

Chapter 2

Satan asked permission from God to test Job even further. God gave permission. Satan struck Job with sores and ulcers from the soles of his feet to the top of his head.

Job scraped himself with a piece of pot.

His wife told him to curse God and die. But Job replied "If we take happiness from God's hand, must we not take sorrow too?"

News of Job's situation reached three of his friends: Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar and they decided to visit Job.

When they drew near to Job, they did not recognize him.

They wept, tore their clothes and sat on the ground beside Job for 7 days without speaking, stunned and saddened by Job's appearance.

Dear God, please help me imitate Job's trust and faith

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Job broke the 7 day silence by wishing that he had never been born.

He added "For me, there is no peace, no sleep. My suffering doesn't let me rest."

Eliphaz then spoke and reminded Job that God corrects those whom he loves.

Job replied that he was innocent of any wrongdoing, so why was he being punished?

He added: "Lying in bed I wonder 'When will it be day?' During the day I think 'How slowly night comes.'"

Neither day nor night offers me any relief from my suffering."

Dear Lord, please give courage and peace to people who are suffering great pain or distress