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**Job**



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### PROPHETS



Thoughts to Keep in Mind

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**The book of Job is written almost entirely in poetic language, with a prologue and an epilogue in prose, and is often classified as wisdom literature. One of the book's most unique qualities is that it asks two difficult questions—"Why do righteous people choose righteousness?" and "Why do the righteous suffer?"—but offers no simple answers. Instead, the book of Job invites faithful readers to exercise faith in God, as when Job said of the Lord, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15). The book also urges the faithful to look beyond the trials of this life to the glorious Resurrection, made possible by the Savior, for Job boldly testified, "I know that my redeemer liveth, and ... in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25–26).**

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**The book of Job is also distinctive for a passage confirming the reality of the premortal life, in which “the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy” at the Creation of the earth (Job 38:7).**

**Modern revelation confirms the existence of the man Job. As recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants, Jesus Christ comforted the Prophet Joseph Smith by comparing his afflictions to those of Job: “Thou art not yet as Job; thy friends do not contend against thee, neither charge thee with transgression, as they did Job” (D&C 121:10).**

**Ezekiel and James also attest that Job was a real person who went through very real suffering (see Ezekiel 14:14, 20; James 5:11)**



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Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year;

28 And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth,

31 To confirm these days of Purim

in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

### CHAPTER 10

*Mordecai, the Jew, stands next to Ahasuerus in power and might.*

AND the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea.

2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

## THE BOOK OF JOB

### CHAPTER 1

*Job, a just and perfect man, is blessed with great riches—Satan obtains permission from the Lord to tempt and try Job—Job's property and children*

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THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and

Job's Character and Wealth

Satan Allowed to Test Job

upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

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

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16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

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Satan Takes Job's Property and Children

1d Job 4:6.  
e Deut. 5:29; Prov. 16:6; D&C 10:56 (55–56);

Mosiah 1:2 (2–3); 27:14; 3 Ne. 18:21 (20–21); D&C 68:25 (25, 28).

7a D&C 10:27.  
8a TG Servant.  
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Job 1:6–12 contains a poetic rendition of a conversation between the Lord and Satan, who became the adversary of mankind following his rebellion during the Council in Heaven... *satan* is a Hebrew word meaning “adversary”; these verses in Job 1 use the form *hassatan*, meaning “the adversary,” which describes the devil’s role here.

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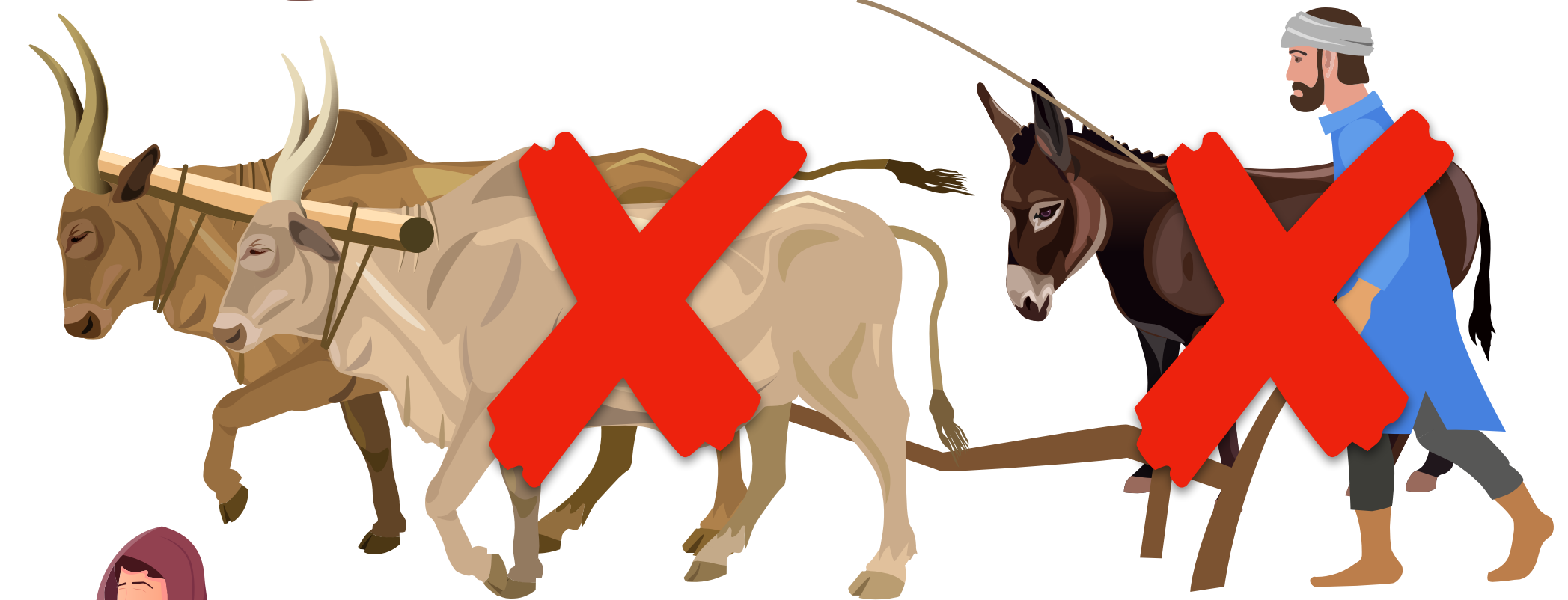
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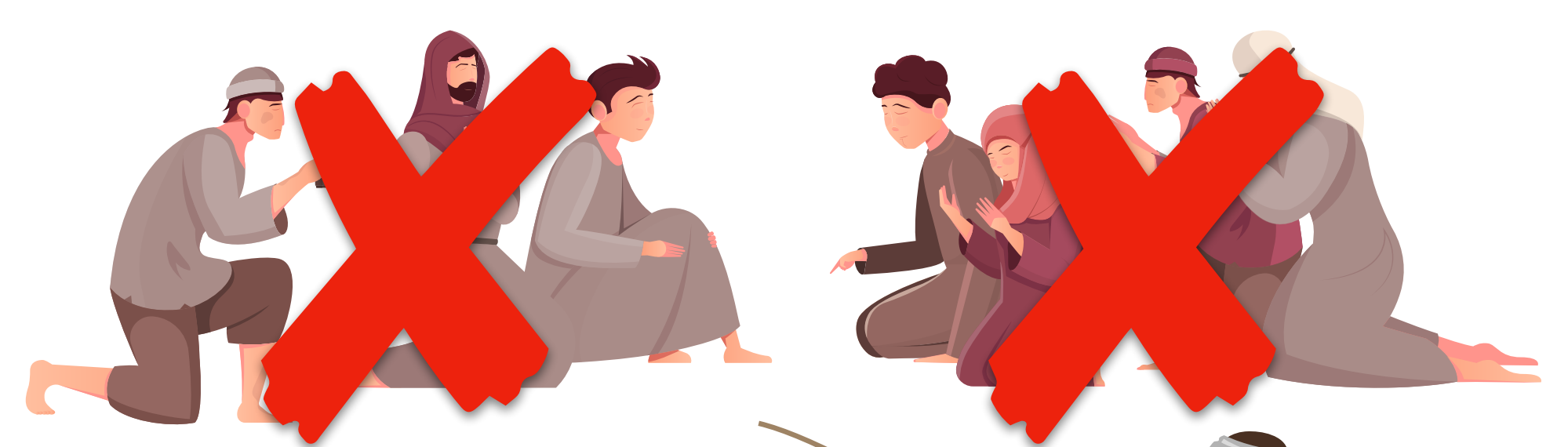
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## CHAPTER 3

*Job curses the circumstances of his birth—He asks, Why died I not from the womb?*

AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and <sup>a</sup>cursed his day.

2 And Job spake, and said,

3 Let the day <sup>a</sup>perish wherein I was <sup>b</sup>born, and the night *in which* it was said, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the <sup>a</sup>shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 *As for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's* womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11 Why <sup>a</sup>died I not from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

12 Why did the knees <sup>a</sup>prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, <sup>a</sup>which built desolate places for themselves;

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants *which* never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the weary be at <sup>a</sup>rest.

18 *There* the prisoners rest together;

they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

19 The small and great are there; and the servant *is* free from his master.

20 Wherefore is <sup>a</sup>light given to him that is in <sup>b</sup>misery, and life unto the bitter *in* soul;

21 Which long for <sup>a</sup>death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

22 Which rejoice exceedingly, *and* are glad, when they can find the grave?

23 *Why is light* given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing *cometh* before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

## CHAPTER 4

*Eliphaz reproves Job, asking such questions as, Are the righteous cut off? Shall a man be more pure than his maker?*

THEN <sup>a</sup>Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 *If* we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 *Is not this* thy fear, thy <sup>a</sup>confidence, thy hope, and the <sup>b</sup>uprightness of thy ways?

20a Gen. 44:13; Ezra 9:3 (1-4).

21a Eccl. 5:15; 1 Tim. 6:7.

b TG Patience; Suffering.

c Gen. 14:20; D&C 36:3.

b HEB turns from.  
c TG Perseverance.

d TG Integrity.

4a TG Mortality.

5a TG Curse.

b TG Steadfastness.

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AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and <sup>a</sup>cursed his day.

2 And Job spake, and said,

3 Let the day <sup>a</sup>perish wherein I was <sup>b</sup>born, and the night *in which* it was said, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the <sup>a</sup>shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As *for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

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13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, *there was <sup>a</sup>silence*, and I heard a <sup>b</sup>voice, *saying*,

17 Shall mortal man be more <sup>a</sup>just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

19 How much less *in* them that dwell in houses of <sup>a</sup>clay, whose foundation is in the dust, *which* are crushed before the moth?

20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding *it*.

21 Doth not their excellency *which* is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

#### CHAPTER 5

*Eliphaz counsels Job: Man is born unto*

*trouble, seek unto God, and happy is the man whom God corrects.*

CALL now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the <sup>a</sup>saints wilt thou turn?

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the <sup>a</sup>silly one.

3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither *is there* any to deliver *them*.

5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.

6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

7 Yet man is born unto <sup>a</sup>trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which <sup>a</sup>mourn may be exalted to safety.

12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform *their* enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

15 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

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despise not thou the <sup>b</sup>chastening of the Almighty:

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he <sup>a</sup>woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be <sup>a</sup>afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the <sup>a</sup>beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle *shall be* in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed *shall be* great, and thine offspring as the <sup>a</sup>grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as a shock of <sup>a</sup>corn cometh in in his season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it *is*; hear it, and know thou *it* for thy good.

#### CHAPTER 6

*Job bemoans his grief—He prays that God will grant his petitions—Those who are afflicted should be pitied—How forcible are right words!*

BUT Job answered and said,

2 Oh that my <sup>a</sup>grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof

drinketh up my strength: and my bow of God do set against me.

5 Doth the wild ass eat grass? or doth he gather his fodder?

6 Can that which is eaten without taste in the wolf's mouth?

7 The things which are hid to touch *are* as a new thing: and I have not heard of them.

8 Oh that I might have my desire, and that God would grant my petition!

9 Even that I might destroy me; that I might shut myself up, and my eyes should be closed.

10 Then should I be as I have been, and I should be like a beast of the field.

11 What is my hope? or what should I hope for? or where should I hope?

12 Is my strength as the strength of stones? or is my help as the help of a bow?

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14 To him that is afflicted, should he be shewed mercy? or should he be shewed compassion?

15 My brethren have despised me, and forsaken me: they have hated me, and will not touch me; they have fled from me, and will not be my friends.

16 Which are the things that I have feared: and I have not been afraid of them.

17 What time that I should be weary, and I should be weary: when I should be weary, and I should be weary.

18 The path of the righteous is straight: and the way of the just is peace.

19 They were as a flock without a shepherd: and they were as sheep without a shepherd.

21 For now ye have despised me, and ye have despised me: ye have despised me, and ye have despised me.

22 Did I say,

11a Job 10:18 (18–19).  
12a HEB receive.

TG Suffering.  
21a Rev. 9:6.  
22a Job 2:11.

7a 1 Cor. 10:13;  
1 Ne. 22:19;  
Alma 14:11.

D&C 85:6 (6–7).  
b 1 Kgs. 19:12 (11–13).  
17a TG Justice.

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7a TG Adversity.  
11a TG Mourning.

17b TG Chastening.

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3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an <sup>a</sup>unclean? not one.

5 Seeing his <sup>a</sup>days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his <sup>b</sup>bounds that he cannot pass;

6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an <sup>a</sup>hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man <sup>a</sup>dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

14 If a man die, shall he <sup>a</sup>live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

16 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

19 The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have <sup>a</sup>pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

#### CHAPTER 15

*Eliphaz sets forth the disquietude of wicked men—They do not believe they will return out of darkness and be resurrected.*

THEN answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches where-with he can do no good?

4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chooseth the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 *Art* thou the first man *that* was born? or wast thou made before the hills?

8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandest thou, which *is* not in us?

10 With us *are* both the grayheaded

and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth?

14 What *is* man, that he should be <sup>a</sup>clean? and *he which* is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, <sup>a</sup>he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

16 How much more abominable and <sup>a</sup>filthy *is* man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that *which* I have seen I will declare;

18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid *it*:

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

21 A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where *is* it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, *even* on *his* neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

27 Because he covereth his face

with his fatness, and <sup>a</sup>maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, *and* in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become <sup>a</sup>heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in <sup>a</sup>vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.

32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

34 For the congregation of <sup>a</sup>hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of <sup>b</sup>bribery.

35 They conceive <sup>a</sup>mischief, and bring forth <sup>b</sup>vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

#### CHAPTER 16

*Job speaks against the wicked who oppose him—Though even his friends scorn him, he testifies that his witness is in heaven and his record is on high.*

THEN Job answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: miserable <sup>a</sup>comforters *are* ye all.

3 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

4 I also could speak as ye *do*: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage *your* grief.

2a Isa. 38:12 (10, 13)

6a Job 7:1 (1, 2)

14a TC Resurrection

15 14a Ether 12:37; D&C 38:42.

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35a Ps. 7:14; Isa. 59:4.

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24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, *which are* as wind?

27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a *pit* for your friend.

28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for *it is* evident unto you if I lie.

29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is in it.

30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

#### CHAPTER 7

*Job asks, Is there an appointed time for man on earth? What is man that Thou shouldst magnify him? Why dost Thou not pardon my transgression?*

*Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?*

2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for *the reward* of his work:

3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

6 My *days* are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good.

8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no *more*: thine eyes *are* upon me, and I *am* not.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no *more*.

10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not *refrain* my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will *complain* in the bitterness of my soul.

12 *Am* I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:

15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, *and* death rather than my life.

16 I loathe *it*; I would not live *alway*: let me alone; for my days *are* vanity.

17 What is *man*, that thou shouldst magnify him? and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?

18 And *that* thou shouldst visit him every morning, *and* *try* him every moment?

19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I *shall* not *be*.

Job Continues: My Life Has No Hope

Bildad Speaks: Job Should Repent

#### CHAPTER 8

*Bildad asks, Doth God pervert judgment?—Bildad says, Our days upon earth are a shadow, and God will not cast away a perfect man.*

THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou speak these things? and *how long shall* the words of thy mouth *be like* a strong wind?

3 Doth God pervert *judgment*? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;

5 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

6 If thou *wert* pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former *age*, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:

9 (For we *are but* of yesterday, and know nothing, because our *days upon earth are* a shadow:)

10 Shall not they teach thee, *and* tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the *flag* grow without water?

12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, *and* not cut down, it withereth before any *other* herb.

13 So *are* the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust *shall be* a spider's web.

15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

8 3a Alma 12:15.

8a HEB generations.

9 2a 1E before.

3a Eccl. 6:10;

5a OR Who.

7a 1E hideth from view.

16 He is *green* before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, *and* seeth the place of stones.

18 If he destroy him from his place, then *it shall* deny him, *saying*, I have not seen thee.

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20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect *man*, neither will he help the evil doers:

21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with *shame*; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

#### CHAPTER 9

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THEN Job answered and said,

2 I know *it is* so of a truth: but how should man be just *with* God?

3 If he will *contend* with him, he cannot answer him *one* of a thousand.

4 *He is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath *hardened himself* against him, and hath prospered?

5 *Which* removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and *sealeth* up the stars.

8 Which alone *spreadeth* out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

9 Which maketh Arcturus, *Orion*, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

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13 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

14 How much less shall I answer him, *and* choose out my words to reason with him?

15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, *but* I would make supplication <sup>a</sup>to my judge.

16 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

19 If I *speak* of strength, lo, *he is* strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to *plead*?

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4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an <sup>a</sup>unclean? not one.

5 Seeing his <sup>a</sup>days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his <sup>b</sup>bounds that he cannot pass;

6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an <sup>a</sup>hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man <sup>a</sup>dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

14 If a man die, shall he <sup>a</sup>live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

16 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

19 The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have <sup>a</sup>pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

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*Eliphaz sets forth the disquietude of wicked men—They do not believe they will return out of darkness and be resurrected.*

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2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches where-with he can do no good?

4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chooseth the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 Art thou the first man *that* was born? or wast thou made before the hills?

8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandest thou, which *is* not in us?

10 With us *are* both the grayheaded

and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth?

14 What *is* man, that he should be <sup>a</sup>clean? and *he which* is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, <sup>a</sup>he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

16 How much more abominable and <sup>a</sup>filthy *is* man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that *which* I have seen I will declare;

18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid *it*:

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

21 A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where *is* it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, *even* on *his* neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

27 Because he covereth his face

with his fatness, and <sup>a</sup>maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, *and* in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become <sup>a</sup>heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

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32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

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16 Because thou shalt forget *thy* misery, *and* remember *it* as waters that pass away:

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*Job says, The souls of all things are in the hands of the Lord, with the ancient is wisdom, and the Lord governs in all things.*

AND Job answered and said,

2 No doubt but ye *are* the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as you; I *am* not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

4 I *am as* one <sup>a</sup>mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright *man* is laughed to scorn.

5 He that is ready to slip with *his* feet *is as* a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

6 The <sup>a</sup>tabernacles of robbers <sup>b</sup>prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.

7 But ask now the beasts, and they

shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the <sup>a</sup>earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 In whose hand *is* the soul of every <sup>a</sup>living thing, and the <sup>b</sup>breath of all mankind.

11 Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?

12 With the <sup>a</sup>ancient *is* wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

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15 Behold, he <sup>a</sup>withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 With him *is* strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver *are* his.

17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.

18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

21 He poureth contempt upon <sup>a</sup>princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them *again*.

24 He taketh away the heart of

the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to <sup>a</sup>wander in a wilderness *where there is* no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like *a drunken man*.

## CHAPTER 13

*Job testifies of his confidence in the Lord and says, Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him, and He also will be my salvation.*

LO, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 What ye know, *the same* do I know also: I *am* not inferior unto you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye *are* forgers of lies, ye *are* all <sup>a</sup>physicians of no value.

5 O that ye would altogether <sup>a</sup>hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances *are* like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what *will*.

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

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17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered *my* cause; I know that I shall be <sup>a</sup>justified.

19 Who *is* he *that* will <sup>a</sup>plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

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27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.

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and talk deceitfully for him?

8 Will ye accept his person? will  
ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search  
you out? or as one man mocketh  
another, do ye so mock him?

10 He will surely reprove you, if  
ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make  
you afraid? and his dread fall upon  
you?

12 Your remembrances *are* like  
unto ashes, your bodies to bodies  
of clay

13 Hold your peace, let me alone,  
that I may speak, and let come on  
me what *will*.

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh  
in my teeth, and put my life in  
mine hand?

15 Though he <sup>a</sup>slay me, yet will I

to and fro? and wilt thou pursue  
the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things  
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sess the <sup>a</sup>iniquities of my youth.

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24a Amos 8:12 (11–13).

TG Faith; Trust in God.

26a 1 Kgs. 17:18;



the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to <sup>a</sup>wander in a wilderness *where there is no way*.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like *a drunken man*.

## CHAPTER 13

*Job testifies of his confidence in the Lord and says, Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him, and He also will be my salvation.*

LO, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 What ye know, *the same* do I know also: I *am* not inferior unto you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye *are* forgers of lies, ye *are* all <sup>a</sup>physicians of no value.

5 O that ye would altogether <sup>a</sup>hold

<sup>b</sup>trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

16 He also *shall be* my salvation: for an <sup>a</sup>hypocrite shall not come before him.

17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered *my* cause; I know that I shall be <sup>a</sup>justified.

19 Who is he *that* will <sup>a</sup>plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

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21 Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.

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## Richard G. Scott

**“When you face adversity, you can be led to ask many questions. Some serve a useful purpose; others do not. To ask, Why does this have to happen to me? Why do I have to suffer this, now? What have I done to cause this? will lead you into blind alleys. It really does no good to ask questions that reflect opposition to the will of God. Rather ask, What am I to do? What am I to learn from this experience? What am I to change? Whom am I to help? How can I remember my many blessings in times of trial? ...**

**“This life is an experience in profound trust—trust in Jesus Christ, trust in His teachings, trust in our capacity as led by the Holy Spirit to obey those teachings. ... To trust means to obey willingly without knowing the end from the beginning (see Prov. 3:5–7). To produce fruit, your trust in the Lord must be more powerful and enduring than your confidence in your own personal feelings and experience”**

*(Elder Richard G. Scott, “Trust in the Lord,” Oct 1995 GC, Ensign, Nov. 1995, 17).*

# COME FOLLOW ME: OLD TESTAMENT



6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged: and *though* I forbear, what am I eased?

7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness *against me*: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

9 He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek *a* reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken *me* by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a *a* giant.

15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and *a* defiled my horn in the dust.

16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death;

17 Not for *any* injustice in mine hands: also my prayer *is* pure.

18 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place.

19 Also now, behold, my witness *is* in *a* heaven, and my record *is* on high.

20 My friends *a* scorn me: *but* mine eye poureth out *tears* unto God.

21 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for his neighbour!

22 When a few years are come, then I shall go the *a* way *whence* I shall not return.

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4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.

5 He that speaketh *a* flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 He hath made me also a byword of the people; and *a* foretime I was as a tabret.

7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members *are* as a shadow.

8 Upright *men* shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath *a* clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

10 But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find *one* wise *man* among you.

11 My *a* days are past, my purposes are broken off, *even* the thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day: the light *is* short because of darkness.

13 If I wait, the grave *is* mine *a* house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

14 I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

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6 The light shall be dark in his *a* tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

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8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.

10a TG Reproach.  
14a HEB mighty man.  
15a OR cast my strength.  
19a TG Heaven.

17 1a HEB spirit is consumed.  
3a IE Lay down a pledge.  
5a TG Flatter.  
6a HEB I am as an

9a 2 Ne. 25:16;  
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12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my <sup>a</sup>tabernacle.

13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have <sup>a</sup>forgotten me.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I entreated him with my mouth.

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2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for *this* I make haste.

3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

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*(Elder Dallin H. Oaks, “Resurrection,” Apr 2000 GC, Ensign, May 2000, 15).*

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## **Job 20–22**

**Job's friends insisted that the wicked cannot prosper. Job acknowledged that sometimes the wicked do prosper in terms of their worldly possessions, but ultimately the Lord will administer justice on the Day of Judgment.**

## **Job 23**

**Job taught about the ways the Lord had blessed him by allowing him to experience trials.**

### **Job 23:6**

**6 Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me.**

### **Job 23:10**

**10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.**

### **Job 23:16**

**16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:**

## **Job 24-31**

**Job's friends continued to challenge Job and he responded to their accusations by expressing his faith in God, thereby showing his humility and integrity.**

## **Job 32-37**

**Elihu, another of Job's friends, spoke out against Job and his other friends because he believed they had not been firm enough with Job and had failed to answer Job's questions. Elihu also discussed some challenges that are common to all people.**

## Elder Quentin L. Cook

**“From the limited perspective of those who do not have knowledge, understanding, or faith in the Father’s plan—who look at the world only through the lens of mortality with its wars, violence, disease, and evil—this life can seem depressing, chaotic, unfair, and meaningless”**

*(Elder Quentin L. Cook, “The Songs They Could Not Sing,” Oct 2011 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2011, 104).*

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2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound *that* goeth out of his mouth.

3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.

4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

6 For he saith to the <sup>a</sup>snow, Be thou *on* the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.

10 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud:

12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and <sup>a</sup>consider the wondrous <sup>b</sup>works of God.

15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in <sup>a</sup>knowledge?

17 How thy garments *are* warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south *wind*?

18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, *which is* strong, and as a molten looking glass?

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22 Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God *is* terrible majesty.

23 *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot find him out: *he is* excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of <sup>a</sup>justice: he will not <sup>b</sup>afflict.

24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any *that are* wise of heart.

#### CHAPTER 38

*God asks Job where he was when the foundations of the earth were laid, when the morning stars sang together, and when all the sons of God shouted for joy—The phenomena of nature show the greatness of God and the weakness of man.*

THEN the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

4 Where wast thou when I <sup>a</sup>laid the <sup>b</sup>foundations of the <sup>c</sup>earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath <sup>a</sup>laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the <sup>a</sup>corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars <sup>a</sup>sang

together, and all the <sup>b</sup>sons of God shouted for <sup>c</sup>joy?

8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, *as if* it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

10 And brake up for it my decreed *place*, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; *and* caused the dayspring to know his place;

13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14 It is turned as clay *to* the seal; and they stand as a garment.

15 And from the wicked their light is <sup>a</sup>withholden, and the high <sup>b</sup>arm shall be broken.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

19 Where *is* the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkness, where *is* the place thereof,

20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths *to* the house thereof?

21 Knowest thou *it*, because thou wast then born? or *because* the number of thy days *is* great?

22 Hast thou entered into the <sup>a</sup>treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

24 By what way is the light parted,

*which* scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

26 To cause it to rain on the earth, *where* no man *is*; *on* the wilderness, wherein *there is* no man;

27 To satisfy the desolate and waste *ground*; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?

30 The waters are hid as *with* a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of <sup>a</sup>Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

33 Knowest thou the <sup>a</sup>ordinances of <sup>b</sup>heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we *are*?

36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?

37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the <sup>a</sup>bottles of heaven,

38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?

39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,

40 When they couch in *their* dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41 Who provideth for the <sup>a</sup>raven

37 6a TG Nature, Earth.

b 1 Cor. 10:13;

c TG Nature, Earth.

7b TG Council in Heaven;

15a 2 Ne. 26:10;

31a TG Astronomy.



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## President Thomas S. Monson

**“We lived before our birth into mortality. In our premortal state, we were doubtless among the sons and daughters of God who shouted for joy because of the opportunity to come to this challenging yet necessary mortal existence. We knew that our purpose was to gain a physical body, to overcome trials, and to prove that we would keep the commandments of God”**

*(President Thomas S. Monson, “He Is Risen!” Apr 2010 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2010, 88).*

## Elder Neal A. Maxwell

**“...when we are unduly impatient with an omniscient God’s timing,”  
as Job seemed to be, “we really are suggesting that we know what is  
best. Strange, isn’t it—we who wear wristwatches seek to counsel  
Him who oversees cosmic clocks and calendars”**

*(“Hope through the Atonement of Jesus Christ,” Oct 1998 GC, Ensign, Nov. 1998, 63).*

his garment? *or* who can come to him with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.

15 His scales *are* his pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

18 By his <sup>a</sup>neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, *as out* of a seething pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, *and* brass as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

30 Sharp stones *are* under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep to be hoary.

33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.

CHAPTER 42

*Job repents in dust and ashes—He sees the Lord with his eyes—The Lord chastises Job's friends, accepts Job, blesses him, and makes his latter days greater than his beginning.*

THEN Job answered the LORD, and said,

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4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6 Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and <sup>a</sup>ashes.

7 ¶ And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is right*, as my servant Job *hath*.

8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt <sup>a</sup>offering; and my servant Job shall <sup>b</sup>pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is right*, like my servant Job.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also <sup>a</sup>accepted Job.

10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he <sup>a</sup>prayed for his <sup>b</sup>friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

12 So the LORD <sup>a</sup>blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels,

and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations.

17 So Job died, *being* old and full of days.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

PSALM 1

*Blessed are the righteous—The ungodly will perish.*

<sup>a</sup>BLESSED is the man that <sup>b</sup>walketh not in the <sup>c</sup>counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the <sup>a</sup>scornful.

2 But his <sup>a</sup>delight is in the <sup>b</sup>law of the LORD; and in his law doth he <sup>c</sup>meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a <sup>a</sup>tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall <sup>b</sup>prosper.

4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the <sup>a</sup>chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the <sup>a</sup>righteous: but the way of the <sup>b</sup>ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

*A messianic psalm—The heathen will rage against the Lord's anointed—The Lord speaks of His Son, whom He has begotten.*

10<sup>a</sup> Matt. 5:44.  
b TG Friendship.  
12<sup>a</sup> Gen. 26:12.

[PSALMS]

1 1<sup>a</sup> TG Happiness.  
b Prov. 1:10 (10–19);

d Ps. 26:4;  
Jer. 15:17.  
2<sup>a</sup> TG Abundant Life.  
b HEB teaching, direction, doctrine.  
TG God, Law of.  
c TG Meditation.

Mosiah 1:7;  
Alma 50:20; Hel. 12:1;  
D&C 9:13.  
4<sup>a</sup> Job 21:18 (17–18);  
Ps. 83:13 (2, 13);  
Hosea 13:3 (1–4);  
Morm. 5:16 (16–18).

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## Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin

**“The Lord compensates the faithful for every loss. That which is taken away from those who love the Lord will be added unto them in His own way. While it may not come at the time we desire, the faithful will know that every tear today will eventually be returned a hundredfold with tears of rejoicing and gratitude.**

**“One of the blessings of the gospel is the knowledge that when the curtain of death signals the end of our mortal lives, life will continue on the other side of the veil. There we will be given new opportunities. Not even death can take from us the eternal blessings promised by a loving Heavenly Father”**

*(Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin, “Come What May, and Love It,” Oct 2008 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2008, 28).*