

A 40-DAY FAITH EXPERIENCE

HEALER

What do we need in this series?

Our people are hurting.

Our families are hurting.

Our nation is hurting.

We need a Healer.

Without healing, we can't focus on anything else.

With healing, we can move forward to our next mission assignment.

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“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved, for you are
my praise.” Jeremiah 17:14

Why 40 Days?

Number “forty” + (time period) is mentioned 146 times in Scripture.

It symbolizes trial and testing, probation, or the fulfillment of promises.

During this 40-Day Faith Experience,
First Melissa challenges you to commit to:



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Attend worship each Sunday

Attend a small group

Pray and study every day using the Daily Workbook

Attend Wednesday night 40-Day services each week

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H Help me!

E Enlighten me!

What should I learn in my pain?

Book of Job

An overview of 42 chapters

Who was Job אִיּוֹב?

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil. Job 1:1

- Job was blameless (“without moral blemish,” or “morally whole”) and upright (“straight” in the sense of not deviating from God’s standards).
- He feared God, that is, he was aware of, revered, and submitted to God’s majesty.
- He shunned evil, rejecting the opposite of God’s character. That assessment, repeated by God to Satan (1:8; 2:3), shows that Job’s friends were totally wrong in accusing him of being a willful sinner.
- He was highly respected (Job 29:7–11), a fair and honest judge (29:7, 12–17), a wise counselor (29:21–24), an honest employer (31:13–15, 38–39), hospitable and generous (31:16–21, 32), and a farmer of crops (31:38–40).

Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east. His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

Job 1:2-5

Now there was a day when the sons of God [angels] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan [שָׂטָן adversary, accuser] 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." Job 1:6-7

What does the New Testament say about Satan?

- Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1
- Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. Revelation 12:10
- Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8
- in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4
- in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Ephesians 2:2
- We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 1 John 5:19
- For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

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." 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. Job 1:8-12

- Satan's subtle suggestion that worship is basically selfish hits at the heart of man's relationship to God. The Book of Job does more than raise the question of the suffering of the righteous. It also, through Satan's words, deals with the motives for godly living. Will anyone serve the Lord if he enjoys no personal gain from it? Is worship a coin that buys a heavenly reward? Is piety part of a contract by which to gain wealth and ward off trouble?
- Satan suggested that if God removed His protecting hedge around Job and removed everything he owned, then Job would curse God. Job, Satan claimed, would no longer insert his coins of worship if nothing came out of the machine. Job, in other words, was worshiping for selfish reasons. This accusation also attacked the integrity of God, for it suggested that the only way He can get people to worship Him is to promise them wealth. Perhaps this indictment against His character is one of the reasons God let Satan buffet Job. Surely God knew Job's heart, but He used Job as a demonstration to silence Satan. In addition, God wanted to deepen Job's spiritual insight.

Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." Job 1:13-15

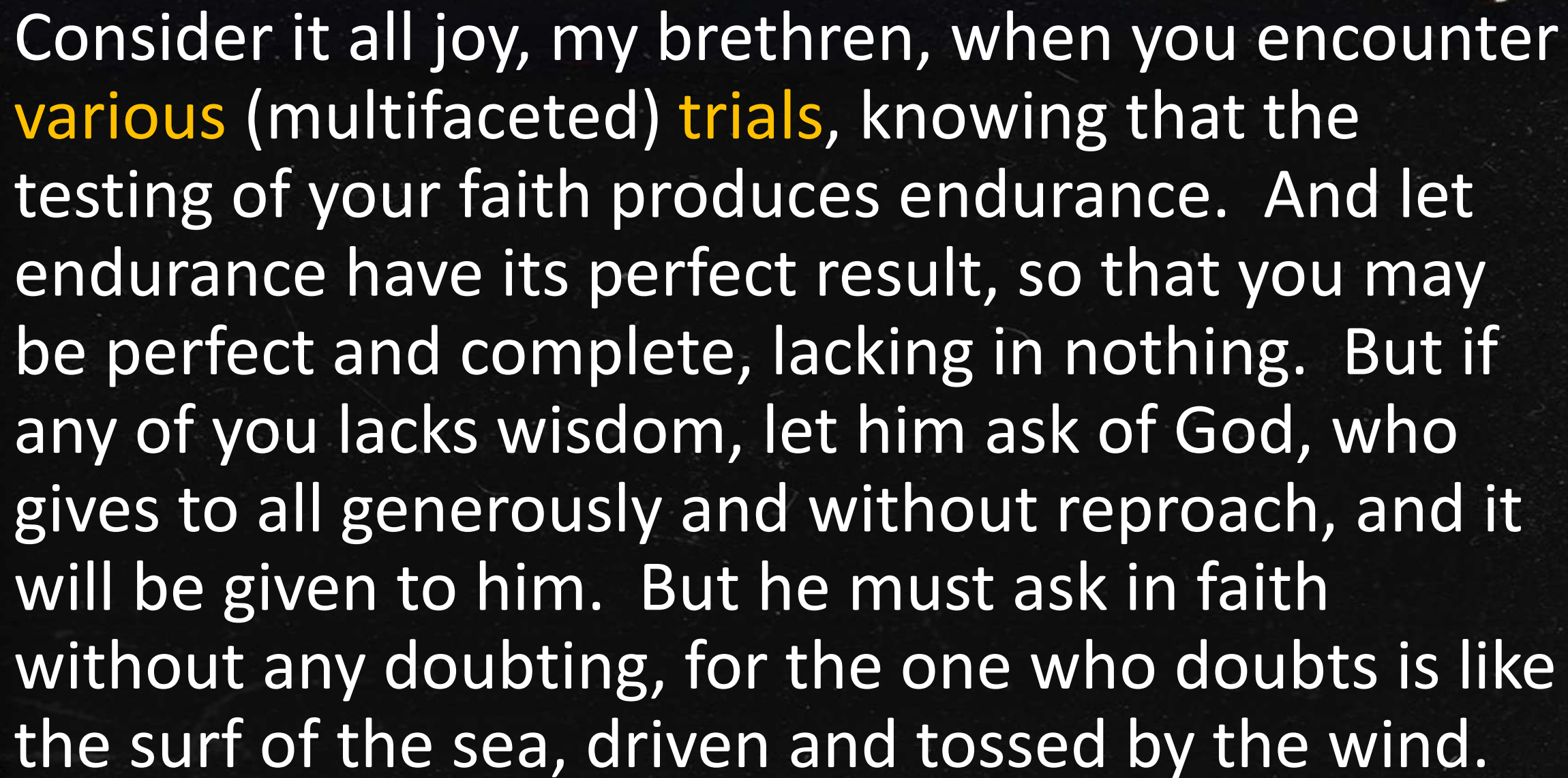
*loss of possessions

While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." Job 1:16-17

*loss of possessions

While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” Job 1:18-19

*loss of loved ones



Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter **various** (multifaceted) **trials**, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:2-6

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. **The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.**" Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God. Job 1:20-22

*Do we have this kind of faith?

- Recognizing God's sovereign rights ("The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away"), Job praised the Lord. It is truly remarkable that Job followed adversity with adoration, woe with worship. Unlike so many people, he did not give in to bitterness; he refused to blame God for wrongdoing.
- Job's amazing response showed Satan was utterly wrong in predicting that Job would curse God. Devotion is possible without dollars received in return; people can be godly apart from material gain. Job's saintly worship at the moment of extreme loss and intense grief verified God's words about Job's godly character.

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" 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. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."** Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life." Job 2:1-4

“However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face.” So the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes. **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 speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips. Job 2:5-10

Symptoms of Job's afflictions

- inflamed, ulcerous sores (Job 2:7)
- itching (2:8)
- degeneration of facial skin (2:7, 12)
- loss of appetite (3:24)
- loss of strength (6:11)
- running sores (7:5)
- darkness under eyes (16:16)
- foul breath (19:17)
- continual pain (30:17)
- blackened skin (30:30)
- fever (30:30)
- depression (3:24-25)
- worms in the boils (7:5)
- difficulty in breathing (9:18)
- loss of weight (19:20; 33:21)
- restlessness (30:27)
- peeling skin (30:30)

- “Afterward Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.” Job 3:1
- “Why did I not die at birth, come forth from the womb and expire?” Job 3:11
- Bildad says to Job, “If you would seek God and implore the compassion of the Almighty, if you are pure and upright, surely now He would rouse Himself for you and restore your righteous estate. Though your beginning was insignificant, yet your end will increase greatly.” Job 8:5-7

“I loathe my own life; I will give full vent to my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God, ‘Do not condemn me; let me know why You contend with me. Is it right for You indeed to oppress, to reject the labor of Your hands, and to look favorably on the schemes of the wicked? Have You eyes of flesh? Or do You see as a man sees? Are Your days as the days of a mortal, or Your years as man’s years, that You should seek for my guilt and search after my sin? According to Your knowledge I am indeed not guilty, **yet there is no deliverance from Your hand.**” Job 10:1-7

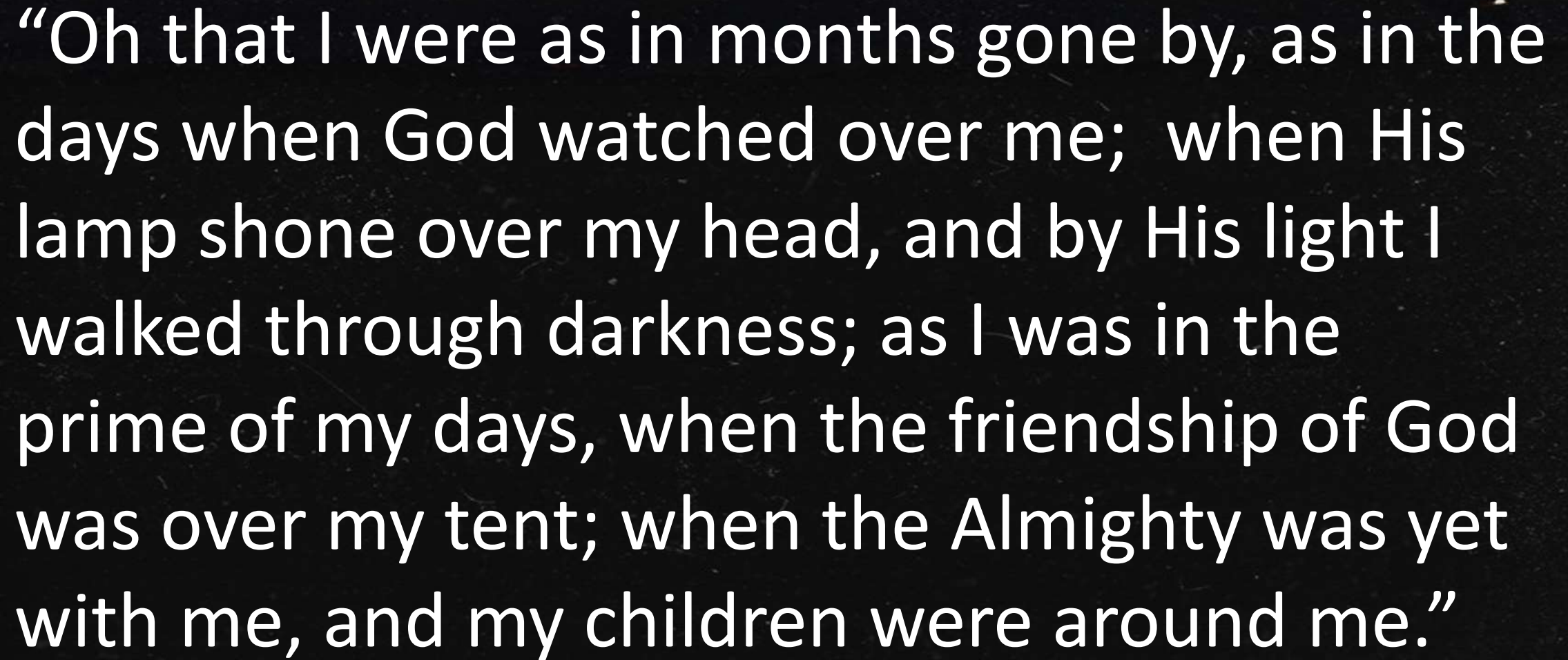
- “Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.”
Job 13:15
- “Behold, I cry, ‘Violence!’ but I get no answer; I shout for help, but there is no justice.” Job 19:7
- “As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God.” Job 19:25-26

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:13-14

- Though our types of hurts differ, all pains have some things in common... hurting people often go through a range of emotions.
- We can feel strong and confident today and weak and defeated tomorrow.
- When we hurt, we want it fixed NOW.

“Behold, I go forward but He is not there, and backward, but I cannot perceive Him; when He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him; He turns on the right, I cannot see Him. But He knows the way I take; when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside. I have not departed from the command of His lips; **I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.**”

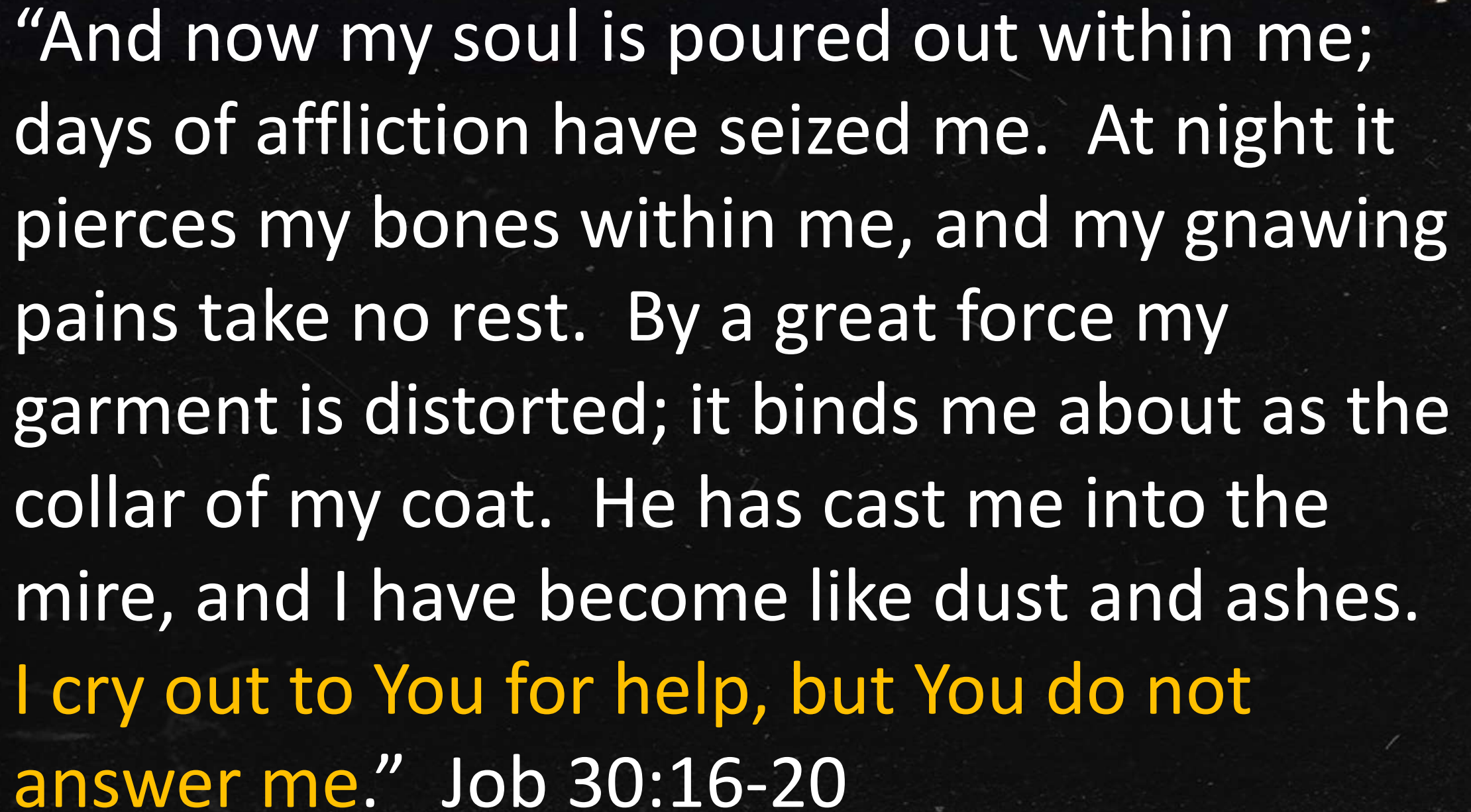
Job 23:8-12



“Oh that I were as in months gone by, as in the days when God watched over me; when His lamp shone over my head, and by His light I walked through darkness; as I was in the prime of my days, when the friendship of God was over my tent; when the Almighty was yet with me, and my children were around me.”

Job 29:2-5

*Does it ever feel like God has abandoned you?



“And now my soul is poured out within me; days of affliction have seized me. At night it pierces my bones within me, and my gnawing pains take no rest. By a great force my garment is distorted; it binds me about as the collar of my coat. He has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes. I cry out to You for help, but You do not answer me.” Job 30:16-20

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?” Job 38:1-2

*Have we ever tried to educate or correct or advise the Almighty God?

- God's appearance was accompanied by a storm, possibly the storm Elihu may have sensed was approaching (37:22). "Storm" translates סֶעָר se'ārâh, "a tempest or storm accompanied by violent wind" (2 Kings 2:1, 11; Isa. 40:24, "whirlwind"; Ps. 107:25; Isa. 29:6, "tempest"; Ezek. 1:4, "windstorm").
- Ironically "a mighty wind" caused the death of Job's 10 sons and daughters. Now a violent storm accompanied God's communication. Whereas the one was the occasion of ruin resulting in personal sorrow, this one was the occasion of revelation resulting in personal submission. Sometimes God used storms to dramatize awesome occasions (Ex. 19:16–17; 1 Kings 19:11–13).

“Now gird up your loins like a man, and I will ask you, and you instruct Me! **Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?** Tell Me, if you have understanding, Who set its measurements?, since you know. Or who stretched the line on 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? Or who enclosed the sea with doors when, bursting forth, it went out from the womb; when I made a cloud its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and I placed boundaries on it and set a bolt and doors, and I said, ‘Thus far you shall come, but no farther; and here shall your proud waves stop’?” Job 38:3-11

Then the LORD said to Job, “Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer it.” Then Job answered the LORD and said, “**Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to You?** I lay my hand on my mouth. Once I have spoken, and I will not answer; even twice, and I will add nothing more.” Job 40:1-5

*The Healer is ALSO the Mighty Creator God

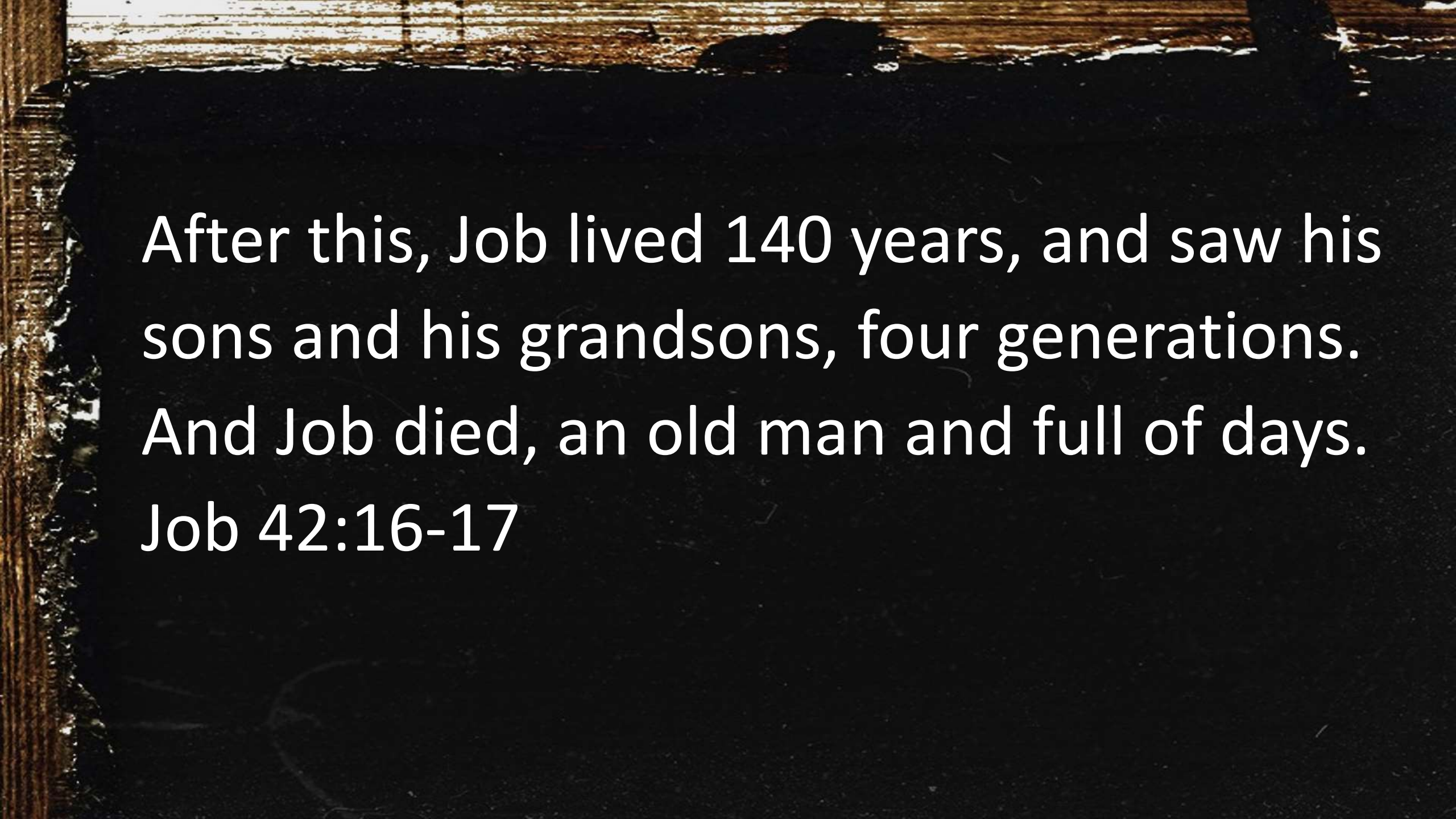
Then Job answered the LORD and said, “I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ‘Hear, now, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You instruct me.’ I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You; therefore I retract, and I repent in dust and ashes.” Job 42:1-6

Friends Don't Let Friends Curse God

It came about after the Lord had spoken these words to Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “**My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has.** Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will pray for you. For I will accept him so that I may not do with you according to your folly, because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.” So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job.

Job 42:7-9

The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold. Then all his brothers and all his sisters and all who had known him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversities that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one piece of money, and each a ring of gold. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys. He had seven sons and three daughters. Job 42:10-13



After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his
sons and his grandsons, four generations.
And Job died, an old man and full of days.
Job 42:16-17

What should I learn in my pain?

Job did not receive explanations regarding his problems; but he did come to a much deeper sense of the majesty and loving care of God. Thus he came to trust Him more fully, knowing that His ways should not be challenged. Though often inexplicable and mysterious, God's plans are benevolent and beneficial. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

- God's workings are beyond man's ability to fathom. We must learn to trust in God, no matter the circumstances.
- Suffering is not always the result of personal sin. The erroneous conclusion drawn by Job's friends is that suffering is always a consequence of sin. Job proves this is not the case.
- Suffering may be allowed as a compliment to one's spirituality. God allowed Job to suffer to prove to Satan what kind of man he really was.
- The book paints a beautiful picture of "patience." The Greek word is "hupomone", the trait of one who is able to abide under the weight of trials. From the "patience of Job", we learn that it means to maintain fidelity to God, even under great trials in which we do not understand what is happening. <https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/eo/Job/Job000.cfm>

What should I learn in my pain?

- Misfortune does not mean God has forsaken His own. It does mean He has plans that the sufferer may know nothing of. A believer's unmerited tragedy may never be fully understood. Yet he can realize that God is in charge, that God still loves him and cares for him. This is what Job learned.
- His three denouncers said suffering's purpose is always discipline (punishment for wrongdoing); Job felt it was for destruction (thinking God was determined to destroy him); Elihu stressed that the aim is direction (to keep him from death).
- But God had two purposes: demonstration (that Satan's allegations were false) and development (of Job's spiritual insight). Therefore to attack God, to malign Him, challenge Him, accuse Him, bait Him, or try to corner Him—all of which Job did—are out of the question for a believer. To criticize God's wisdom only shows one's own ignorance. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

Lessons from the Life of Job

- Nothing happens outside of God's knowledge and allowance
- We live in a constant state of spiritual activity
- The God we call on for healing already knows about our pains
- The God we call on for healing already knows about our character

Lessons from the Life of Job

1. Walk well before the Lord.
2. Worship God even in your hard times.
3. Don't abandon your integrity.
4. Just because your friends care about you and profess to believe in your God, you can't assume their wisdom is godly.
5. When you doubt everything around you, don't doubt God.
6. God has drawn boundaries around our lives.

Have YOU met Job's Healer?

- When no one is hurting, I wonder whether the Healer exists.
 - When someone far away from me is hurting, I wonder if the Healer cares.
 - When someone close to me is hurting, I wonder if the Healer wants to help.
 - When I am hurting, I wonder if the Healer hears my prayer.
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- Do you know the Healer?
 - Do you need the Healer?
 - Have you met the Healer?

The Book of Job anticipates the coming of Jesus

Job longs for a mediator between him and God (Job 9:33; 33:23)

- For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus 1 Timothy 2:5

Job confessed his faith in a Redeemer who would one day come (Job 19:25)

- In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace Ephesians 1:7