



Eternal PERSPECTIVE Job

BIBLE TEXT | JOB 2:1-10

1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. **2** And the Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." **3** And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." **4** Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. **5** But stretch out your hand and touch 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; only spare his life." **7** So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. **8** And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes. **9** Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." **10** But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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Hello friends! Studying through the book of Job has not been easy. It's typically a book that many people pass over, or struggle to understand. I have prayed earnestly for the Lord to teach me from this passage, and for it to encourage you. As I was observing the text and getting a grasp on the context of what was happening in Job's life in Chapter 1, I



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tried to view this story through the lens of a God-fearing man with deep sorrow, and his wife that just lost everything. Please go back and read Chapter 1 so you can get the full scale of what just happened. To understand the pain and loss in Job's heart and mind is near impossible for many of us. The amazing thing in this story is that Job maintains his integrity throughout the worst of trials. We find in Chapter 2 that Job is tested again by Satan with painful sores that torment him from head to toe (verse 7). Then, we see Job sitting in ashes, scraping himself with a piece of broken pottery to battle against the torment of the sores (verse 8).

Job was experiencing extreme anguish and grief, but he did not lose heart in his faith in God. We see Satan try and break Job from his faith in God but see Job's wife break instead (verse 9). She wanted Job to give up on God, as if following God was no longer profitable in her eyes; life here on earth is over. Her joy and contentment were in the tangible things here on earth. I love Job's response to his wife. He rebukes her by saying, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all of this Job did not sin (verse 10).

I cannot relate my sufferings on this earth to what Job and his wife experienced. Looking back on what I have gone through, which has been very difficult, my wife and I have never lost our faith or encouraged each other to give up on God. I'm so thankful to have a wife that fears the Lord and pursues Christ by abiding daily in God's Word. She knows where her true nourishment is found, and prays for me daily. I am encouraged by Job in his steadfastness in remaining faithful amid trials and tribulations. I am also reminded of what God's Word says about trials that we will face; even what Jesus himself says about them. I pray that whatever trials you may face, that you will remain steadfast in Christ. He is our hope, our strength, and our salvation. Please read these Scriptures below.

James 1:2-4 - "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

James 5:11 - "Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful."

Romans 8:18 - "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

John 16:33 - Jesus says "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



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Questions:

1. Do you struggle to quickly complain when you go through trials? Please read Romans 5:1-5
2. Do you trust God in difficult times, or just when things are going well?
3. Do you only love God when He gives you good things that are tangible? If those things were taken away, where would your love go? This was Satan's challenge to Job.