

# The Disasters:



## JOB 1:13-2:10

- questions
- review

### DAY 1: SATAN'S FIRST ASSAULT

(1:13-22)

– what happened to Job (vv. 13-19)

o one day

o four disasters <sup>1</sup>

o three lessons

- very bad things may happen to God's people
- Satan has more power than we may think <sup>2</sup>
- the sovereign God may allow Satan to test us

– how Job responded (vv. 20-22)

### DAY 2: SATAN'S SECOND ASSAULT

(2:1-10)

– Satan & God (vv. 1-6) <sup>3</sup>

– Satan & Job (vv. 7-8) <sup>4</sup>

- o towards a theology of sickness  
(direct or immediate causes of sickness)

Option 1: fallen world <sup>4</sup>

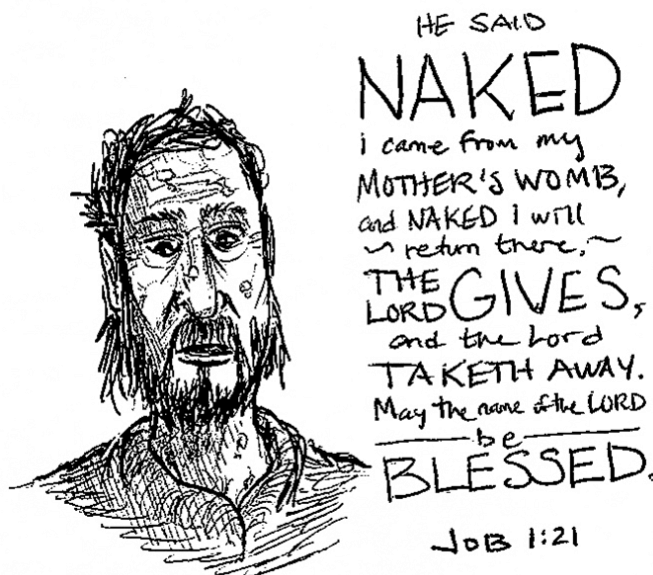
Option 2: oneself

Option 3: God <sup>5</sup>

Option 4: Satan

– Job & God (vv. 9-10)

– Job & Jesus



<sup>3</sup> Romans 8:35-39; 11:33; 1 Corinthians 12:12

<sup>4</sup> 2 Corinthians 4:16; Philippians 2:30; Romans 6:23; Revelation 21:4, 27

<sup>5</sup> 2 Kings 5; Numbers 12; John 5:14; 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 (cf. Luke 13:11; 2 Corinthians 12:7)

<sup>1</sup> See 1:2 for Job's livestock profile.

<sup>2</sup> E.g., Luke 13:11-13; Revelation 2:10; Acts 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:18

## Job 1:13-2:10

<sup>13</sup> One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>16</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "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!" <sup>17</sup> 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. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup> when suddenly a mighty wind swept in 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!" <sup>20</sup> At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup> and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." <sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

**2** On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> 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. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason." <sup>4</sup> "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. <sup>5</sup> But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face." <sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Satan, "Very well,

then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life." <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.



<sup>9</sup> His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" <sup>10</sup> He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

## Satanology:

Satan is the open and declared enemy of God (Rev. 12:7-17). He was created perfect as one of God's high angels (Ezek. 28:15), but through pride rebelled against God and became utterly depraved seeking self-worship (1 Tim. 3:6; Ezek. 28:11-19). After his own Fall (Lk. 10:18) he became the originator of man's sin and the cause of man's Fall (Gen. 3:1-13; 2 Cor. 11:3). He exists as an angelic spirit being (2 Cor. 11:14), a person with intellect (2 Cor. 11:3), emotions (Rev. 12:17) and volition (2 Tim. 2:26) who is subject to space and time (Job 1:6,7). He is nefarious, ferocious, and mighty in power (1 Pe. 5:9; Rev. 12:3-9) but not omnipotent (Job 1:12; 2:6). His power is infinitely less than a single Christian in whom the Spirit of God resides (Jas. 4:7; 1 Jn. 4:4).

As the archenemy and antagonist of God and His children (1 Pe. 5:8; Eph. 6:11,12) he is the epitome of evil (1 Jn. 5:19), the ruler of this world's system (Jn. 12:31; 16:11), the god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4), the tempter (Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5), the father of lies and murderer of souls (Jn. 8:44), Beelzebub, the ruler of demons (Matt. 10:25), the great masquerader (2 Cor. 11:14; Rev. 12:9), the incessant accuser of the saints (Rev. 12:20), the slanderer (such is the meaning of *diabolos* translated "Devil," e.g. Matt. 4:1; 13:39; 25:41), the author of false religion and apostasy (2 Cor. 11:13-14), and the prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2; 6:12). His final doom in the lake of fire is settled (Jn. 16:11; Rev. 20:10) for at the cross he was judged (Gen. 3:15; Col. 2:15), which judgment is yet to be executed (Ro. 16:20).

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