

## THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE REST OF JOB'S LIFE

### PART 2—DAY 2



#### **DAY TWO LOG: I, JOB, SERVANT OF THE LORD DO NOW GIVE THIS ACCOUNT ...**

After the initial attacks on day one, I have continued along the way with much sadness and bewilderment. I have now lost all of my possessions, my servants and my children. I also was very concerned that these tragic events had been too much for my dear wife, and I feared for her spiritual wellbeing and her sanity.

But things were about to get worse as unknown to me, of course, a second meeting in heaven had taken place in the presence of the LORD during which Satan was given permission to attack my health ... which he did by striking me with terrible boils from head to foot.

I have continued on by doing the only thing I know—maintaining my faith in the

LORD and pleading with him for answers. I only learned later of the dangerous threat that Satan had posed. Even now I still gasp at the thought. How wonderful it was when I finally came to see the compassionate, merciful and sovereign will of God—that he can do all things.

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- *PS I was hopeful upon receiving word that my friends were on the way but that hope dissolved shortly after their arrival as they turned out to be miserable comforters.*
  - *PS I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth (Job 19:25 NIV).*

**DAY TWO IN HEAVEN ...**

1. The LORD gives Satan permission to further test the faith of Job, 2:1-6.
  - (Job 2:1-6 ESV) 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. 2 And 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." 3 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? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." 4 Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "**Skin for skin!** All that a man has he will give for his life. 5 **But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.**" 6 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."
    - a. Satan presents himself before the LORD to report his activity.
    - b. The LORD brings Satan's attention to "my servant Job."
    - c. The LORD also searches the earth but for a much different reason.
      - (2 Chronicles 16:9a ESV) For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, **to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.**
    - d. Job held a lofty and valued position in the eyes of the LORD.
 

The LORD spoke of "*my servant Job*" in 1:8, 2:3, 42:7, 8 and he ultimately demonstrated his mercy, compassion and his sovereign will through "*my servant Job*" as he blessed his servant Job for remaining faithful and true.
    - e. The LORD in referring to Job describes the essentials of genuine, saving faith.
      - (Job 2:3a ESV) 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?"**

Observe the DESCRIPTORS in the following verses of the person who fears God.

- (Psalm 25:12 ESV) Who is the man who fears the LORD? **Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.**

[DESCRIPTOR: God instructs this person in the way he should live.]

- (Psalm 112:1 ESV) Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, **who greatly delights in his commandments!**

[DESCRIPTOR: This person greatly delights in the LORD telling her how to live.]

- (Psalm 128:1 ESV) Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, **who walks in his ways!**

[DESCRIPTOR: This person walks in the ways of the LORD.]

- (Proverbs 14:2 ESV) Whoever walks in uprightness fears the LORD, **but he who is devious in his ways despises him.**

[DESCRIPTOR: This person is not devious in his ways.]

- (Proverbs 28:14 ESV) Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, **but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.**

[DESCRIPTOR: This person does not harden her heart.]

This is not speaking of perfection. Job later repented of sin that occurred during his fiery ordeal. Blameless and upright mean that in our daily practice of faith we have clean hands and a pure heart.

- (Job 17:9 ESV) Yet the righteous holds to his way, **and he who has clean hands grows stronger and stronger.**
- (Psalm 24:3-4 ESV) Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? 4 **He who has clean hands and a pure heart**, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- (1 Timothy 1:5 NIV) The goal of this command is love, which comes from **a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.**
- (Hebrews 13:18 ESV) Pray for us, for we are **sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.**

Blameless and upright also mean doing the right thing once we realize the right thing to do per James's instruction in the NT concerning the will of the Lord.

- (James 4:17 ESV) Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do

this or that.” 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 **So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.**

- f. The LORD then speaks of another evidence of genuine, saving faith—Job’s enduring faith.
- (Job 2:3b ESV) **He still holds fast his integrity**, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.”
- g. Job maintained his integrity by continuing in his faith—in what and in whom he believed.
- (Colossians 1:21–23 ESV) And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 **if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard**, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.
- h. Satan presses the issue by citing a common belief even in the realm of fallen humans.
- (Job 2:4 ESV) Then Satan answered the LORD and said, **“Skin for skin!** All that a man has he will give for his life.”
- i. The LORD gives Satan permission to afflict Job with physical pain.

## DAY TWO ON EARTH ...

2. Satan continues his challenge to YAHWEH by destroying Job’s health, 2:7-8.
- (Job 2:7–8 ESV) **So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.** 8 And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

## “SKIN FOR SKIN” ... A BRIEF EXCURSUS

**Skin for skin ...** Granted permission by YAHWEH to afflict Job did Satan possibly use this expression at least somewhat literally as he attempted to come up with the worst possible scenario of pain and torment that his evil mind could conceive?

- (Job 2:4–5 ESV) Then Satan answered the Lord and said, **“Skin for skin!** All that a man

has he will give for his life. 5 But **stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh**, and he will curse you to your face.”

- I. NOTED: “SKIN FOR SKIN” IS SEEN AS A PROVERBIAL EXPRESSION FOR A PERSON GIVING ANYTHING TO SAVE HER LIFE—TO “SAVE HER SKIN.”
- II. BUT WE SHOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF GAINING **ADDITIONAL, IMPORTANT INSIGHT** INTO THE EXPRESSION “SKIN FOR SKIN” THROUGH A QUICK STUDY ON HUMAN SKIN.

Human skin, in human anatomy, *[is]* **the covering**, or integument, **of the body’s surface that both provides protection and receives sensory stimuli from the external environment.**

**The skin is the body’s largest organ**, made of water, protein, fats and minerals. Your skin **protects** your body from germs and **regulates** body temperature. Nerves in the skin help you feel sensations like hot and cold. Your skin, along with your hair, nails, oil glands and sweat glands, is part of the integumentary (*in-TEG-you-MEINT-a-ree*) system. **“Integumentary” means a body’s outer covering.** *[Sources: Britannica and Cleveland Clinic.]*

**When we think skin, we should think protection and sensory perception.** The skin is our body’s outer, protective, sensory covering. The literal skin on Job’s body is where our cunning enemy chose to attack covering him with sores.

So maybe Satan’s reasoning—since he was not given permission to murder Job by stopping his heart or destroying his liver—that attacking his skin would be ideal to inflict the most damage both physically and psychologically.

- III. WE MAY ALSO POSSIBLY GAIN **ADDITIONAL, IMPORTANT INSIGHT** INTO THE EXPRESSION “SKIN FOR SKIN” THROUGH A BRIEF STUDY OF SKIN IN JOB.

**INSIGHT #1: Job acknowledged his redeemer in view of his skin being destroyed.**

- (Job 19:25–27 NIV) **I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on 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!

**INSIGHT #2: Job’s description of his flesh testifies to the effective choice Satan made.**

- (Job 7:5 ESV) My flesh is clothed with worms and dirt; **my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh.**

**INSIGHT #3: Job’s description here describes the intimate connection he had with his “skin and flesh” and his Creator.**

- (Job 10:11 ESV) **You clothed me with skin and flesh,**

and knit me together with bones and sinews.

**INSIGHT #4:** Job again describes the damage done via the serpent's cunning choice of attack.

- (Job 19:20 ESV) My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

**INSIGHT #5:** Job's skin was literally falling away and losing its effectiveness as protection of his body.

- (Job 30:30 ESV) My skin turns black and falls from me, and my bones burn with heat.

**–END EXCURSUS–**

### 3. Job passes the day two test, 2:9-10.

- (Job 2:9–10 ESV) Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? **Curse God and die.**” 10 But he said to her, “**You speak as one of the foolish women would speak.** Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

#### a. Job's wife vocalizes Satan's temptation – “Curse God and die.”

- (Job 1:11 ESV) But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, **and he will curse you to your face.**
- (Job 2:5 ESV) But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, **and he will curse you to your face.**

#### b. Job rebuked her for speaking as a woman who does not have a belief in God in her heart—a foolish woman.

Fool – nabal: a foolish person who navigates this life with no true belief in the God of Scripture. This is the one who says “no god” in his heart. See Psalm 14:1, 53:1.

#### c. The LORD rebuked Eliphaz and the two other friends for the same foolishness.

- (Job 42:7–8 ESV) After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “**My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.**” 8 Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. **And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept**

his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. **For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.**”

We should note that God repeated this expression—“*For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has*”—in his rebuke of the three friends.

### 4. Job's three friends arrive, 2:11-13.

- (Job 2:11–13 ESV) Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. **They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.** 12 And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. 13 And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

#### a. They came to show Job sympathy and comfort but were “miserable comforters.”

- (Job 16:2 ESV) I have heard many such things; **miserable comforters are you all.**

#### b. They did not say what was right about God concerning the will of God for Job and they consequently fell prey to the will of Satan.

#### c. The three friends would eventually come to their senses with a knowledge of the truth, 42:9.

- (Job 42:9 ESV) So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite **went and did what the LORD had told them,** and the LORD accepted Job's prayer.
- (2 Timothy 2:24–26 ESV) And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, **25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,** **26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.**