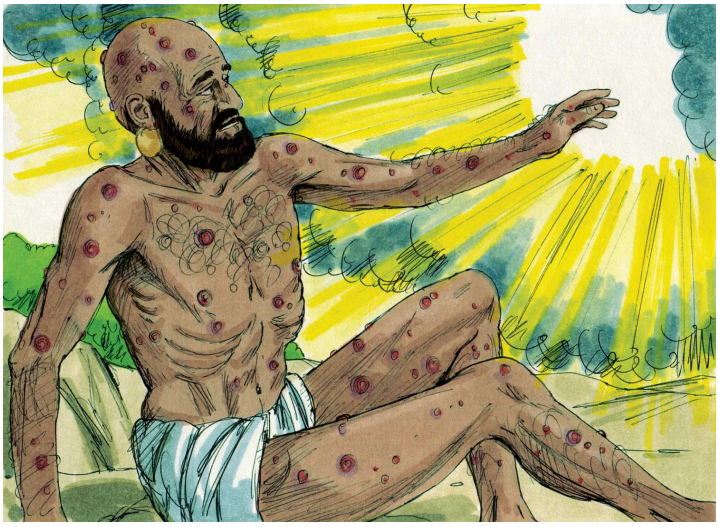
A young man named Elihu had been listening to all of this. He became angry with Job and his three friends and said,



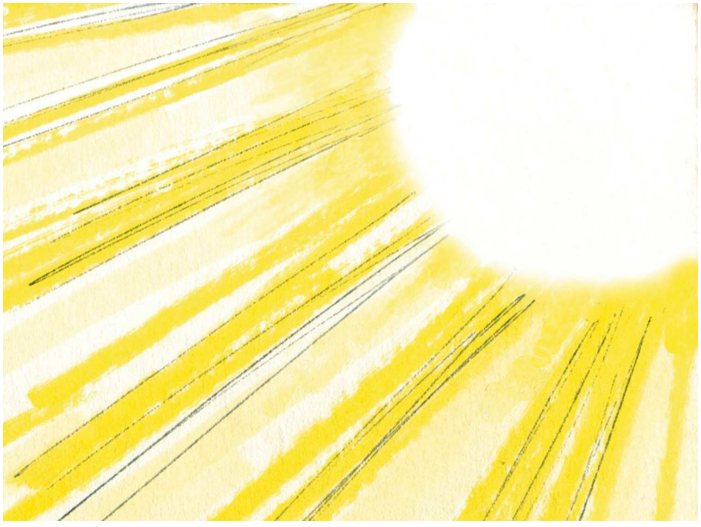
“None of you are right. God is greater than man. He will not reward you when you refuse to repent. God is exalted in his power. There is no teacher like him. Stop and consider His wonders.”



Then the Lord answered Job out of a wind storm, “Prepare yourself and I will question you. You were not there when I created the earth, were you? I set the boundaries of the seas. You do not know where the gates of death are located, do you?”



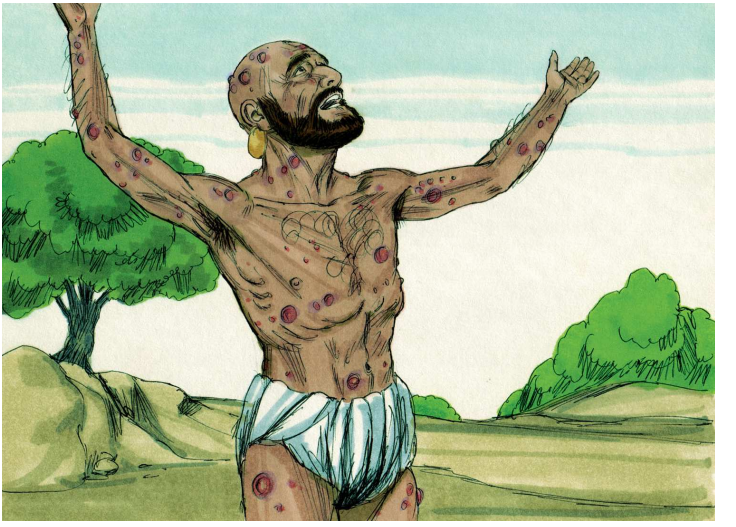
“You do not know the way to the source of light, do you? I am the one who justly controls the whole world and everything in it.”



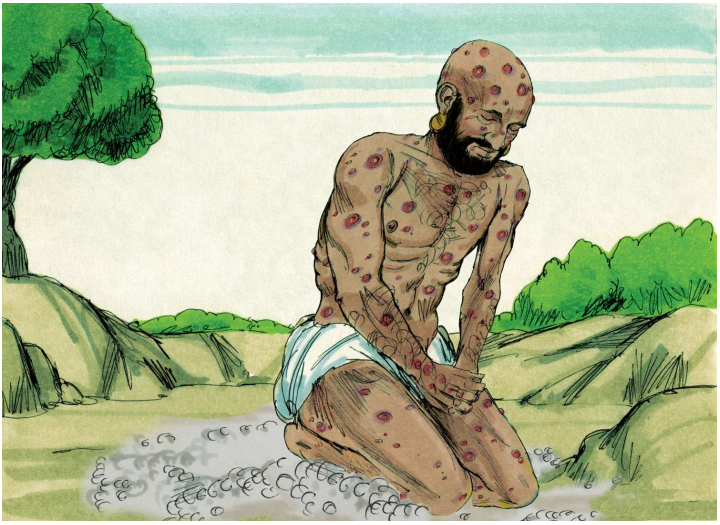
“I placed the wild animals in the wild. I give horses their strength and bravery. My wisdom and command make the hawks and eagles soar. Do you still want to argue with the Almighty God?”



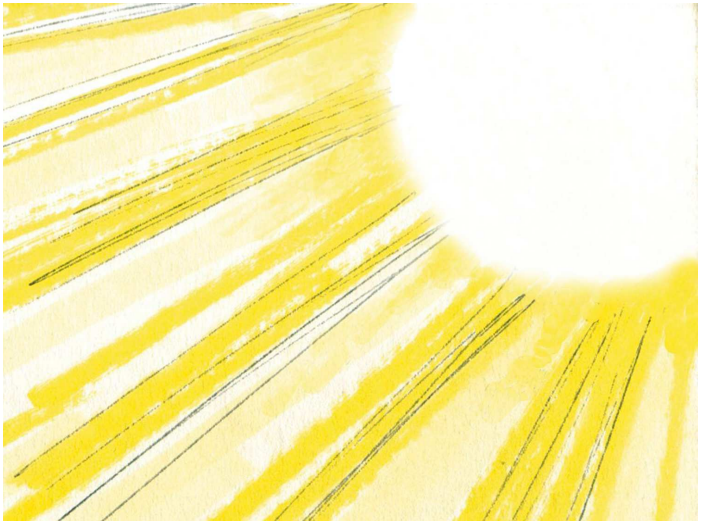
Then Job replied to the Lord, “I am completely unworthy to answer you. I will cover my mouth. I have nothing more to say.”



“Lord, I am unworthy. I was talking about things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. In the past my ears have heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you.”



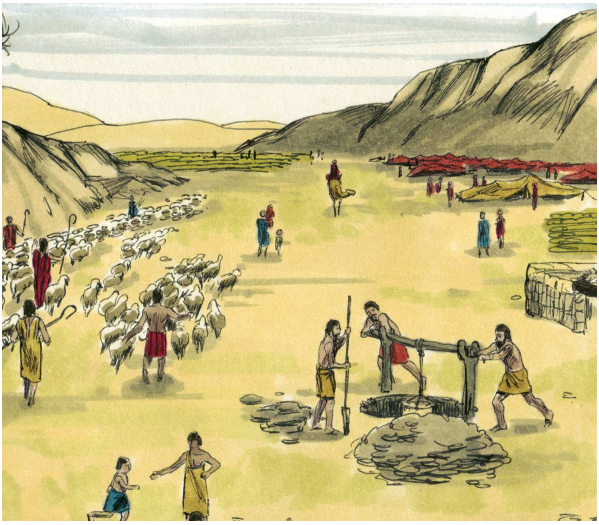
“I am ashamed of what I said. I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”



After the Lord finished talking to Job, the Lord told Eliphaz, "I am angry with you and your two friends. You did not speak the truth about me. So, take seven bulls and seven rams and offer a burnt offering to me for yourselves."



“My servant Job will pray for you, and I will not punish you as you deserve, even though you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.”



The Lord blessed the second part of Job's life more than the first. He had twice as many sheep, camels, oxen and donkeys.



Job also had more children—7 sons and 3 beautiful daughters. Job lived 140 years after all his suffering and saw four generations of his children and their children. Then he died, an old man who had lived a long, full life.

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