

JOB

A SERMON SERIES



JOB IN HIS SUFFERING

A picture of the afflictions described in the book of Job

BURNS / BARES

Job 2:7

The LORD allowed Satan to strike Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

ITCHING / SCRAPING

Job 2:9

He took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself with while sitting in ashes.

WORMS AND SORES

Job 7:5

My flesh is clothed with worms, and rot, my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh.

CONTINUING PAINS & GROWING PAIN

Job 30:17

The right cracks my bones, and the pain that gnaws me takes no rest.

WEEPING

Job 34:6

My face is wet with weeping, and on my eyelids is deep darkness.

THE HORRIBLE CONDITION CONTINUES FOR MONTHS

Job 7:3; 28:2

I am afflicted months at a time. Oh, that I were as in months past.

HONOUR / SHAME / SOCIAL REJECTION

Job 30:8

If they mock me, they keep silent; for I am not one to speak. I am silent at the sight of them.

DRASTIC CHANGE OF APPEARANCE

Job 12:12

When they see him from a distance they do not greet him.

BAD BREATH / DECAY

Job 16:17

My breath is no longer to my wife, and my words are like stink-burns of my own mouth.

LOST WEIGHT / EMACIATED BODY

Job 16:15, 20

My bones stick to my skin, and to my flesh. And after my skin has been stripped, yet in my flesh I shall see God.

INTERNAL TORMENT

Job 30:27

My inward parts are in turmoil and never still; days of affliction come to meet me.

BLACKENED, PEELING SKIN AND DEEP PAIN

Job 30:30

My skin turns black and falls from me, and my bones burn with heat.

THROUGH ALL THIS, JOB DID NOT SIN WITH HIS LIPS.

Job 2:10

Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?

"In all this Job did not sin with his lips." Job 2:10



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How can he who is born of woman be pure?
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This would be my comfort;
I would even exult in pain unsparing,
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(6:10)



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For it is better to suffer for doing good,
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(1 Peter 3:17)



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Behold, I have prepared my case;
I know that I shall be in the right.



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Job 19:25

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
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1 Peter 2:12

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles **honorable**,
so that when they **speak against you** as evildoers,
they may see your good deeds and
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