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Job

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“God Sovereign in Suffering”

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¹ In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

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² He had seven sons and three daughters,
³ and he owned seven thousand sheep,
three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of
oxen and five hundred donkeys,

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and had a large number of servants.
He was the greatest man among
all the people of the East.

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⁴ His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

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⁵ When a period of feasting had run its course,
Job would make arrangements
for them to be purified.

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Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, “Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” This was Job’s regular custom.

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⁶ One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them.

⁷ The Lord said to Satan,
“Where have you come from?”

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Satan answered the Lord,
“From roaming throughout the earth,
going back and forth on it.”

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⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan,
“Have you considered my servant Job? There is
no one on earth like him; he is blameless and
upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.”

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⁹ “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied.

¹⁰ “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has?”

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You have blessed the work of his hands,
so that his flocks and herds are spread
throughout the land.

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¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

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¹² The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.”

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Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. ¹³ One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house,

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¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said,
“The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were
grazing nearby, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans attacked and
made off with them.

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They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁶ While he was still speaking,
another messenger came and said,

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“The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

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¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them.

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They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said,

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“Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house,
¹⁹ when suddenly a mighty wind swept in

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from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

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¹ On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.

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² And the Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”

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³ Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.

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And he still maintains his integrity,
though you incited me against him to ruin him
without any reason.”

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⁴ “Skin for skin!” Satan replied. “A man will give all he has for his own life. ⁵ But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

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⁶ The Lord said to Satan,
“Very well, then, he is in your hands;
but you must spare his life.”

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⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head.

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⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery
and scraped himself with it as he sat
among the ashes.

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- Often undeserved**
- Often unexpected**
- Often unimaginable**

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Our Suffering Is:

- Often undeserved**
- Often unexpected**
- Often unimaginable**
- Always painful**

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God's Sovereignty:

**means that God is powerful and
authoritative to the extent of
being able to override all other
powers and authorities**

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Job 23:13

“But he stands alone, and who can oppose him?
He does whatever he pleases.

Job 42:1-2

Then Job replied to the Lord:
“I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Genesis 50:20

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

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