

Studies in Job – Part 4:
“Job’s Physical Affliction”
Job 2:1-10

Satan’s renewed attack against Job. The testing of Job intensifies.

1. Another View into the Secret Purposes of God vv. 1-6

(1) The Divine Sovereignty Re-affirmed *“Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD.”*

(2) A fresh humiliation for Satan! (3) *“Have you considered my servant Job...?”*

- God continues to glory in His indestructible saving work in Job

- God exposes the malicious character of Satan

(3) Satan Seeks further Opportunity (4-5) *“Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life!”*

-1- Another accusation against Job

“Job is willing to give up anything . . . so long as his own life is spared!”

“He is really only self-serving in his apparent devotion; he will only remain ‘devoted’ so long as his own neck is safe”

-2- At the same time a lie – and slander against God

- calling into question the excellence and the permanence of God’s saving work

-3- Satan’s recognition of the Divine sovereignty

“stretch out Your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh”

= *“give me permission to strike him with disease”*

(4) The Divine permission – and restriction (6) *“Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.”*

2. Satan’s Attack vv. 7-9

(1) Job stricken with disease (7-8) *“Satan... struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head”*

- Elephantiasis?

- cf. 30:17 – great incessant pain

30:27 – incurable

30:30 – constant fever, blackened, dying flesh

(2) Job’s wife succumbs to despair (9) *“Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die.”*

- That most tender of human supports taken from him!

3. Job’s Faith and Patience v. 10

(1) His response to his wife *“You speak as one of the foolish women speaks...”*
“Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?”

(2) The Holy Spirit’s further commentary cf. James 5:11

Further Application