

MY EARS HAD HEARD OF YOU,
BUT NOW MY EYES SEE YOU

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"[Christianity] creates, rather than solves, the problem of pain, for pain would be no problem unless, side by side with our daily experience of this painful world, we had received what we think a good assurance that the ultimate reality is righteous and loving."
C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

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"And the LORD said to Satan: 'Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil?'"
Job 1:8 (ESV)

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⁹Then Satan answered the LORD and said: "Does Job fear God for no reason?
¹⁰Have You not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land."
 Job 1:9-10 (ESV)

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¹¹But stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse You to Your face." ¹²And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.
 Job 1:11-12 (ESV)

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Four Calamities:

*The Sabeans – Oxen and donkeys
 "The fire from God" – Sheep
 The Chaldeans – Camels
 A great wind across the wilderness – Job's children*

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¹¹The Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.
Job 1:20-22 (ESV)

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³And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to destroy him without reason."
Job 2:3 (ESV)

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

⁴Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵But stretch out Your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse You to Your face." ⁶And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."
Job 2:4-6 (ESV)

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*⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes. ⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die."
Job 2:7-9 (ESV)*

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*¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. 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 (ESV)*

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Dialogue between Job and his friends:

1. Is God just?
2. Does God rule justly on the earth?

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¹As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ²And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³But Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."

John 9:1-3 (ESV)

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Job Repents:

³Then Job answered the LORD and said:

⁴"Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer You? I lay my hand on my mouth. ⁵I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further."

Job 40:3-5 (ESV)

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²"I known that You can do all things and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted

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Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."*

Job 42:2-3 (ESV)

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⁵*"I had heard of You by the hearing of
the ear, but now my eye sees You;
⁶therefore I despise myself, and repent
in dust and ashes."*
Job 42:5-6 (ESV)

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

²³*"Oh that my words were written! Oh
that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh
that with an iron pen and lead they were
engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I
know that **my Redeemer lives**, and at
the last He will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus
destroyed, yet in my flesh **I shall see
God,**"*
Job 19:23-26 (ESV) [Emphasis mine]

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