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**Course:** A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

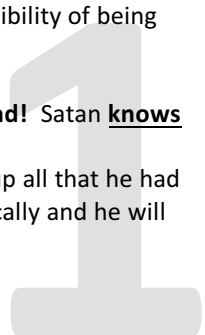
**Lesson:** 20\_4 - God, Job, Satan - Why Suffering? (Job 2)

**For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.**

(Romans 15:4)

## **Another Day** (Job 2:1-6)

- We do not know how many days have gone by between the close of chapter one and the beginning of chapter two.
- The scene is exactly like the first one in 1:6-7.
- **NOTE AGAIN** that it is the Lord who takes the initiative. God had purpose for all that He does!
- **NOTICE** that Satan had nothing to boast about! Satan lost his "contest" with God! (see 1:9-11) Job **did** worship when all was taken away from him!
- Again God asks Satan if he considered **My** servant . . .
  - "there is none like him on earth!"
  - "a blameless and upright man"
  - "one who **fears** God"
  - "one who **shuns** evil"
  - "one who **holds fast** to his integrity (Lauterkeit)"
- (v 3) **NOTE CAREFULLY** that God accepts the responsibility of being the Agent behind the attacks on Job!
- (v. 3) **"without cause"**
- (vv. 4-5) Satan again tells God to **stretch out HIS hand**! Satan knows that he has no power to do as he would like!
- (vv. 4-5) Satan says, "Any man would certainly give up all that he had if his own life was spared! Make Job suffer physically and he will curse you to your face!" **SKIN for skin!**



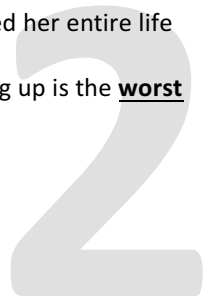
- (v. 6) God gives Satan permission (and the power) to do whatever he pleases to Job. **BUT** God also limits Satan by not giving Satan power over Job's life!

### **Satan's Work** (v. 7)

- Satan strikes Job with **painful boils** from the sole of his foot to the top of his head.
- The consequences of these boils are referred to throughout the book:
  - ✗ maggots in ulcers (7:5)
  - ✗ cracking skin and breaking out with fresh sores (7:5)
  - ✗ terrifying dreams (7:14)
  - ✗ running tears blinding the eyes (16:16)
  - ✗ repulsive breathe
  - ✗ erosion of bones (30:17)
  - ✗ constant gnawing pain (30:17)
  - ✗ blackening skin (30:30)
  - ✗ fever (30:30)
- Satan did all he could do to turn Job against God!
- (v. 8) Maybe to prevent the spread of infection, Job scraped himself.
- Job's skin became so disfigured that his friends did not recognize him. (2:12)

### **A Very Hard Test** (v. 9)

- Job's wife tells Job, "Curse God and die! Give up your integrity! It is better to die than to suffer this way!" **THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT SATAN WANTED!**
- Added to his pain, suffering, and agony his helpmate gives up on him!
- **BUT REMEMBER:**
  - 👂 She, too, just lost all of her children.
  - 👂 She, too, lost her welfare.
  - 👂 NOW she has to watch the man she has shared her entire life with suffer all this pain.
- "When life is difficult it is easy to give up, but giving up is the worst thing we can do!" (WWW)



### Job's Response (v. 10)

- Job accuses his wife of being “foolish” (נָבָל nabal {naw-bawl'}) – this has more to do with “godless” than silliness. See Psalm 14:1; 53:1
  - It also has the idea of being “stupid” and “wicked” – “The beginning of wisdom (opposite of “stupid”) is the fear of God.” (Job 28:28; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 9:10)
- Job understood that **both** good and evil ultimately came from the will of and counsel of God. Lamentations 3:37-38; Ephesians 1:11; Ecclesiastes 7:13-14; **Job 42:11**; Isaiah 45:7; Amos 3:6)
- **IN SAYING THIS JOB DID NOT SIN WITH HIS LIPS!!!**

### Job's Friends (vv. 11-13)

- The good qualities of Job's friends:
  - ① They cared enough to travel long distances to visit him.
  - ② They went where he was – the ash heap – garbage dump!
  - ③ They did not say anything for seven days.
- However, in the end, God rebukes all three friends for their “compassion” on Job! (Job 42:7-10)

