

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.

1. There is an evil spirit, the enemy of God, and of all righteousness, who seeks continually to deceive, distress, and destroy us, i.e., Satan.
2. God permitted Job to be tried, as he suffered Peter to be sifted, by Satan.
3. Satan has no power to lead us astray, but what we give him ourselves; nor any power to afflict us but what is given from above.
4. God directs the affairs of the world.

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 13:3, 18

“But I would speak to the Almighty,
and I desire to argue my case with God...
Behold, I have prepared my case;
I know that I shall be in the right.”

Job 16:19-22

“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 23:3-7

“Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his seat!
I would lay my case before him
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would know what he would answer me
and understand what he would say to me.

“Would he contend with me
in the greatness of his power?
No; he would pay attention to me.
There an upright man could argue with him,
and I would be acquitted forever by my judge.”

Job 9:22-24

“It is all one; therefore I say,
He destroys both the blameless and the wicked.
When disaster brings sudden death,
he mocks at the calamity of the innocent.
The earth is given into the hand of the wicked;
he covers the faces of its judges –
if it is not he, who then is it?”

Job 21:7-15

“Why do the wicked live, reach old age,
and grow mighty in power?

Their offspring are established in their presence,
and their descendants before their eyes.

Their houses are safe from fear,
and no rod of God is upon them.

Their bull breeds without fail;
their cow calves and does not miscarry.

They send out their little boys like a flock,
and their children dance.”

Job 21:7-15

“They sing to the tambourine and the lyre
and rejoice to the sound of the pipe.
They spend their days in prosperity,
and in peace they go down to Sheol.

“They say to God, ‘Depart from us!
We do not desire the knowledge of your ways.
What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?
And what profit do we get if we pray to him?’”

Job 21:19-21

“You say, ‘God stores up their iniquity
for their children.’

Let him pay it out to them,
that they may know it.

Let their own eyes see their destruction,
and let them drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
For what do they care for their houses after them,
when the number of their months is cut off?”

Job 38:1-7

Then the LORD answered Job
out of the whirlwind and said:

“Who is this that darkens counsel
by words without knowledge?
Dress for action like a man;
I will question you,
and you make it known to me.”

Job 38:1-7

Where were you
when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements –
surely you know!

“Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Job 38:16-17

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness...?”

“Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
and where is the place of darkness.”

Job 38:25-27

“Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain
and a way for the thunderbolt,
to bring rain on a land where no man is,
on the desert in which there is no man,
to satisfy the waste and desolate land,
and to make the ground sprout with grass?”

Job 38:31-41

“Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades
or loose the cords of Orion?

Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season,
or can you guide the Bear with its children?

“Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?
Can you establish their rule on the earth?”

Job 38:31-41

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
that a flood of waters may cover you?
Can you send forth lightnings,
that they may go and say to you,
‘Here we are’?

“Who has put wisdom in the inward parts
or given understanding to the mind?
Who can number the clouds by wisdom?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods stick fast together?”

Job 38:31-41

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
when they crouch in their dens
or lie in wait in their thicket?

“Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God for help,
and wander about for lack of food?”

Job 39:1-2

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the does?
Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time
when they give birth?”

Job 40:1-5

And the LORD said to Job:

“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
He who argues with God,
let him answer it.”

Then Job answered the LORD and said:

“Behold, I am of small account;
what shall I answer you?

I lay my hand on my mouth.

I have spoken once,
and I will not answer;

twice, but I will proceed no further.”

Job 40:6-10

Then the LORD answered Job
out of the whirlwind and said:

“Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
Will you even put me in the wrong?
Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?
Have you an arm like God,
and can you thunder with a voice like his?

“Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity;
clothe yourself with glory and splendor.”

Job 40:15-19

“Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you;
he eats grass like an ox.

Behold, his strength in his loins,
and his power in the muscles of his belly.

He makes his tail stiff like a cedar;
the sinews of his thighs are knit together.

His bones are tubes of bronze,
his limbs like bars of iron.

“He is the first of the works of God;
let him who made him bring near his sword!”

Job 41:1-5

“Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook
or press down his tongue with a cord?
Can you put a rope in his nose
or pierce his jaw with a hook?

“Will he make many pleas to you?
Will he speak to you soft words?
Will he make a covenant with you
to take him for your servant forever?
Will you play with him as with a bird,
or will you put him on a leash for your girls?”

Job 41:7-22

“Can you fill his skin with harpoons
or his head with fishing spears?
Lay your hands on him; remember the battle –
you will not do it again!

“Behold, the hope of a man is false;
he is laid low even at the sight of him.
No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up.”

Job 41:7-22

“Who then is he who can stand before me?
Who has first given to me,
that I should repay him?
Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.”

Job 42:1-6

Then Job answered the LORD and said:

“I know that you can do all things,

and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me,

which I did not know.”

Job 42:1-6

“Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you.

“Therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!
Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?
Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay him?
For from him and through him
and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever!

Amen.

“Job never saw why he suffered.
But he saw God,
and that was enough.”

~Tim Keller

Psalm 37:1-7

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

Psalm 37:1-7

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one
who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!

Ecclesiastes 11:4-6

Whoever watches the wind will not plant;
whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.
As you do not know the path of the wind,
or how the body is formed in a mother's womb,
so you cannot understand the work of God,
the Maker of all things.

Sow your seed in the morning,
and at evening let not your hands be idle,
for you do not know which will succeed,
whether this or that,
or whether both will do equally well.”

Psalm 37:3-5

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act...

Be still before the LORD,
and wait patiently for him.

1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when,
mindful of God, one endures sorrows
while suffering unjustly.

For what credit is it if, when you sin
and are beaten for it, you endure?
But if when you do good and suffer for it
you endure, this is a gracious thing
in the sight of God.

1 Peter 2:19-25

For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example,
so that you might follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:19-25

He committed no sin,
neither was deceit found in his mouth.
When he was reviled,
he did not revile in return;
when he suffered, he did not threaten,
but continued entrusting himself to him
who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:19-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.
For you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned to the Shepherd
and Overseer of your souls.

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution
or famine or nakedness or danger or sword...?

No, in all these things
we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

Romans 8:35-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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!”