

DENIED ACCESS





The LORD decides if and when boundaries are to be breached and if so, how far. For the believer it's never beyond their ability to be sustained. We've always focused on what Job had access to, however, we must also consider the access that was denied.

The enemy often attacks at the point of ***transition, expansion, and elevation***. The fact that there is opposition does not mean God is absent; it often means movement is taking place. The answer is not fear, but vigilance, discernment, and steadfastness in the purpose God has given you.

Satan is threatened anytime believers are in the presence of God.



LORD (all capitals) = **YHWH**,
God's personal covenant name
revealed to Moses.

YHWH communicates:

- The Self-Existent One
- The Eternal One
- The Covenant-Keeping God
- The God Who Is, Was, and Always Will Be

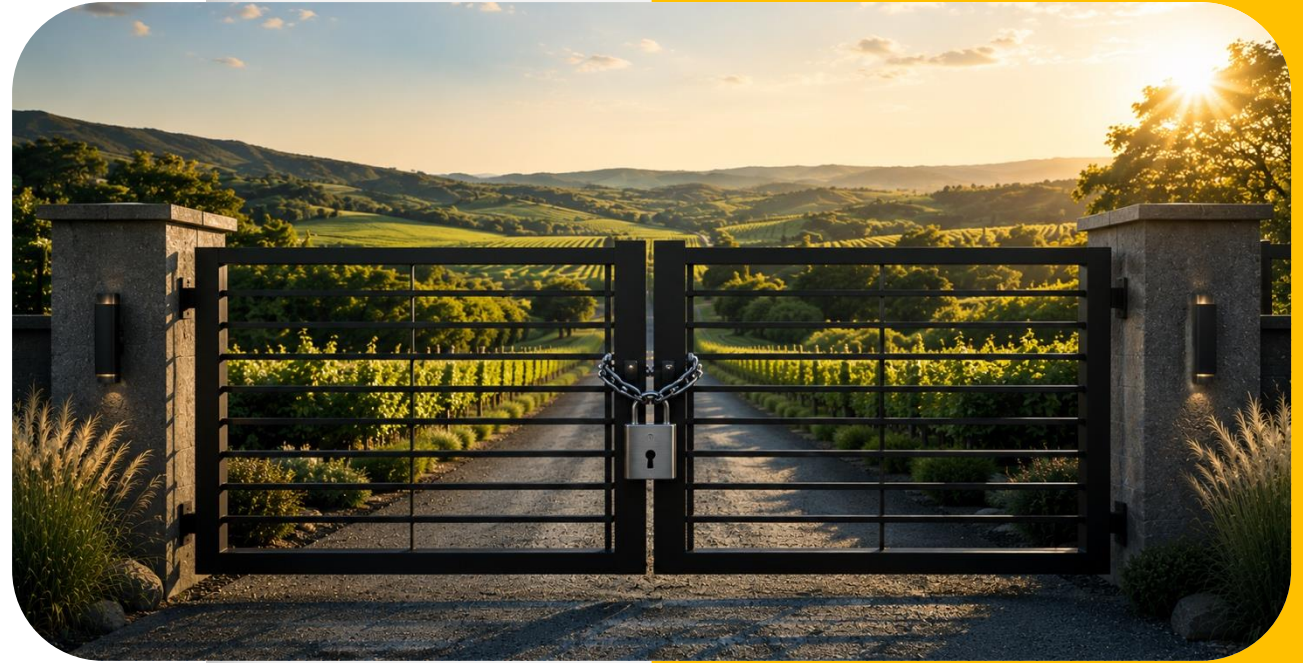


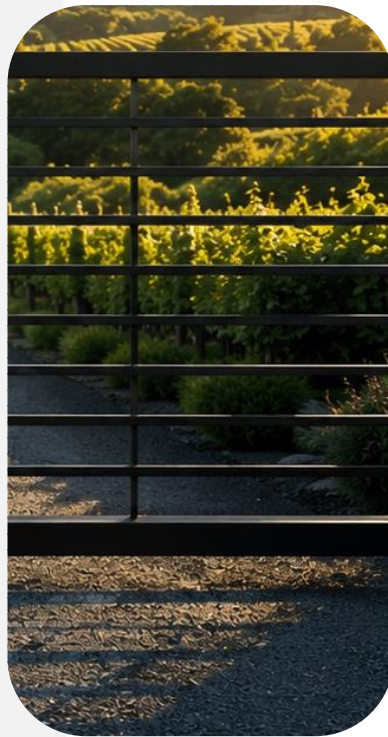
"And YHWH said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand."

Several truths emerge:

- **Satan is not God's equal**

The passage does not portray two opposing forces battling on equal terms. Satan must appear before YHWH and can only act within the boundaries that YHWH permits.





- **God's sovereignty establishes limits**

Notice that YHWH sets the boundary: "Only upon himself put not forth thine hand." Satan could not go beyond the line God established. Even in Job's suffering, God remained sovereign.

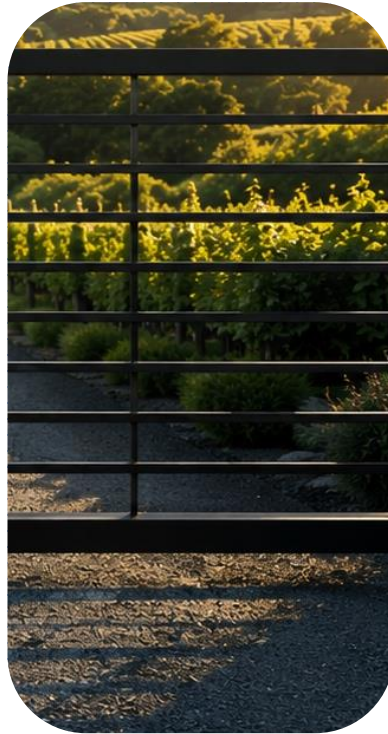
- **God's presence remains supreme**

The text says:

“So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.”

Satan leaves the presence of YHWH. He is not independent of God's authority. The scene emphasizes that ultimate authority belongs to God alone.





- **The covenant God is still present in suffering**

Because **LORD** represents **YHWH**, the covenant-keeping God, the story reminds us that Job's suffering was not outside God's knowledge. The God who had entered covenant relationship with His people had not abandoned Job, even when Job could not understand what was happening.



Satan had access to Job's possessions, but he never had authority over God's throne. The same YHWH who set the boundary was the same YHWH who ultimately restored Job. ***What the enemy touched was limited by what God allowed.***

THE SECOND VIGNETTE OF JOB'S SATANIC EXPERIENCE

Again, **LORD** represents **YHWH**, the covenant name of God. The passage reveals several important truths.





The Boundary Remains

In the first test, Satan was permitted to touch Job's possessions but not his body. **Here the boundary changes:**

“He is in thine hand; but save his life.”



YHWH expands the boundary but still establishes a limit. Satan may afflict Job's body, but he cannot take Job's life.

The enemy has permission to test, but not unlimited authority to destroy.

Job's Life Remained in God's Hands

Notice that Satan struck Job with painful boils “from the sole of his foot unto his crown,” yet the one thing Satan wanted most, Job's complete destruction, was withheld from him.

This reminds us that suffering may touch our circumstances, our bodies, and even our emotions, but our lives remain under God's sovereign authority.



The Presence of God and the Attack of the Enemy

Twice in Job we read:

“So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD.”

The attack begins only after Satan leaves the presence of YHWH. The text emphasizes that Satan is not acting independently. He remains a creature under divine authority.





The story is not about the power of Satan; it is about the faithfulness of God.

Job lost wealth.

Job lost children.

Job lost health.

Job lost the understanding of why.

Yet he never left the knowledge of YHWH.

For someone walking through prolonged suffering as Job was, the passage reminds us that God's covenant relationship is not canceled by pain. The God identified as YHWH is the same God who later restores, speaks, and reveals Himself to Job in a deeper way than before.





“The enemy was allowed to touch Job’s skin, but he could not touch God’s covenant. He could afflict Job’s body, but he could not sever Job from YHWH. The boundary of suffering was set by the hand of God, and the life of Job remained under divine custody.”

What God preserves, the enemy cannot ultimately destroy.