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See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Job* pp 19-32 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 731-732 for detailed comment.

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Note first this extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/bible-studies/alan-oreillys-studies.php *The Sovereign Power of Darkness* p 2 concerning the weak word *sovereignty*.

THE SOVEREIGN CATHOLIC VERSION

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douay%E2%80%93Rheims_Bible. The first English Bible to use the term “sovereign” was the *Catholic Douay-Rheims Bible* 1610, revised 1749-1752.

The DR uses “sovereignty” in Judges 5:11 and “sovereign” in Isaiah 3:1, 10:16, 33, 51:22, Amos 5:14, Jude 4 i.e. 7 times. Jude 4 shows the DR's influence on the 1984, 2011 NIVs:

“For certain men are secretly entered in (who were written of long ago unto this judgment), ungodly men, turning the grace of our Lord God into riotousness and denying the only sovereign Ruler and our Lord Jesus Christ” Jude 4 DR.

“For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord” Jude 4 1984 NIV.

“For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord” Jude 4 2011 NIV. Note that the DR, NIVs use “Sovereign” to erase “**Lord God**” in Jude 4 and rob “**our Lord Jesus Christ**” of His Deity to help set up the Antichrist as the AV1611 shows:

“THE WORDS OF THE LORD” Psalm 12:6

“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” Jude 4 AV1611.

DIFFERENT WORD, SAME THEFT, SAME SATANIC SET-UP

The Catholic JB, NJB, Jerusalem, New Jerusalem Bibles change “Sovereign” to the more familiar synonym “Master” but still erase “**Lord God**” to rob “**our Lord Jesus Christ**” of His Deity and promote “**that man of sin...so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**” 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. All modern bibles; RV, ASV, NASVs, RSV, NRSV, NIVs, NKJV footnote, CEV, ESV, GNT, HCSB, NCV, NET, NLT, NWTs, follow suit. That shows that they are from the same *Catholic “troubled fountain, and...corrupt spring”* Proverbs 25:26. Note also the gender-neutral changes in the 2011 NIV in Jude 4, to further the merging of the apostate End Times church with the satanic new world order that the Lord Jesus Christ called “**the power of darkness**” Luke 22:53.

God's omnipotence is revealed in Job 1, 2 in His power over “**the wicked one**” Matthew 13:19, 38, 1 John 2:13, 14, of whom God Himself says “**Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear**” Job 41:33, with respect to:

- What the devil can *destroy or plunder*, Job 1:12, 15, 16, 17
- Whom the devil can *destroy*, Job 1:12, 15, 16, 17, 19
- Whom the devil can *afflict but not destroy*, Job 2:6, 7

2. *Why is Satan still unsatisfied with Job's character (Job 2:1-5)?*

Satan had not succeeded in forcing Job to turn against God, in that thus far ***"In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly"*** Job 1:22. The devil's sole aim with any individual is to turn him or her against God whether by one or more of the following means, in Job's case by affliction because the other two strategies had clearly been ineffectual, Job 1:1, 8, 2:3:

- *Affliction.* ***"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world"*** 1 Peter 5:8-9.
- *Deception.* ***"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ"*** 2 Corinthians 11:3 with 1 Timothy 2:14 ***"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."***
- *Temptation.* ***"For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain"*** 1 Thessalonians 3:5.

3. *How would Job's new affliction intensify the pain he already felt (Job 2:7-8, see also Job 7:5, 13-14, 30:17, 30)?*

It made him want *to die*, depicting how men will want to die during ***"great tribulation"*** Matthew 24:21, Revelation 7:14 of Daniel's 70th Week, especially the last half of it during the final Antichrist's reign of 42 months, Daniel 9:27, Revelation 13:5. See *Job 1 – Summary Thoughts* p 2 www.timefortruth.co.uk/bible-studies/alan-oreillys-studies.php.

"So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life" Job 7:15.

"My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul" Job 10:1.

"...Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!" Job 10:18.

"O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past..." Job 14:13.

"And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them" Revelation 9:6.

The Book of Job is *prophetic*, showing that *the Book's actual Author is God*.

"...for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" Isaiah 46:9-10.

Take comfort, therefore, in what the Lord says, as David and Jeremiah did.

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands" Psalm 138:7-8.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" Jeremiah 29:11.

4. What is his wife's 'solution' and how does Job respond to this 'solution' (Job 2:9)?

Mrs Job's solution is *Make God finish you off*. Other Old Testament saints in despair in principle attempted the same solution, or wished it.

- *Elijah. "But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers"* 1 Kings 19:4.
- *Jeremiah. "Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad....Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me. Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?"* Jeremiah 20:15, 17-18.
- *Jonah. "Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live"* Jonah 4:3.

Job responds, for now, Job 2:10, in the way that Paul effectively exhorts today's believer.

"For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us" 2 Corinthians 1:8-10.

Job sensed God's deliverance as Paul expressed it. See *Job 1 Question 2* www.timefortruth.co.uk/bible-studies/alan-oreillys-studies.php with respect to Job 23:10, 42:11.

"But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" Job 23:10. Note also Peter's exhortations and Latimer's challenge from history.

"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" 1 Peter 6-7.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" 1 Peter 4:12-13.

Note too that with the prophets, God sustained them. *"Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience"* James 5:10.



"Be of good comfort, Mr. Ridley, and play the man! We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace, in England, as I trust never shall be put out."

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1501-1600/bishops-ridley-and-latimer-burned-11629990.html

5. *Based on this passage, how does Satan use suffering and tragedy to tempt us to sin?*

The devil uses bad advice, Job 2:9 and/or false reports in an effort to discourage the saint's heart to despair even of life, Numbers 32:7, 9, Deuteronomy 1:28, 2 Corinthians 1:8-10. See *Question 4*. Nehemiah's prayer is helpful in such circumstances *as is prayer for others in difficult circumstances together with material help as far as possible, as Paul shows*. See last page.

"For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands" Nehemiah 6:9.

That prayer was answered.

"So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God" Nehemiah 6:15-16.

"Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf" 2 Corinthians 1:11.

6. *When is it hard to believe that God is in control?*

When chastening is mistaken for calamity:

Paul's exhortation to the Hebrews should be remembered.

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Hebrews 12:5-7.

7. *How can we follow Job's example when suffering strikes?*

See *Questions 3-6* with respect to Psalm 138:7-8, Jeremiah 29:11, 2 Corinthians 1:8-10, Job 23:10, 1 Peter 1:6-7, 4:12-13, James 5:10, Nehemiah 6:9, 15-16, 2 Corinthians 1:11, Hebrews 12:5-7. Practically speaking, remember that the Gardner is never so close as when pruning.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" John 15:1-2.

8. *When we suffer, do you think it is usually for the same reasons as Job?*

See *Question 6* and Hebrews 12:5-7. The essential point is that suffering in the life of a believer should be for the *right* reason as Peter explains, in that the believer's life and testimony should at least give his detractors *a convicted conscience*, John 8:9 and context.

"If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" 1 Peter 4:15-16.

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