

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 do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

Job 1:6-12

Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge about 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 put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

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V.5. "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them."

The story of Job can really only be properly understood by taking into account what happened in heaven, and by having more than an earthly perspective.

"...the sons of God came..."

'sons of God' in the Old Testament = angelic beings.

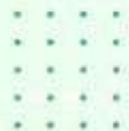
Genesis 6:1-4

"Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose."

Job 38:7

***"When the morning stars
sang together And all the
sons of God shouted for
joy?"***

The heavenly scene shows:



I. Satan comes to submit himself to God.

He came among them that present themselves before the Lord.

- Satan is himself an angelic being, and in no way equal to God.

II. He was allowed only for God's purpose.

Fallen angelic beings have access to the presence of God, but one day they will be restricted to the earth (Revelation 12:9) *"And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."*

God allowed Satan and fallen angelic beings into His presence, but only for His own purposes.

He demanded to know what Satan's business was.

Satan also has free access to the earth, and roams about the earth as a roaring lion **(1 Peter 5:8)**.

God was so impressed with Job that He affirmed the description of Job first recorded in **Job 1:1** *"... that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil."*

Satan notices the saints of God.

➤ **He sees them and is amazed.**

He sees us and knows that though he has fallen, these earthen creatures stand.

➤ **He sees their happiness.**

He knows too well the misery of his own soul, but he admires and hates the peace in the soul of the believer.

- **He sees them and looks for some fault, so that he may find some small comfort to his own black soul and hypocrisy.**
- **He sees their greatness.**

He sees the work, especially great hearts among the saints.

➤ **He sees them and looks for opportunity to do them harm.**

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10: 10

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THE SAINTS OF GOD.

V.8 "There is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil"

This was God's pronouncement of Job's character.

Job was not sinless, but blameless.

Sin is vertical, blameless is horizontal. His reputation was impeccable.

God called him blameless when he is not perfect.

No blame attaches to him, because the very one he offended has exonerated him.

The modern believer stands in the same place, completely justified through one man - Jesus Christ.

V.9 "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

Satan in **Revelation 12:10** – the **ACCUSER of the brethren.**

He insisted to God that Job would surely curse You to Your face if this protection and blessing was withdrawn.

He believed that adversity could make you move from his standing in faith; that you would be unable to stand against the wiles and the deceptions of the devil.

Ephesians 6:13 which says, *"Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm."*

God gave him permission to attack Job.

God would let down the hedge without completely removing it.

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THE SANCTIONS OF GOD.

V.12a "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person"

'Sanction' has 2 opposite meanings.

1. Sanction **as penalty or punishment.**

2. Sanction **as permission, clearance or consent.**

Satan had the power and the desire to afflict Job all along.

God only allows him to do what he wanted to do to ultimately serve His purpose.

V.12b "Satan went out from the presence of the LORD"

It is so dangerous when one goes out of the presence of God.

All kinds of sin and mischief can be done when God's presence leaves or when you choose to leave the presence of God.

What he does in this modern time:

Satan operates today not only through overt malevolence, but through subtle deceit.

His core strategy is to blind people to the truth, normalize sin, and promote extreme materialism and individualism.

His methods used include:

1. Deception and Doubt.

He works by blurring the lines between right and wrong and questioning the validity of divine truth.

2. Cultural and Media Influence.

Modern entertainment and societal structures are used to desensitize people to sin and promote destructive values over compassionate ones.

3. Individual Ego and Distraction.

He operates on a personal level by stoking pride, encouraging self-centeredness, and keeping individuals distracted with material wealth and everyday anxieties.

All of these have limitations and purposes.

It is to show who the Lord is.

We would never understand the depth of God's love and compassion when we don't experience plunging to the bottom.

"Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful"
(James 5:11).

Satan may intend one thing, but God uses him for another.

Whatever the enemy used to destroy us, God uses for the ultimate blessing, comfort, and help of the people of God, and for their present spiritual profit.



Job is a picture of Jesus in the Old Testament.

The man Job went through the devil's beatings and lost everything, except his own life. Jesus went through far worse than that. He even lost His own life.

God put an end on his schemes to finally shut him through a once-and-for-all suffering.

God sent **'The Man of Sorrows' in the person of Jesus, His own Son.**

The suffering of Jesus on the cross can put an end to the devil's torture of man.



Satan intends one thing for us - destroy us. But God can turn it around.

The enemy aims at us but God still has the final say.

No weapon form against us shall prosper because it was already aimed at the One who covered us.

Jesus, the Son of God was *sanctioned* or **permitted** by the Father to go through suffering.



He was also *sanctioned* or **punished** for our sins.

He resurrected on the 3rd day that through Him our suffering is not forever but for a short moment.

Today you may be suffering or under severe testing, but that is not from God.

He may have allowed it to happen but he already plans ahead a victory for you.

CONCLUSION:

Many are still asking: If God is a good God, why does He wait for me to come to Him.

Why can't He come and help me?

Others ask, "Can my sin and mistake make God's presence leave me? Is God present when I am suffering?"

This is the answer:

God did not wait for you to come to Him.

He came and helped when He sent His own Son.

He never leaves when we suffer.

He is there in our suffering because His own Son took our suffering.

