

Job 1:1

There was a man in the land of Uz  
whose name was Job,  
and that man was blameless and upright,  
one who feared God  
and turned away from evil.

Job 1:6-12

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

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.”

Job 1:6-12

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?”

Job 1:6-12

Then Satan answered the LORD and said,  
“Does Job fear God for no reason?  
Have you not put a hedge around him  
and his house and all that he has, on every side?  
You have blessed the work of his hands,  
and his possessions have increased in the land.

“But stretch out your hand  
and touch all that he has,  
and he will curse you to your face.”

Job 1:6-12

And the LORD said to Satan,

“Behold, all that he has is in your hand.

Only against him do not stretch out your hand.”

So Satan went out

from the presence of the LORD.

Job 1:20-22

Then Job arose and tore his robe  
and shaved his head and fell on the ground  
and worshiped. And he said,  
“Naked I came from my mother's womb,  
and naked shall I return.  
The LORD gave,  
and the LORD has taken away;  
blessed be the name of the LORD.”

In all this Job did not sin  
or charge God with wrong.

Job 2:9-13

Then his wife said to him,  
“Do you still hold fast your integrity?  
Curse God and die.”

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.

Job 2:9-13

Now when Job's three friends heard  
of all this evil that had come upon him,  
they came each from his own place,  
Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite,  
and Zophar the Naamathite.

They made an appointment together to come  
to show him sympathy and comfort him.  
And when they saw him from a distance,  
they did not recognize him.

Job 2:9-13

And they raised their voices and wept,  
and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust  
on their heads toward heaven.

And they sat with him on the ground  
seven days and seven nights,  
and no one spoke a word to him,  
for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Job 3:26

“I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;  
I have no rest, but trouble comes.”

Job 4:5-8

“But now it has come to you, and you are impatient;  
it touches you, and you are dismayed.  
Is not your fear of God your confidence,  
and the integrity of your ways your hope?

“Remember: who that was innocent ever perished?  
Or where were the upright cut off?  
As I have seen,  
those who plow iniquity and sow trouble  
reap the same.”

Job 4:17-19; 5:1

“Can mortal man be in the right before God?

Can a man be pure before his Maker?

Even in his servants he puts no trust,

and his angels he charges with error;

how much more those who dwell in houses of clay,

whose foundation is in the dust,

who are crushed like the moth...

“Call now.

Is there anyone who will answer you?

To which of the holy ones will you turn?”

Job 5:1-9

“Surely vexation kills the fool,  
and jealousy slays the simple.  
I have seen the fool taking root,  
but suddenly I cursed his dwelling.  
His children are far from safety;  
they are crushed in the gate,  
and there is no one to deliver them.  
The hungry eat his harvest,  
and he takes it even out of thorns,  
and the thirsty pant after his wealth.”

Job 5:1-9

“For affliction does not come from the dust,  
nor does trouble sprout from the ground,  
but man is born to trouble  
as the sparks fly upward.

“As for me, I would seek God,  
and to God would I commit my cause,  
who does great things and unsearchable,  
marvelous things without number.”

Job 5:17, 27

“Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves;  
therefore despise not the discipline  
of the Almighty...

“Behold, this we have searched out; it is true.  
Hear, and know it for your good.”

Job 6:8-13

“Oh that I might have my request,  
and that God would fulfill my hope,  
that it would please God to crush me,  
that he would let loose his hand and cut me off!  
This would be my comfort;  
I would even exult in pain unsparing,  
for I have not denied  
the words of the Holy One.”

Job 6:8-13

“What is my strength, that I should wait?  
And what is my end, that I should be patient?  
Is my strength the strength of stones,  
or is my flesh bronze?  
Have I any help in me,  
when resource is driven from me?”

Job 6:14, 24-26

“He who withholds kindness from a friend  
forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

“Teach me, and I will be silent;  
make me understand how I have gone astray.  
How forceful are upright words!  
But what does reproof from you reprove?  
Do you think that you can reprove words,  
when the speech of a despairing man is wind?”

Job 7:7, 11

“Remember that my life is a breath;  
my eye will never again see good...

“Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;  
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;  
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.”

Job 7:17-21

“What is man, that you make so much of him,  
and that you set your heart on him,  
visit him every morning  
and test him every moment...?”

“Why have you made me your mark?  
Why have I become a burden to you?  
Why do you not pardon my transgression  
and take away my iniquity?  
For now I shall lie in the earth;  
you will seek me, but I shall not be.”

Job 8:1-7

Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:  
“How long will you say these things,  
and the words of your mouth be a great wind?  
Does God pervert justice?

Or does the Almighty pervert the right?

“If your children have sinned against him,  
he has delivered them into the hand  
of their transgression.”

Job 8:1-6

“If you will seek God  
and plead with the Almighty for mercy,  
if you are pure and upright,  
surely then he will rouse himself for you  
and restore your rightful habitation.”

Job 8:20-22

“Behold, God will not reject a blameless man,  
nor take the hand of evildoers.

He will yet fill your mouth with laughter,  
and your lips with shouting.

Those who hate you will be clothed with shame,  
and the tent of the wicked will be no more.”

Job 9:1-3

Then Job answered and said:

“Truly I know that it is so:

But how can a man be in the right before God?

If one wished to contend with him,

one could not answer him once

in a thousand times.”

Job 9:14-16, 19

“How then can I answer him,  
choosing my words with him?  
Though I am in the right,  
I cannot answer him;  
I must appeal for mercy to my accuser.  
If I summoned him and he answered me,  
I would not believe that  
he was listening to my voice...  
If it is a contest of strength, behold, he is mighty!  
If it is a matter of justice,  
who can summon him?”

Job 10:14-15

“If I sin, you watch me  
and do not acquit me of my iniquity.  
If I am guilty, woe to me!  
If I am in the right,  
I cannot lift up my head,  
for I am filled with disgrace  
and look on my affliction.”

Job 10:20-22

“Are not my days few?

Then cease, and leave me alone,  
that I may find a little cheer before I go –  
and I shall not return –  
to the land of darkness and deep shadow,  
the land of gloom like thick darkness,  
like deep shadow without any order,  
where light is as thick darkness.”

Job 11:1-6

Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:  
“Should a multitude of words go unanswered,  
and a man full of talk be judged right?  
Should your babble silence men,  
and when you mock, shall no one shame you?  
For you say, ‘My doctrine is pure,  
and I am clean in God's eyes.’”

Job 11:1-6

“But oh, that God would speak  
and open his lips to you,  
and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom!  
For he is manifold in understanding.

“Know then that God exacts of you  
less than your guilt deserves.

Can you find out the deep things of God?

Can you find out the limit of the Almighty?”

Job 11:13-14

“If you prepare your heart,  
you will stretch out your hands toward him.  
If iniquity is in your hand,  
put it far away,  
and let not injustice dwell in your tents.”

Job 12:1-5

Then Job answered and said:

“No doubt you are the people,  
and wisdom will die with you.

But I have understanding as well as you;  
I am not inferior to you.

“Who does not know such things as these?  
I am a laughingstock to my friends;  
I, who called to God and he answered me,  
a just and blameless man,  
am a laughingstock.”

Job 12:1-5

“In the thought of one who is at ease  
there is contempt for misfortune;  
it is ready for those whose feet slip.”

Job 13:1-8

“Behold, my eye has seen all this,  
my ear has heard and understood it.  
What you know, I also know;  
I am not inferior to you.

“But I would speak to the Almighty,  
and I desire to argue my case with God.  
As for you, you whitewash with lies;  
worthless physicians are you all.  
Oh that you would keep silent,  
and it would be your wisdom!”

Job 13:1-8, 12

“Hear now my argument  
and listen to the pleadings of my lips.  
Will you speak falsely for God  
and speak deceitfully for him?  
Will you show partiality toward him?  
Will you plead the case for God?”

“Your maxims are proverbs of ashes;  
your defenses are defenses of clay.”

Job 13:15, 18, 23

“Though he slay me, I will hope in him;  
yet I will argue my ways to his face...

“Behold, I have prepared my case;  
I know that I shall be in the right...

“How many are my iniquities and my sins?  
Make me know my transgression and my sin.”

Job 14:1-2

“Man who is born of a woman  
is few of days and full of trouble.  
He comes out like a flower and withers;  
he flees like a shadow and continues not.”

Job 14:7-10

“There is hope for a tree, if it be cut down,  
that it will sprout again,  
and that its shoots will not cease.  
Though its root grow old in the earth,  
and its stump die in the soil,  
yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put out branches like a young plant.

“But a man dies and is laid low;  
man breathes his last, and where is he?”

Isaiah 11:1

There shall come forth a shoot  
from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots  
shall bear fruit.

Job 14:14-17

“If a man dies, shall he live again?

All the days of my service I would wait,  
till my renewal should come.

You would call, and I would answer you;  
you would long for the work of your hands.

For then you would number my steps;  
you would not keep watch over my sin;  
my transgression would be sealed up in a bag,  
and you would cover over my iniquity.”

Job 15:1-6

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:  
“Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge,  
and fill his belly with the east wind?  
Should he argue in unprofitable talk,  
or in words with which he can do no good?  
But you are doing away with the fear of  
God and hindering meditation before God.  
For your iniquity teaches your mouth,  
and you choose the tongue of the crafty.  
Your own mouth condemns you,  
and not I;  
your own lips testify against you.”

Job 15:12-16

“Why does your heart carry you away,  
and why do your eyes flash,  
that you turn your spirit against God  
and bring such words out of your mouth?

“What is man, that he can be pure?  
Or he who is born of a woman,  
that he can be righteous?

Behold, God puts no trust in his holy ones,  
and the heavens are not pure in his sight;  
how much less one who is abominable and corrupt,  
a man who drinks injustice like water!”

Job 16:18-22

“O earth, cover not my blood,  
and let my cry find no resting place.  
Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven,  
and he who testifies for me is on high.

“My friends scorn me;  
my eye pours out tears to God,  
that he would argue the case of a man with God,  
as a son of man does with his neighbor.  
For when a few years have come  
I shall go the way from which  
I shall not return.”

Job 18:1-5

Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

“How long will you hunt for words?

Consider, and then we will speak.

Why are we counted as cattle?

Why are we stupid in your sight?

“You who tear yourself in your anger,

shall the earth be forsaken for you,

or the rock be removed out of its place?

Indeed, the light of the wicked is put out,

and the flame of his fire does not shine.”

Job 19:1-3

Then Job answered and said:

“How long will you torment me  
and break me in pieces with words?  
These ten times you have cast reproach upon me;  
are you not ashamed to wrong me?”

Job 19:4-6

“And even if it be true that I have erred,  
my error remains with myself.

“If indeed you magnify yourselves against me  
and make my disgrace an argument against me,  
know then that God has put me in the wrong  
and closed his net about me.”

Job 19:7-8

“Behold, I cry out, ‘Violence!’  
but I am not answered;  
I call for help, but there is no justice.

“He has walled up my way,  
so that I cannot pass,  
and he has set darkness upon my paths.”

Job 19:9-12

“He has stripped from me my glory  
and taken the crown from my head.  
He breaks me down on every side,  
and I am gone,  
and my hope has he pulled up like a tree.

“He has kindled his wrath against me  
and counts me as his adversary.  
His troops come on together;  
they have cast up their siege ramp against me  
and encamp around my tent.”

Job 19:13-14

“He has put my brothers far from me,  
and those who knew me  
are wholly estranged from me.  
My relatives have failed me,  
my close friends have forgotten me.”

Job 19:15-17

“The guests in my house  
and my maidservants count me as a stranger;  
I have become a foreigner in their eyes.  
I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer;  
I must plead with him with my mouth for mercy.

“My breath is strange to my wife,  
and I am a stench to the children  
of my own mother.”

Job 19:18-20

“Even young children despise me;  
when I rise they talk against me.  
All my intimate friends abhor me,  
and those whom I loved have turned against me.

“My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh,  
and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.”

Job 19:21-22

“Have mercy on me, have mercy on me,  
O you my friends,  
for the hand of God has touched me!  
Why do you, like God, pursue me?  
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?”

Job 19:23-24

“Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!”

Job 19:25-27

“For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last  
he will stand upon the earth.

“And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!”

Job 19:25-27

“I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that in the end  
he will stand upon the earth.

“And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;  
I myself will see him with my own eyes –  
I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!”