

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Perfect not flawless--- In all his ways (proverbs 3-5) flee from the appearance

²And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

³His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

His acknowledgement of God led him to wealth and overflow. God made him great- Proverb Your gift will make room for you!

⁵And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Job covered his children in the AM who were constantly partying and indulging, they did not realize Job was keeping the Devil from them who had the right to attack them due to their indulgence in sin. It is the reason why Satan came in the first place.

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

⁷And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ⁸And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Satan now approaches God to accuse (accuser of the bretheren) As it was with Adam God knows why he is there and what he has done . Satan like Adam does not give a straight answer

and refuses to be specific. God knowing this tells him indirectly by question his purpose for being there. Satan then reveals that he is aware of a barrier he cannot cross because he has attempted to touch all that was mentioned.

⁹Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

¹⁰Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Satan then reveals that he is aware of a barrier he cannot cross because he has attempted to touch all that was mentioned.

¹¹But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. ¹²And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Who's hand will bring the sickness and the destruction? Notice the hand and whose hand afflicts the child in right standing with God.

2 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

²And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

God again exposes his deception and tells him why he is there and who he really wants

³And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Note: It doesn't take God's hand just the permission granted by Satan to let you or the nation be in Satan's hand!

⁴And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

⁵But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

What Satan wants is for Job to say" its not worth serving God and then refuse and reject God.

⁶And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in **thine hand**; but save his life.

Rev 12: 10

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Satan looks for the man or woman who will choose to be perfect and through this relationship they earnestly pray for their family and neighbors and people in general thus covering them from the attacks of Satan. We see in this prophetic example grace upon grace upon grace. Remember this encounter!

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; [32](#)but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."...

Peter did what Job would not do--- He began to Curse and Swear ! But Jesus had prayed for his faith fail not.

Fire.... He has to ask permission