

Yet Will I Trust Him

Job and the Mystery of Suffering



Job 2:4-8

⁴ "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. ⁵ But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

⁶ The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

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⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. ⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

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Job offers very honest and blunt expressions about how he feels.

Job 3:3

³ "May the day of my birth perish,
and the night it was said, 'A boy is born!'"

Job 6:4

⁴ The arrows of the Almighty are in me,
my spirit drinks in their poison;
God's terrors are marshaled against me.

Job 7:11

¹¹ “Therefore I will not keep silent;
I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit,
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

Job 7:16

¹⁶ I despise my life; I would not live forever.



Job 7:19

¹⁹ Will you never look away from me,
or let me alone even for an instant?

Job 9:17-18

¹⁷ He would crush me with a storm
and multiply my wounds for no reason.

¹⁸ He would not let me regain my breath
but would overwhelm me with misery.

Job 10:20-21

²⁰ Are not my few days almost over?
Turn away from me so I can have a moment's
joy ²¹ before I go to the place of no return,
to the land of gloom and deep shadow.

Job 16:9

⁹ God assails me and tears me in his anger
and gnashes his teeth at me.

Job 17:1

¹ My spirit is broken,
my days are cut short,
the grave awaits me.

Job 30:20

20 "I cry out to you, O God, but you do not answer;
I stand up, but you merely look at me.

Peter Kreeft

“More people have abandoned their faith because of the problem of evil than for any other reason. It is certainly the greatest test of faith, the greatest temptation to unbelief.”

Job 2:10

“You are speaking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God’s hand and not trouble?”

Job 30:27

²⁷ The churning inside me never stops;
days of suffering confront me.

1 Peter 5:7

⁷ "Cast your cares on him, for he cares for you."



Philip Yancey

“Job may have given up on God’s justice, but he steadfastly refuses to give up on God. At the most unlikely moments of despair, he comes up with brilliant flashes of hope and faith.”

Job 19:25-27

²⁵ I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!



*In the midst of our flailing faith,
God is right there with us.*

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