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Job 1:6 ¶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 1:7 The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

Job 1:8 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?"

Job 1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason?"

Job 1:10 Have you not put a hedge around 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.

Job 1:11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face."

Job 1:12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Job 38:1 ¶ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

Job 38:2 ¶ "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"

Job 38:3 Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

Job 38:4 ¶ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

Job 38:5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

Job 38:6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

Job 38:7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Job 38:8 ¶ "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

Job 38:9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

Job 38:10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

Job 38:11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

Job 38:12 ¶ "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,

Job 38:13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?

Job 38:14 It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

Job 38:15 From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

Job 38:16 ¶ "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Job 38:17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Job 38:18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Job 38:19 ¶ "Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness,

Job 38:20 that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home?

Job 38:21 You know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!

Job 38:22 ¶ "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,

Job 38:23 which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war?

Job 38:24 What is the way to the place where the light is distributed, or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?

Job 38:25 ¶ "Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain and a way for the thunderbolt,

Job 38:26 to bring rain on a land where no man is, on the desert in which there is no man,

Job 38:27 to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground sprout with grass?

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Job 38:28 ¶ “Has the rain a father, or who has begotten the drops of dew?

Job 38:29 From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the frost of heaven?

Job 38:30 The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

Job 38:31 ¶ “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion?

Job 38:32 Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children?

Job 38:33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth?

Job 38:34 ¶ “Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that a flood of waters may cover you?

Job 38:35 Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Job 38:36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind?

Job 38:37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

Job 38:38 when the dust runs into a mass and the clods stick fast together?

Job 38:39 ¶ “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

Job 38:40 when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in their thicket?

Job 38:41 Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God for help, and wander about for lack of food?

Job 40:1 ¶ And the LORD said to Job:

Job 40:2 ¶ “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.”

Job 40:3 ¶ Then Job answered the LORD and said:

Job 40:4 ¶ “Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.

Job 40:5 I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”

Job 40:6 ¶ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

Job 40:7 ¶ “Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

Job 40:8 Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?

Job 40:9 Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?

Job 40:10 ¶ “Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity; clothe yourself with glory and splendor.

Job 40:11 Pour out the overflowings of your anger, and look on everyone who is proud and abase him.

Job 40:12 Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low and tread down the wicked where they stand.

Job 40:13 Hide them all in the dust together; bind their faces in the world below.

Job 40:14 Then will I also acknowledge to you that your own right hand can save you.

Job 42:1 ¶ Then Job answered the LORD and said:

Job 42:2 ¶ “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Job 42:10 ¶ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Job 42:11 Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.

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Job 42:12 ¶ And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.

Job 42:13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

Job 42:14 And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch.

Job 42:15 And in all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

Job 42:16 And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations.

Job 42:17 And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

John 11:4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

John 11:5 ¶ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

John 11:6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

John 11:7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

John 11:8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?"

John 11:9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

John 11:10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

John 11:11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."

John 11:12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."

John 11:13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.

John 11:14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died,

John 11:15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

John 11:16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

John 11:17 ¶ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

John 11:18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,

John 11:19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

John 11:20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

John 11:21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

John 11:22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

John 11:23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

John 11:24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

John 11:26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

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John 11:28 ¶ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

John 11:29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.

John 11:30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

John 11:31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

John 11:32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.

John 11:34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

John 11:36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

John 11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

John 11:38 ¶ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

John 11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."

John 11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

John 11:41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

John 11:42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."

John 11:43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

John 11:44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."