

TORTURED

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

Matthew 18:32 NIV

Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be **tortured**, until he should pay back all he owed.

Matthew 18:33-34 NIV

God

“Meanwhile, where is God?...Go to him when your need is desperate, when all other help is vain, and what do you find? A door slammed in your face, and a sound of bolting and double bolting on the inside. After that, silence. You may as well turn away...There are no lights in the windows.

It might be an empty house. Was it ever inhabited? It seemed so once. And that seeming was as strong as this. What can this mean? Why is He so present a commander in our time of prosperity and so very absent a help in time of trouble?...

C.S. Lewis

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was **Job**. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

Then the Lord asked Satan, “**Have you noticed my servant Job?** He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.”

Job 1:8 NLT

Satan replied to the Lord, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property.

Job 1:9-10 NLT

You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!”

Job 1:10-11 NLT

“All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence.

Job 1:12 NLT

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in **worship**.

and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 1:22 NIV

His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!”

He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?”

In all this, **Job did not sin** in what he said.

After this, Job opened his mouth
and **cursed** the day of his birth.

What I feared has come upon me;
what I dreaded has happened to
me.

Job 3:25 NIV

I have no peace, no quietness; I
have no rest, but only turmoil.”

Job 3:26 NIV

“I cry out, ‘Help!’ but no one answers me. I protest, but there is no justice.

God has blocked my way so I cannot move. He has plunged my path into darkness.

Job 19:7-8 NLT

He has stripped me of my honor
and removed the crown from my
head. He has demolished me on
every side, and I am finished. He
has uprooted my hope like a fallen
tree.

Job 19:9-10 NLT

His fury burns against me; he counts me as an enemy.

His troops advance. They build up roads to attack me. They camp all around my tent.

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“My relatives stay far away, and my friends have turned against me. My family is gone, and my close friends have forgotten me.

Job 19:13-14 NLT

“My complaint today is still a **bitter** one, and I try hard not to groan aloud.

If only I knew where to **find God**, I would go to his court.

Then I would listen to his reply
and understand what he says to
me.

Would he use his great power to
argue with me? No, he would give
me a fair hearing.

Job 23:5-6 NLT

I go east, but he is not there. I go west, but I cannot find him.

I do not see him in the north, for he is hidden. I look to the south, but he is concealed.

But he knows the way that I take;
when he has tested me, I will
come forth as **gold**.

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of
the storm. He said:

Job 38:1 NIV

Then Job replied to the Lord:

“I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be
thwarted.

Job 42:1-2 NIV

You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?' It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me.

Job 42:3 NLT

You said, 'Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.'

Job 42:4 NLT

I had only heard about you before,
but now I have seen you with my
own eyes.

I take back everything I said, and I
sit in dust and ashes to show my
repentance.”

Job 42:5-6 NLT

Don't confuse life with God,
and don't confuse the
circumstances around you for
how God feels about you.

God can handle the honesty
about your pain and doubts.

When you're in the dark, claim
God's promises, but don't
expect an explanation.

When I can't see His hand,
When I can't hear His voice,
When I can't feel His presence....
I will trust His heart.

God I believe you can,
but I know you may not.
Either way I'm choosing
to trust you with the outcome.