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Job 1:6-11;

6-Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came among them also. 7-And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8-And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? 9-Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, doth Job fear God for naught? 10-Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11-But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Job 2:3-6;

3-Job holdeth fast his integrity. 4-And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea all that a man hath, will he give for his life. 5-Put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. 6-And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand, but save his life.

Job 2:7;

So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

1-Nature of the disease:

- 1-Hebrew reads, "With an evil inflammation."
- 2-What this diabolical disorder was, interpreters are not agreed.

2-Some think that it was leprosy:

- 1-And this is the reason why he dwelt by himself, and had his habitation in an unclean place., without the city; and the reason why his friends beheld him a far off. Verse 12.

33 Some think that it was smallpox: each pock or pustule is a separate inflammation with extreme itching. Why potsherd was used.

1-Longfellow:

"Satan desires us, great and small,  
As wheat to sift us, and we all are tempted.  
Not one, however, rich or great,  
Is by his station or estate exempted.

2-The ver name "JOB" means persecuted.

- 1-In his unique trials he was the prototype of Christ.
- 2-Was there ever a man more exercised about his troubles than Job?

3-The purpose of Job's trials:

- 1-Two cross-purpose find their center in Job.
  - 1-The one was Divine.
  - 2-The other Satanic.
- 2-Satan did not believe that any man would remain true to God if bereft of all material and earthly enjoyment.
  - 1-If Job staggered under such a test-  
Jesus Christ did not.
  - 2-Christ:
    - 1-Had not where to lay his head.
    - 2-Indeed He was called "the man of sorrows."

4-The nature of Job's trials:

- 1-The character of Job's troubles was of the worst kind. There were no half measures.
- 2-Every separate trial was a complete catastrophe.

1-The loss of property:

- 1-Seven thousand sheep--Three thousand camels--Five hundred yoke of Oxen, were all suddenly stolen or burned up with fire from heaven.
- 2-Possible effects of such loss:
  - 1-Would have driven many into absolute despair. Suicide. Stealing.

2-Loss of Family:

- 1-This judgement must have been "a great deep" to the upright, sensitive soul of Job.
- 2-There is no natural law by which workings of the providence of God can be understood.

## "Job's Trials."

### 3-Loss of health:

1-He was covered with a loathsome disease.

#### Verse 12;13:

1-So calamitous was the state of Job that his friends considered him as a dead man;

2-They sat down and mourned with him seven days the period appointed for mourning.

### 4-The loss of position:

1-The "greatest man in the east."

2-He who sat among princes is now sitting "among ashes."

3-He has been stripped of everything but his life.

### 5-The loss of sympathy:

1-"Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God and die" (2:9).

#### 2-His wife;

The only comfort left him, turns out to be a canker.

1-Fair weather christians always get shipwrecked in a storm like this.

#### 2-This taunt;

Through the wife of Job was the Devil's last weight to break the back of Job's integrity.

#### 3-Actually;

It was the poisoning of his last earthly spring of consolation.

### 6-The effect of these trials:

1-A clear revelation of the inward spiritual being of Job. Job 1:20-21;

Job fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

2-That no murmur escaped his lips proves how completely he had given himself and that he had to God.

#### 3-James 5:11;

Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. Job 42:10; The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

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