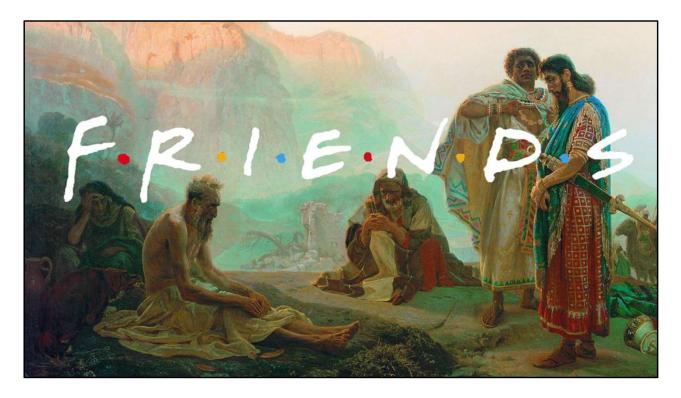


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Job 9, 16, 31!



Today, in our latest episode of "Friends" we'll learn who our truest friend is!

Alone and Lonely, loathsome

- Jobs children are Dead
- His friends say He sinned and is being judged
- His Wife tells him to curse God and die!
- God seems alienated and angry, silent for sure!
- Even Job doesn't want to be Job!
- Only Jesus has known greater isolation & alienation

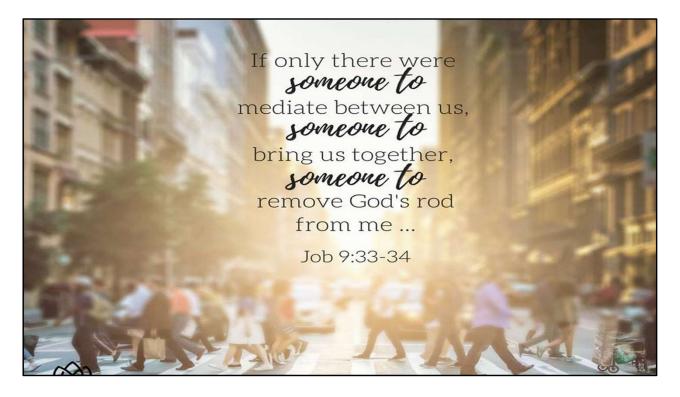
This week, 30% of Americans are living alone Loneliness is one of biggest struggles of gen Z

[Job 9:31 NASB20] 31 Then You would plunge me into the pit, And **my own clothes** would loathe me.

[Job 19:19 NASB20] 19 "All my associates loathe me, And those I love have turned against me.

[Job 30:10 NASB20] 10 "They loathe me [and] stand aloof from me, And they do not refrain from spitting in my face.

Ever rightly hate yourself?



[Job 9:1-3, 32-35 NASB20] 1 Then Job responded, 2 "In truth I know that this is so; But how can a person be in the right with God? 3 "If one wished to dispute with Him, He could not answer Him once in a thousand [times.] ...

32 "For [He is] not a man, as I am, that I may answer Him-- That we may go to court together! 33 "There is no arbitrator between us, Who can place his hand upon us both. 34 "Let Him remove His rod from me, And let not the dread of <u>Him terrify me</u>. 35 "[Then] I would speak and not fear Him; But I am not like that in myself.

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Who will speak for me when I can't?

- Ever have a friend ask if someone "liked" you?
- Ever alienated from someone? Ever lose/hurt a friend?
- Ever need a friend when you were deeply hurting?
- Arbitrator, Intercessors, Advocates, Ambassadors ...
- Our God is Holy, unapproachable, We can't see Him!
- Jesus is for you, actually much more than you are!

Ghosting is rampant!

[Rom 8:26 NASB20] 26 Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for [us] with groanings too deep for words;

Have you ever needed a Mediator? Mediators, Counselors, Umpires...Patient advocates! I remember when my son interpreted for my daughter!

<u>Arbitrators</u> Intercessor, Advocate <u>Peacemakers</u>

<u>Priests</u> <u>Prophets</u> <u>Secretary of State</u> - Henry Kissinger <u>Union Rep.</u> <u>"Best friend in H.S. who asked a girl what she thought of me..."</u> <u>Mediator</u>

Praying to the saints

Ever need a friend to speak frankly with you! A real friend! Like when my Mom interceded with me for my sister!

When I can't:

- I have no right to approach the throne of God on my own! He's SO Holy and I'm so sinful!
- It appears that God is against me and I don't know why?
- I'm so defeated, in pain, I have no words

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[Exo 33:20 NASB20] 20 He further said, "You cannot see My face, for mankind shall not see Me and live!"

[1Ti 6:16 NASB20] 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him [be] honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

[Gen 32:30 NASB20] 30 So Jacob named the place Peniel, for [he said,] "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared."

[Deu 5:24 NASB20] 24 "You said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with mankind, yet he lives.

[Jdg 13:22 NASB20] 22 So Manoah said to his wife, "We will certainly die, for we have seen God."

[Isa 6:5 NASB20] 5 Then I said, "Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of armies."

John 6:46 Verse Concepts

Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

[Job 19:26 NASB20] 26 "Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I will see God,

[Mat 5:8 NASB20] 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[Jas 2:23 NASB20] 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and <u>he was</u> called a friend of God.

[Exo 33:11 NASB20] 11 So the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

[2Ch 20:7 NASB20] 7 "Did You not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land from Your people Israel, and give it to the descendants of Your friend Abraham forever?

[Job 16:21 NASB20] 21 That one might plead for a man with God As a son of man with his neighbor!

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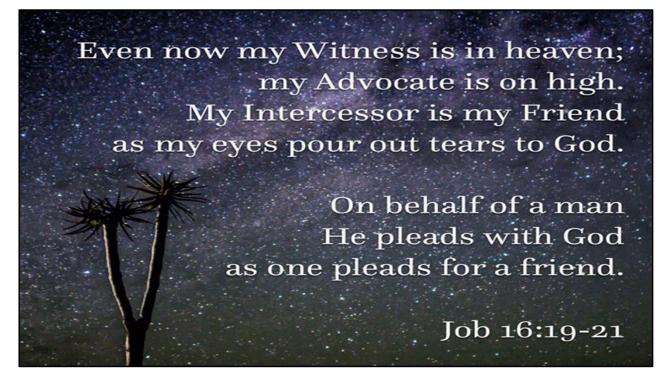
[Jhn 15:13-15 NASB20] 13 "Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends. 14 "You are My friends if you do what I command you. 15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

[1Ti 2:5 NASB20] 5 For there is one God, [and] one mediator also between God and mankind, [the] Man Christ Jesus,

[Heb 8:6 NASB20] 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, to the extent that He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

[Heb 9:15 NASB20] 15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the violations that were [committed] under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

[Heb 12:24 NASB20] 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than [the blood] of Abel.



You Have friends in High Places! On the Throne! So remember to whom you speak!

Job 16:19-21 "Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, And my advocate is on high. 20 "My friends are my scoffers; My eye weeps to God, 21 That one might plead for a man with God As a son of man with his neighbor!

Stepping into a conflict, stand in the Gap!

- Abraham intercedes for Sodom/Lot Genesis 18-19
- Moses and Amalek, Moses with God! Exodus 17, 32, Korah!
- Jonathan and David! 1 Samuel 19
- Abigail and David! 1 Samuel 25
- David stood between the death angel and Israel
 2 Samuel 24
- Paul's prayer for his people Romans 9

[Gen 18:20, 22, 24, 32 NASB20] 20 And the LORD said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. ... 22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the LORD. ... 24 "**Suppose there are fifty righteous people** within the city; will You indeed sweep [it] away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ... 32 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once: suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy [it] on account of the ten."

[Gen 19:1, 6, 10-13 NASB20] 1 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw [them,] he stood up to meet them and bowed down [with his] face to the ground. ... 6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, ... 10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. 11 Then they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, from the small to the great, so that they became weary of [trying] to find the doorway. 12 Then the [two] men said to Lot, "Whom else do you have here? A son-in-law and your sons and daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring [them] out of the place; 13 for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

Exo 17:9-13 So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." 10 Joshua did just as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 So it came about, when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed; but when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. 12 And Moses' hands were heavy. So they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. So his hands were steady until the sun set. 13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

[Exo 32:30-35 NASB20] 30 And on the next day Moses said to the people, "You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." 31 <u>Then Moses returned to the LORD and</u> said, "Oh, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves! 32 "But now, if You will forgive their sin, [very well;] but if not, please wipe me out from Your book which You have written!" 33 However, the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will wipe him out of My book. 34 "But go now, lead the people where I told you. Behold, My angel shall go before you; nevertheless on the day when I punish, I will punish them for their sin." 35 Then the LORD struck the people [with a plague,] because of what they did with the calf which Aaron had made.

[Exo 32:26, 28 NASB20] 26 Moses then stood at the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, [come] to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered together to him. ... 28 So the sons of Levi did as Moses instructed, and **about three thousand men of the people fell that day.**

[Num 16:48-50 NASB20] 48 And he took his stand between the dead and the living, so that the plague was brought to a halt. 49 But those who died by the plague were 14,700 [in number,] besides those who died on account of Korah. 50 Then Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the tent of meeting, for the plague had been brought to a halt.

[Num 21:7-9 NASB20] 7 So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you; intercede with the LORD, that He will remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery [serpent,] and put it on a flag [pole;] and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, and looks at it, will live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and put it on the flag [pole;] and it came about, that if a serpent bit someone, and he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

[1Sa 19:1-6 NASB20] 1 Now Saul told his son Jonathan and all his servants to put David to death. But Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly delighted in David. 2 So Jonathan informed David, saying, "My father Saul is seeking to put you to death. Now then, please be on your guard in the morning, and stay in a hiding place and conceal yourself. 3 "And as for me, I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are [hiding,] and I will speak with my father about you; and whatever I find out, I will tell you." 4 Then Jonathan spoke well of David to his father Saul and said to him, "May the king not sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds [have been] very beneficial to you. 5 "For he took his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great victory for all Israel; you saw [it] and rejoiced. Why then would you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death for no reason?" 6 Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, "As the LORD lives, [David] shall not be put to death."

[1Sa 25:32, 34 NASB20] 32 Then David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me, ... 34 "Nevertheless, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, there certainly would not have been left to Nabal until the morning light [as much as] one male."

[2Sa 20:13, 16, 22 NASB20] 13 As soon as he was removed from the road, all the men went on after **Joab to pursue Sheba** the son of Bichri. ... 16 Then **a wise woman** called out from the city, "Listen, listen! Please tell Joab, 'Come here that I may speak with you." ... 22 Then **the woman wisely came to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba** the son of Bichri and threw it to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, each to his tent. Joab also returned to the king at Jerusalem.

[2Sa 20:1 NASB20] 1 Now a worthless man happened to be there whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjaminite; and he blew the trumpet and said, "We have no share in David, Nor do we have an inheritance in the son of Jesse; Every man to his tents, Israel!"

[2Sa 24:15, 17-18, 25 NASB20] 15 So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning until the appointed time, and seventy thousand men of the people from Dan to Beersheba died. ... 17 Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking down the people, and said, "Behold, it is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let Your hand be against me and against my father's house!" 18 So Gad came to David that day and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." ... 25 Then David built there an altar to the LORD, and he offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And the LORD responded to prayer for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

[2Sa 24:1, 3, 10 NASB20] 1 Now the anger of the LORD burned against Israel again, and He incited David against them to say, "Go, count Israel and Judah." ... 3 But Joab said to the king, "May the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king [can still] see; but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?" ... 10 Now David's heart troubled him after he had counted the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in

what I have done. But now, LORD, please overlook the guilt of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

[Rom 9:2-3 NASB20] 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, [separated] from Christ for the sake of my countrymen, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

[1Ti 2:5-6 NASB20] 5 For there is one God, [and] one mediator also between God and mankind, [the] Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony [given] at the proper time.

[Phm 1:10, 17-19 NASB20] 10 I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I fathered in my imprisonment, ... 17 If then you regard me [as] a partner, accept him as [you would] me. 18 But if he has wronged you in any way or owes [you anything,] charge that to my account; 19 I, Paul, have written [this] with my own hand, I will repay [it] (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).

[1Sa 2:25 "If one person sins against another, God will mediate for him; but if a person sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the LORD desired to put them to death.

[Psa 106:23 NASB20] 23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, <u>If Moses</u>, <u>His chosen one</u>, <u>had not stood in the gap before Him</u>, To turn away His wrath from destroying [them.]

[1Jo 2:1-2 NASB20] 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, <u>we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus</u> <u>Christ the righteous</u>; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for [the sins of] the whole world.

1Sa 2:25 NASB20] 25 "<u>If one person sins against another, God will mediate for</u> <u>him; but if a person sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?</u>" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the LORD desired to put them to death. Eli's sons, Hophni and Phineas

Isa 58:12 "Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; <u>And you will be called the repairer of the breach</u>, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell."

[Isa 59:16 NASB20] 16 And He saw that there was no one, And was amazed that there was not one to intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him, And His righteousness upheld Him.

[Eze 22:30 NASB20] 30 "I searched for a man among them <u>who would build up a</u> wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.

Oh, that I had one to hear me! Here is my signature! Let the almighty answer me! Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary: Job 31:35-36

Job 31:35-37 NASB20] 35 "Oh that I had one to hear me! Here is my signature; Let the Almighty answer me! And the indictment which my adversary has written, 36 I would certainly carry it on my shoulder, I would tie it to myself [like] a garland. 37 "I would declare to Him the number of my steps; Like a prince, I would approach Him.

Job cries out again and again to meet with God or have someone go on his behalf! He wants to understand WHY?!! Don't we All?!! But lets live by faith!

Miserable comforters are you all! - 16:2 "You are all worthless physicians." - 13:4 "Is there no end to windy words?" - 16:3 "How long will you torment me and crush me with words?" - 19:2-3 "He has removed my brothers far from me, and my acquaintances have completely turned away from me. My relatives have failed, and my close friends have forgotten me." ... "All my associates loathe me, and those I love have turned against me." - Job 19:13-14, 19

[Job 16:2 NASB20] 2 "I have heard many things like these; <u>Miserable comforters</u> <u>are you all!</u>

[Job 13:5 NASB20] 5 "**Oh that you would be completely silent**, And that it would become your wisdom!

[Job 19:2-3 NASB20] 2 "How long will you torment me And crush me with words? 3 "These ten times you have insulted me; You are not ashamed to wrong me.

[Job 26:2-3 NASB20] 2 "What a help you are to the weak! You have saved the arm without strength! 3 "What advice you have given to [one] without wisdom! What helpful insight you have abundantly provided!

[Job 13:4 NASB20] 4 "But you smear [me] with lies; <u>You are all worthless</u> physicians.

[Psa 69:26 NASB20] 26 For they have persecuted him whom You Yourself struck, And they tell of the pain of those whom You have wounded.

16.4 And shake my head at you.

[Job 19:7-10, 13-14, 19, 23-25 NASB20] 7 "Behold, I cry, 'Violence!' but I get no answer; I shout for help, but there is no justice. 8 "He has blocked my way so that I cannot pass, And He has put darkness on my paths. 9 "He has stripped my honor from me And removed the crown from my head. 10 "He breaks me down on every

side, and I am gone; And He has uprooted my hope like a tree. ... 13 "He has removed my brothers far from me, And my acquaintances have completely turned away from me. 14 "My relatives have failed, And my close friends have forgotten me. ... 19 "All my associates loathe me, And those I love have turned against me. ... 23 "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were recorded in a book! 24 "That with an iron stylus and lead They were engraved in the rock forever! 25 "Yet as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last, He will take His stand on the earth.

[Job 19:13 NASB20] 13 "He has removed my brothers far from me, And my acquaintances have completely turned away from me.

[Psa 31:11 NASB20] 11 Because of all my adversaries, I have become a disgrace, Especially to my neighbors, And an object of dread to my acquaintances; Those who see me in the street flee from me.

[Psa 38:11 NASB20] 11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague; And my kinsmen stand far away.

[Psa 69:8, 20 NASB20] 8 I have become estranged from my brothers, And a stranger to my mother's sons. ... 20 Disgrace has broken my heart, and I am so sick. And I waited for sympathy, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none.

[Psa 88:8, 18 NASB20] 8 You have removed my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an object of loathing to them; I am shut up and cannot go out. ... 18 You have removed lover and friend far from me; My acquaintances are [in] a hiding place.

[Mat 26:56 NASB20] 56 "But all this has taken place so that the Scriptures of the prophets will be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

[Mat 26:31 NASB20] 31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK WILL BE SCATTERED.'

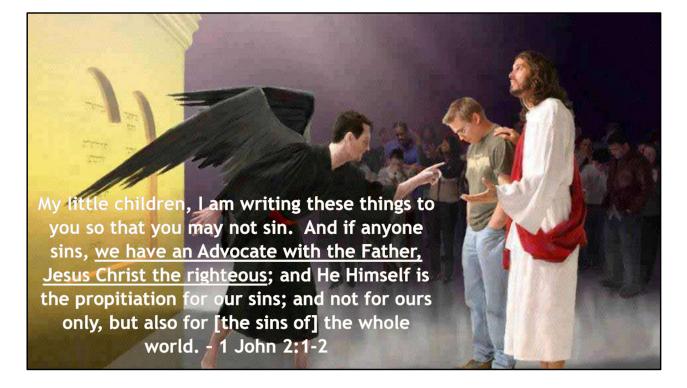
[Jhn 16:32 NASB20] 32 "Behold, an hour is coming, and has [already] come, for you to be scattered, each to his own [home,] and to leave Me alone; and [yet] I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

[2Ti 4:16 NASB20] 16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.

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See the 10 Commandments in gold See the Angelic Accuser of the brethren! See the head hung sinner with his hands in his pockets! See the Savior speaking on our behalf, wearing white draped in scarlet and open hand! See the head hang multitudes in the background waiting their turn?!

We HAVE an Advocate! Someone who will STAND for us!

Interesting thing is much of what Satan accuses us of, We ARE GUILTY OF! But not all!

[1Jo 2:1-2 NASB20] 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for [the sins of] the whole world.

[Rev 12:10 NASB20] 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, <u>for the accuser of our brothers [and sisters] has been thrown</u> <u>down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night.</u>

[Rev 12:11 NASB20] 11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life [even] when faced with death.



BUT HE did more than stand for us! He's not just the mediator! He took our wrath! He satisfied the righteous anger of God

We deserved Gods wrath! He. Jesus took it for us!

[1Jo 1:7 NASB20] 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

[1Jo 4:10 NASB20] 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins.

[Rom 3:25-26 NASB20] 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. [This was] to demonstrate His righteousness, because in God's [merciful] restraint He let the sins previously committed go unpunished; 26 for the demonstration, [that is,] of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

[1Pe 2:24 NASB20] 24 and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.

[1Pe 3:18 NASB20] 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all [time, the] just for [the] unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

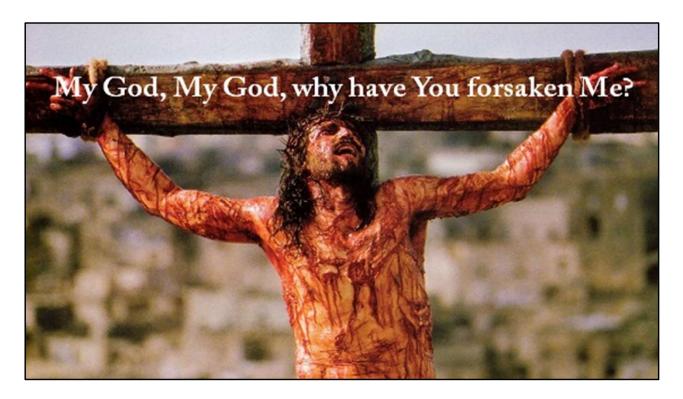
[2Co 5:20-21 NASB2O] 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Darkness fell, His friends scattered, Hope seemed lost. But heaven just started counting to three. -Bob Goff



His friends scattered!

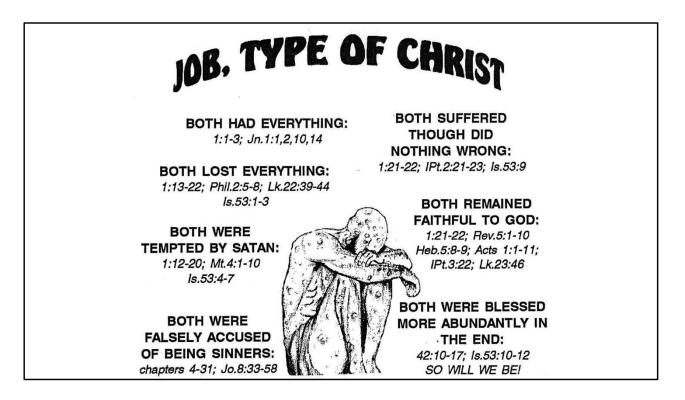
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Imagine that bone chilling cry! That heartbroken palpable anguish! Hear words never spoken by Jesus before or since! He took the words from our mouths!

[Psa 22:1-8, 11-17, 19-21, 24 NASB20] 1 For the music director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my help are the words of my groaning. 2 My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I have no rest. 3 Yet You are holy, You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. 4 In You our fathers trusted; They trusted and You rescued them. 5 To You they cried out and they fled to safety; In You they trusted and were not disappointed. 6 But I am a worm and not a person, A disgrace of mankind and despised by the people. 7 All who see me deride me; They sneer, they shake their heads, [saying,] 8 "Turn [him] over to the LORD; let Him save him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him." ... 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near; For there is no one to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong [bulls] of Bashan have encircled me. 13 They open their mouths wide at me, As a ravening and roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me. 15 My strength is dried up like a piece of pottery, And my tongue clings to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; ... 19 But You, LORD, do not be far away; [You who are] my help, hurry to my assistance. 20 Save my soul from the sword, My only [life] from the power of the dog. 21 Save me from the lion's mouth; From the horns of the wild oxen You answer me. ... 24 For He has not despised nor scorned the suffering of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from him; But when he cried to Him for help, He heard.

[Psa 23:1-6 NASB20] 1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I will not be in need. 2 He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For the sake of His name. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 6 Certainly goodness and faithfulness will follow me all the days of my life, And my dwelling [will be] in the house of the LORD forever.



Both Lost everything! (Well, comforts/pleasures, material possessions in this world) but also a temporary loss of relationship with the father!

Job is more than 1 man's story

- Job eerily embodies our worst fears and foretells our coming Savior, who suffers unfairly & immensely!
- Did Jesus, like Job, lose everything?
- Was Jesu, like Job, tempted by Satan?
- Jesus suffered the worst!
 - Job wasn't sinless, Jesus was! Scandalous injustice
 - Crucifixion was designed to be the most atrocious!
 - Spiritually, Jesus was estranged from God, Job wasn't!

Job is more than 1 mans story, its also a lesson for each of us and a type of Jesus

Yes and No. Jesus didn't lose it, He gave it!

Yes and No. Jesus faced Satan directly. Job never saw or knew the direct spiritual encounter of the evil one. A lesson for us.

Myth 1: Job, like Jesus, lost everything

<u>Jesus did not lose anything, but he gave his life willingly</u>. Jesus said, "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord" (John 10:18).

Job lost everything, but Jesus gave everything. Job was afflicted by the devil (Job 2:7), but the devil never laid a finger on the Lord. Job was a victim; Jesus was a victor. Big difference.

Myth 2: Job, like Jesus, was tempted by Satan

Jesus had a famous conversation with the Tempter, but Job never knew him. Satan appears more times in the Book of Job than any other book, but Job had no idea he existed. He was so oblivious to the Tempter's schemes that Job blamed God for the devil's afflictions (Job 1:21, 27:2).

Myth 3: Job, like Jesus, was falsely accused of being a sinner

Job was far from sin-free. <u>He was bitter, suicidal and self-righteous</u>. His confidence was not in the Lord but his own moral behavior. "How many wrongs and sins have I committed? Show me my offense and my sin" (Job 13:23). Job's self-righteousness was so odious that it even silenced the self-righteous men who came to counsel him (Job 32:1).

Myth 4: Job, like Jesus, remained faithful to God

In his suffering, Job accused God of being unjust and hostile (Job 13:24, 27:2). Job believed God had fired arrows of outrageous fortune at him and bound him like a prisoner (Job 6:4, 13:27). Job actually thought God was trying to kill him (Job 30:21, 23).

I'm certainly not condemning Job for having these evil thoughts - the man was in pain. But we can't deny that Job bore false witness. He was a bad advertisement for God. In contrast, Jesus is the true and faithful witness, the exact representation of God's character. "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

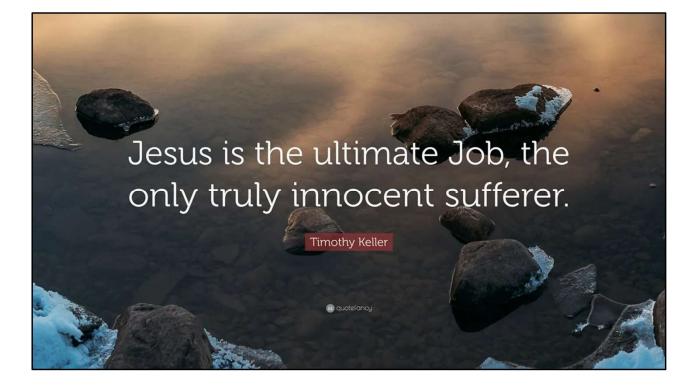
So who was Job like?

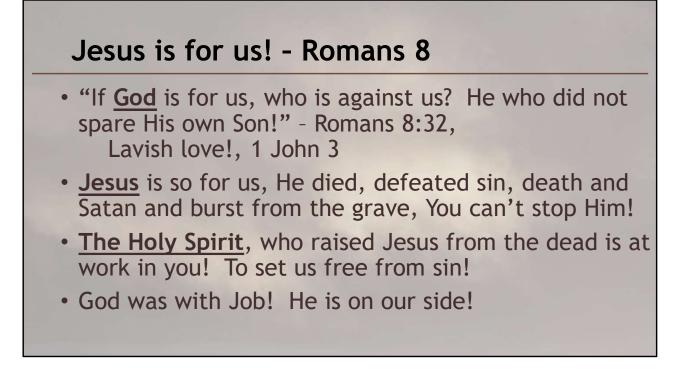
I hope you can see that Job had very little in common with Jesus. Job was a flawed and frightened man who fell short of the glorious life that Jesus lived. In this regard, Job was very much like us. As long as he was rich and healthy, he was a nice guy, but when the poo hit the fan the mask came off and his flaws were revealed.

In a sense, Job was a type of Adam. Consider these comparisons:

- Fact 1: Job, like Adam, had everything and lost it all
- Fact 2: Job, like Adam, fell to the devil's schemes and sinned
- Fact 3: Job, like Adam, tried to make things right... and failed

• Fact 4: Job, like Adam, was redeemed by God and given a new identity And there are many more similarities...





[Rom 8:31-32 NASB20] 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God [is] for us, who [is] against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

[Rom 8:34 NASB20] <u>34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who</u> <u>died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also</u> <u>intercedes for us.</u>

[Rom 8:35-39 NASB20] 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? [Will] tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 Just as it is written: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE REGARDED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Rom 8:10-13, 35-39 NASB20] 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 But if <u>the Spirit</u> of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ

Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brothers [and sisters,] we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- 13 for if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ...

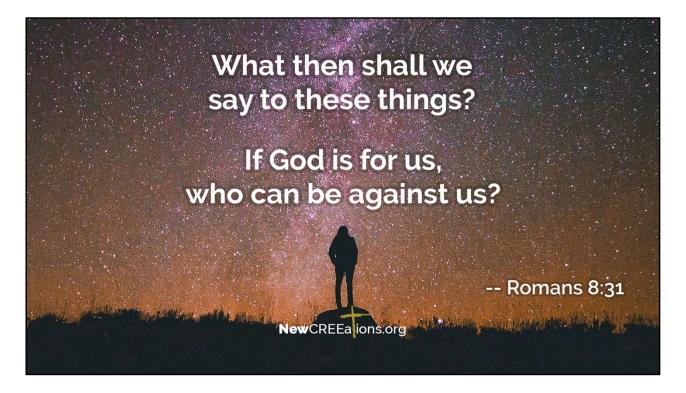
[Job 9:1-3, 32-35 NASB20] 1 Then Job responded, 2 "In truth I know that this is so; But how can a person be in the right with God? 3 "If one wished to dispute with Him, He could not answer Him once in a thousand [times.] ...

32 "For [He is] not a man, as I am, that I may answer Him-- That we may go to court together! 33 "There is no arbitrator between us, Who can place his hand upon us both. 34 "Let Him remove His rod from me, And let not the dread of Him terrify me. 35 "[Then] I would speak and not fear Him; But I am not like that in myself.

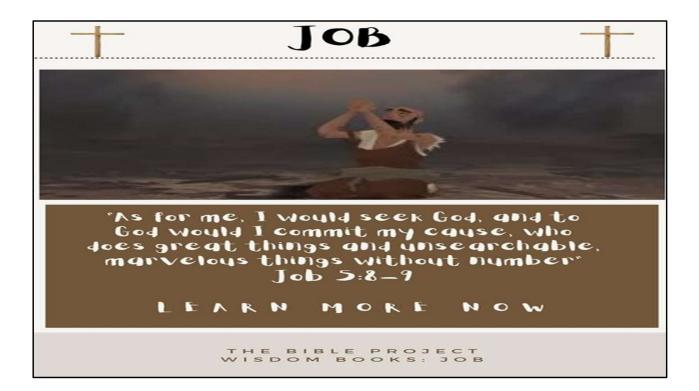
If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together, $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NIV}}$

<u>Job</u> 16:19-21 "<u>Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, And my advocate is on high.</u> 20 "My friends are my scoffers; <u>My eye weeps to God</u>, 21 <u>That one might plead for a man with God As a son of man with his neighbor!</u>

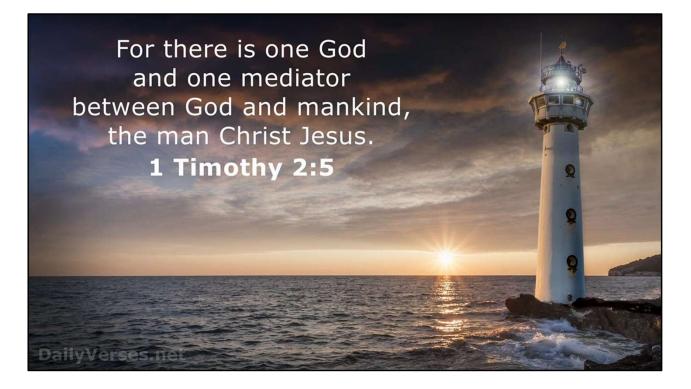
Job 31:35-37 NASB20] 35 "Oh that I had one to hear me! Here is my signature; Let the Almighty answer me! And the indictment which my adversary has written, 36 I would certainly carry it on my shoulder, I would tie it to myself [like] a garland. 37 "I would declare to Him the number of my steps; Like a prince, I would approach Him.

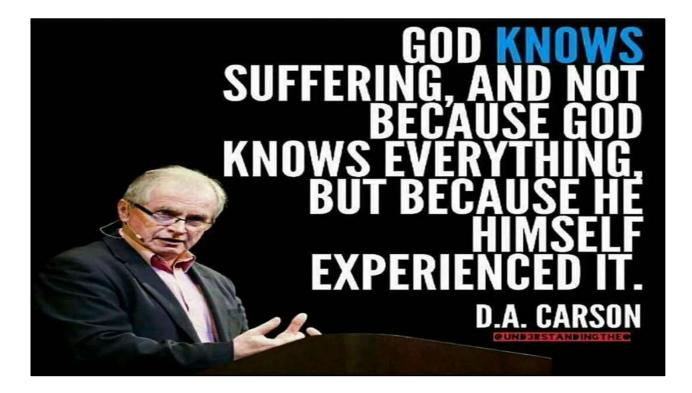


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Your True Friend



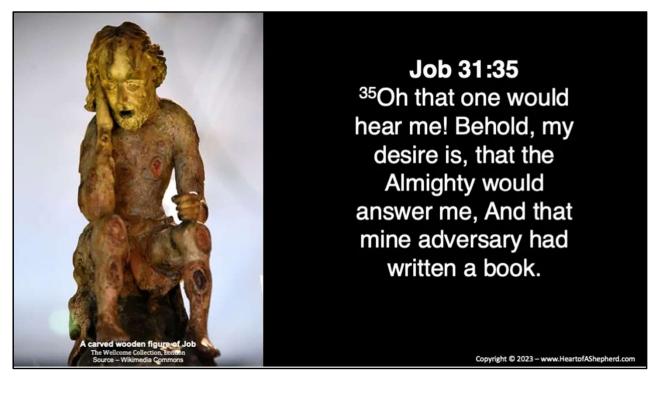


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"One bold message in the Book of Job is that you can say anything to God. Throw at him your grief, your anger, your doubt, your bitterness, your betrayal, your disappointment He can absorb them all. As often as not, spiritual giants of the Bible are shown contending with God. They prefer to go away limping, like Jacob, rather than to shut God out."

Philip Yancey Disappointment with God

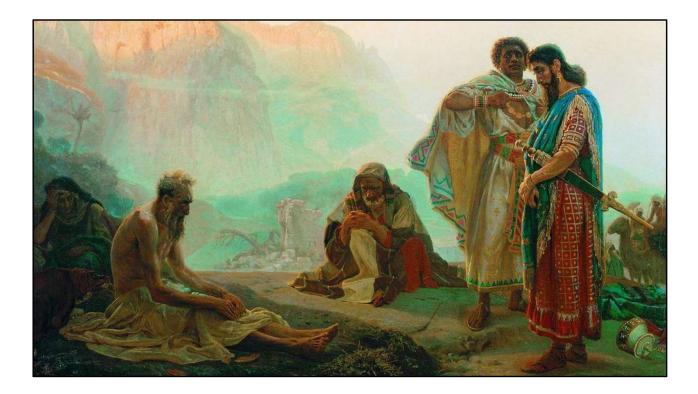
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[Mal 3:13-18 NASB20] 13 "Your words have been arrogant against Me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' 14 "You have said, 'It is pointless to serve God; and what benefit [is it for us] that we have done what He required, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of armies? 15 'So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up, but they also put God to the test and escape [punishment.]"' 16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened attentively and heard [it,] and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and esteem His name. 17 "And they will be Mine," says the LORD of armies, "on the day that I prepare [My] own possession, and I will have compassion for them just as a man has compassion for his own son who serves him." 18 So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Job as a Type of Christ

- In the character Job, Christ is certainly foreshadowed.
- Like Christ, Job was suffering innocently. Compare Job 16: 10,11 to Ps 22:13, 35:21
- Both were tried by Satan- Chap 1&2, Matt 4:1-11
- Both were regarded as being smitten by God and afflicted by him-Isaiah 53:4
- Both made atonement for the sins of their adversaries-Job 42:7-10, Dan 7: 13-14, Rom 5:10, Col 1:10
- Both learned submission to God through the things they suffered-42:1-6, Heb 5:7-10
- After their suffering, they became designated High priests, and neither was Levite- Job 42:7-10, Heb 5:7-10
- Both were restored to glory- 42:12-17, Matt 28:18, Mark 16:19, Heb 1:2-13



JOB, A TYPE OF ADAM

BOTH HAD EVERYTHING Ps 115:16, Job 1:3 BOTH WERE FEARFUL Gen 3:10, Job 3:25

BOTH LOST EVERYTHING Rom 5:18, Job 1-2

BOTH FELL VICTIM TO THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES Gen 3:1, Job 1:12, 2:7

BOTH SINNED Rom 5:12, Job 32:1, 33:12, 42:3

BOTH WERE BOUND FOR DEATH Gen 2:17, Job 7:15-16, 17:13-16

BOTH TRIED TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT... AND FAILED Gen 3:7, Job 1:5, 32:1 BOTH BLAMED GOD Gen 3:12, Job 1:21, 6:4, 27:2

> BOTH HAD A DISTORTED VIEW OF GOD Gen 3:10, Job 13:24, 30:20-23

BOTH WERE RECIPIENTS OF GRACE Gen 3:21, Job 36:16, 42:10-12

> BOTH WERE REDEEMED BY GOD AND HAD FRUITFUL OFFSPRING Gen 3:15, Job 42:11-16

> > BOTH RECEIVED NEW IDENTITIES FROM GOD Luke 3:38, Job 1:8

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Job 33:23 (Elihu)	Job 16:19-21 (Job)
If there is an angel	^{16:19} Even now, behold, my witness (עַד) is in heaven, and my
(מַלְאָך) over him, a	advocate (שָׂהֵד) is on high.
mocker/interpreter	^{16:20} My friends are my mockers/interpreter (מליץ); my eye pours
(מֵלִיץ)—one out of	out tears to God,
a thousand	^{16:21} that he would argue the case of a man with God
(אֶחָד מִנִּי־אָלֶף), to tell	Job 9:3 (Job)
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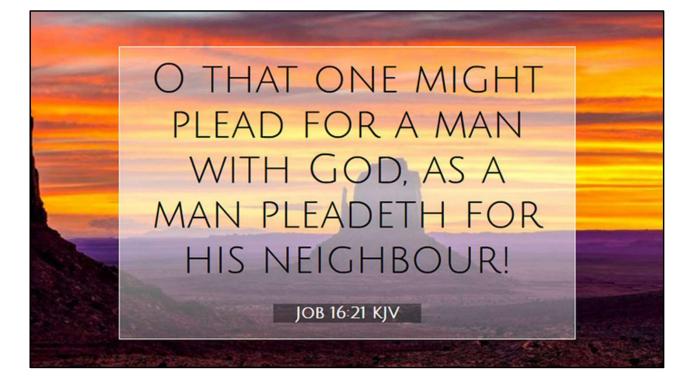


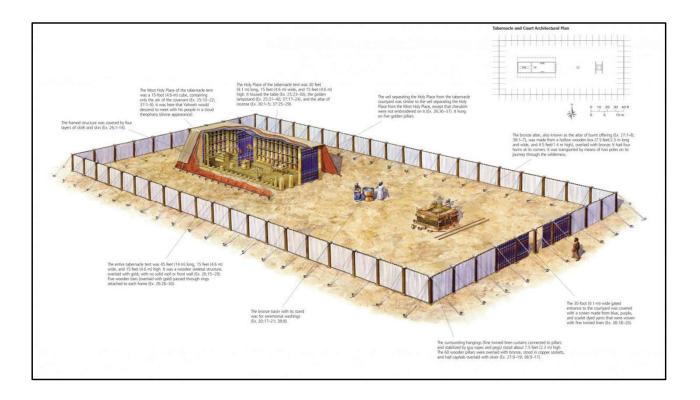


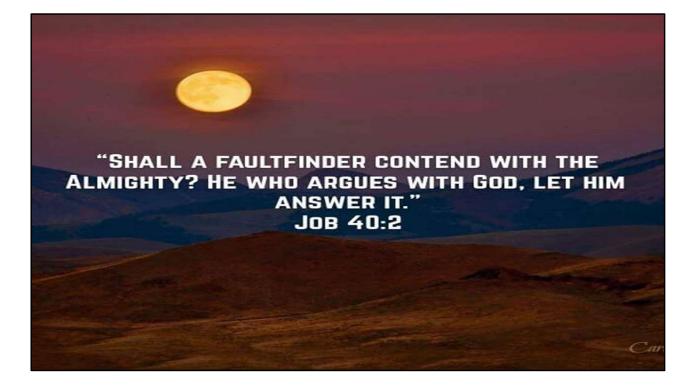
1 John 2:1-2 ESV

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

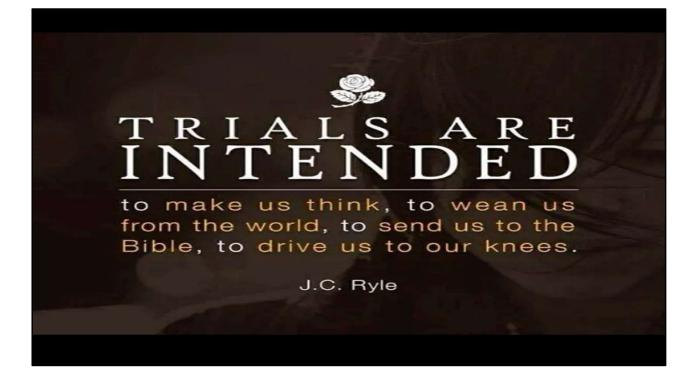












I need a mediator Job 9:33

No matter what I have hope Job 13:15

I am confident I have an advocate Job 16:19-21

I know my redeemer lives Job 19:25-27

God knows my path Job 23:10-12

All that Job longed for has been provided to you and me through Jesus Christ