



WHAT IS GOD'S  
ANSWER TO MY  
SUFFERING?

JOB 40:1-8, 42:1-6

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<sup>1</sup>“Then the Lord said to Job, <sup>2</sup>“Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God’s critic, but do you have the answers?” <sup>3</sup>Then Job replied to the Lord, <sup>4</sup>“I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand.”

... <sup>5</sup>I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say.” <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind: <sup>7</sup>“Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. <sup>8</sup>“Will you discredit my justice and condemn me just to prove you are right?””

# GENESIS 1:27-28

<sup>27</sup>“So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup>Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

# DEUTERONOMY 30:19

*19* “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!”



## JOHN 14:26-27

<sup>26</sup>“But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. <sup>27</sup>“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So, don’t be troubled or afraid.””

## Job 1:8-12

<sup>8</sup>“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.” <sup>9</sup>Satan replied to the Lord, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God.”

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... <sup>10</sup>You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! <sup>11</sup>But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to Your face!”

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... <sup>12</sup>“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 42:1-6

<sup>1</sup>“Then Job replied to the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“I know that You can do anything, and no one can stop You. <sup>3</sup>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.”

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... <sup>4</sup>You said, 'Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.'

<sup>5</sup>I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. <sup>6</sup>I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance."

# James 5:11-12

*11* “We give great honour to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

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... <sup>12</sup>But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.”

Let us pray this prayer  
together...

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, I REPENT FROM  
ALL MY SINS, PLEASE FORGIVE ME. LORD  
JESUS, PLEASE COME INTO MY HEART AND  
BE MY LORD AND SAVIOUR. I RECEIVE YOU  
NOW. HOLY SPIRIT, PLEASE BE WITH ME  
FOREVER AND TEACH ME ON THE WAY I  
SHOULD GO ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF  
GOD, IN JESUS NAME I PRAY. *AMEN.*