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## Scripture Text:

**Job 14:1**

Man born of woman is of few days  
and full of trouble.

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A black and white reproduction of a painting showing a winged angel hovering over a man lying on the ground. The man is looking up at the angel with a pleading expression. The angel is holding a small object in his hand, possibly a stone or a scroll. The background is dark and dramatic, with clouds and a distant horizon.

1 Kings 19:4

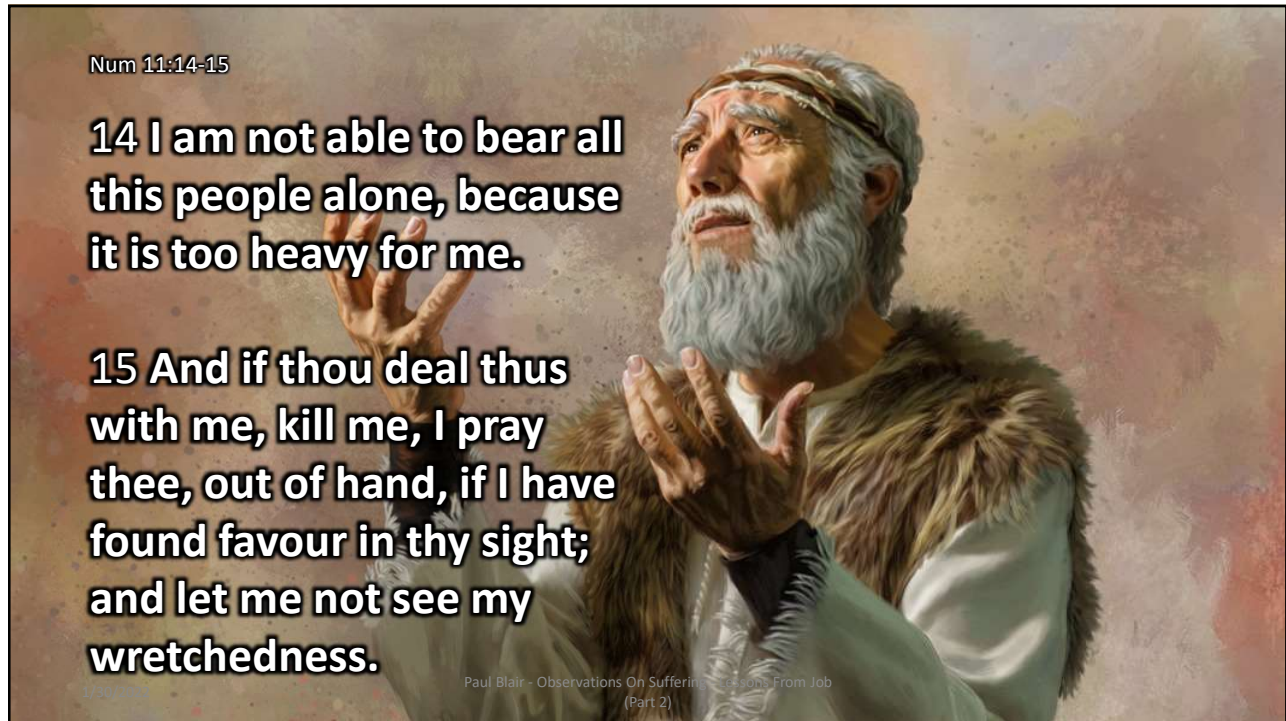
But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, **O Lord, take away my life;** for I am not better than my fathers.

1 Kings 19:9-10

And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and **I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.**

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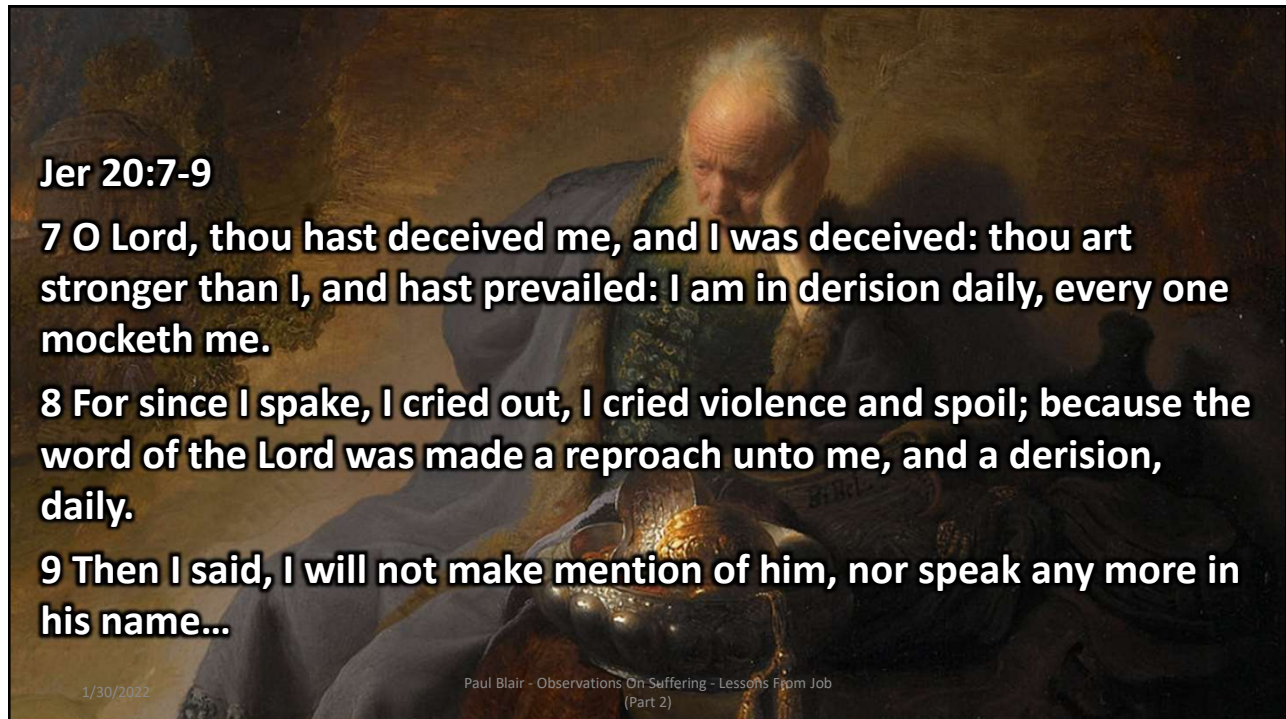
Num 11:14-15

**14 I am not able to bear all  
this people alone, because  
it is too heavy for me.**

**15 And if thou deal thus  
with me, kill me, I pray  
thee, out of hand, if I have  
found favour in thy sight;  
and let me not see my  
wretchedness.**

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Jer 20:7-9

**7 O Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art  
stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one  
mocketh me.**

**8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the  
word of the Lord was made a reproach unto me, and a derision,  
daily.**

**9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in  
his name...**

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Job 1:8

And the Lord said unto Satan, **Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?**



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Job 1:9-11

Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, **Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house,** and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.



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### Job 1:12

And the Lord said unto Satan, **Behold, all that he hath is in thy power**; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.



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Job 1:20-22:

*Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, **Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.** In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.*

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Job 2:4-7

And Satan answered the Lord, and said, **Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.** And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.



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Job 13:15

Though he  
slay me, yet  
will I trust  
in him.



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## **Causes of our Trials**

- 1. Natural Law**
- 2. Bad Decisions/Consequences of your Actions**
- 3. Sin/Disobedience**
- 4. Preparing us to help another**
- 5. The Perfecting or Maturing of the Saints**
- 6. Glory of God**

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## **Two Last Observations**

- 1. When someone is suffering, just be there for them.**

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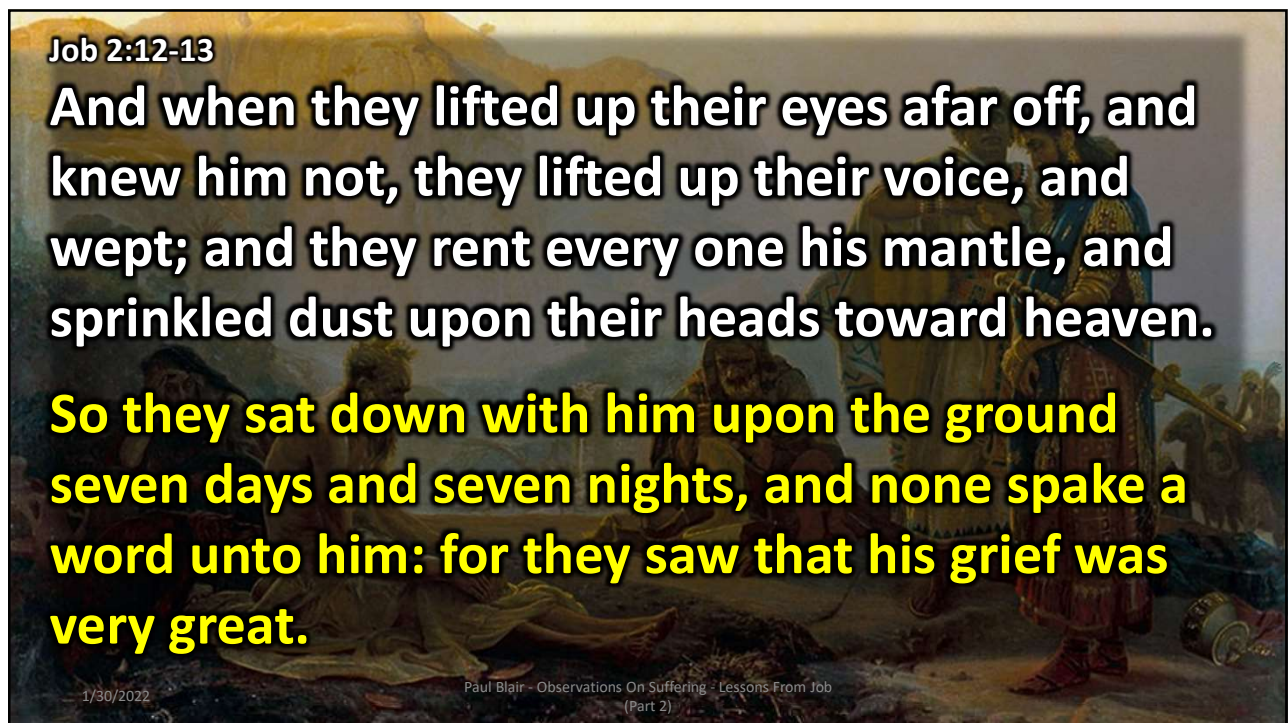
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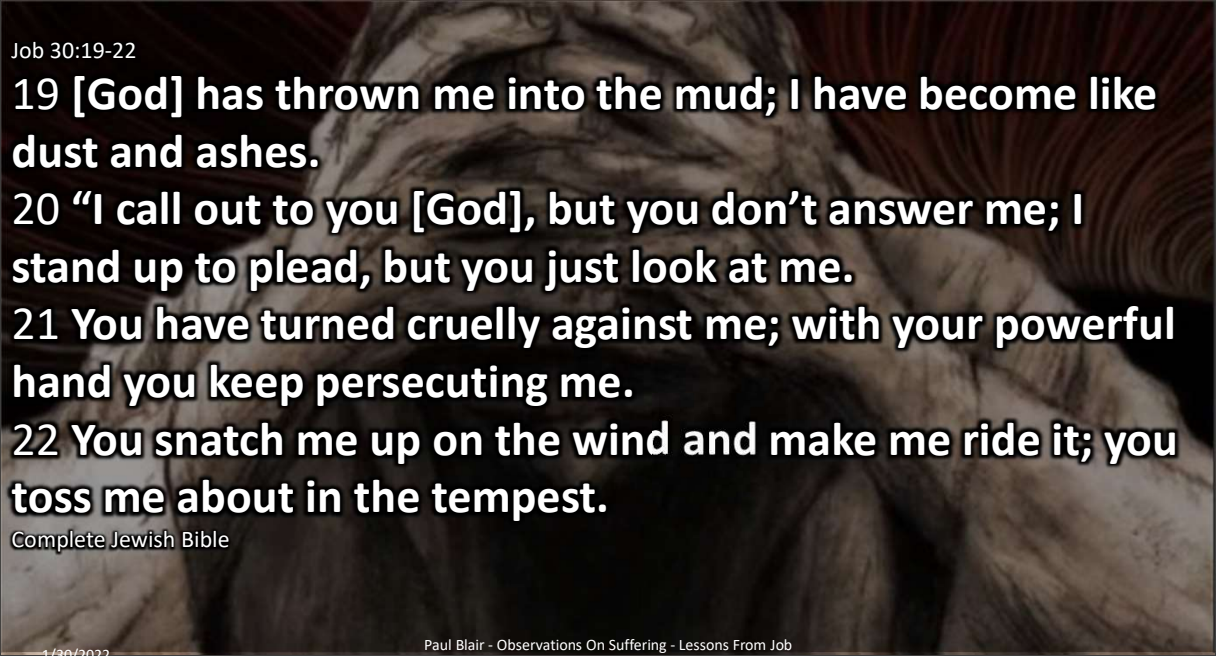




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Job 30:19-22

**19 [God] has thrown me into the mud; I have become like dust and ashes.**

**20 “I call out to you [God], but you don’t answer me; I stand up to plead, but you just look at me.**

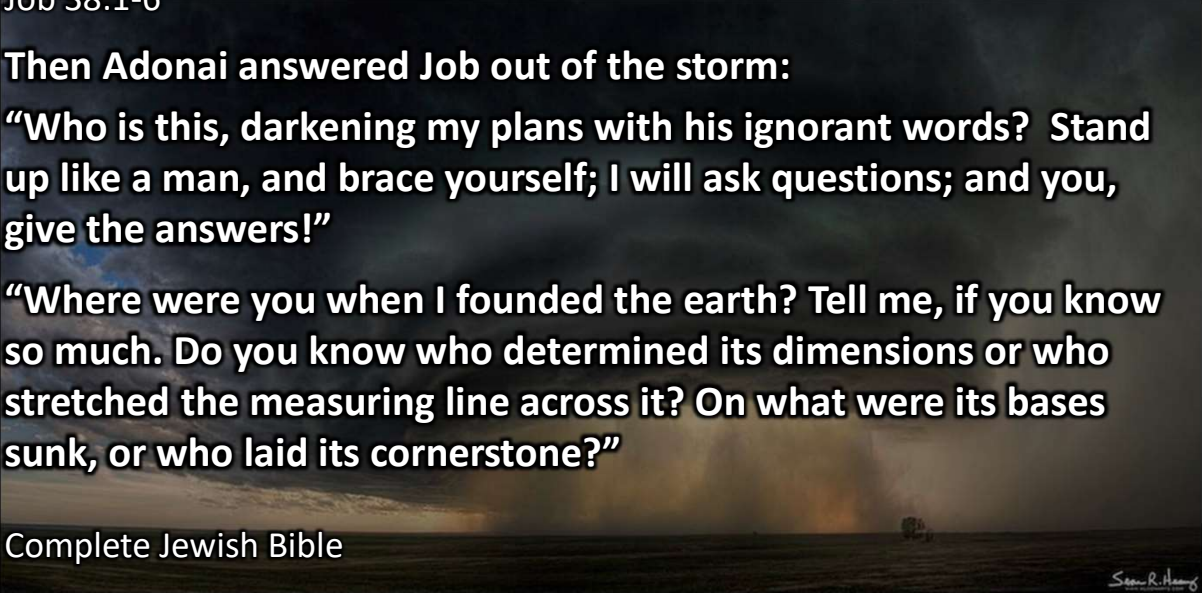
**21 You have turned cruelly against me; with your powerful hand you keep persecuting me.**

**22 You snatch me up on the wind and make me ride it; you toss me about in the tempest.**

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Job 38:1-6

**Then Adonai answered Job out of the storm:**

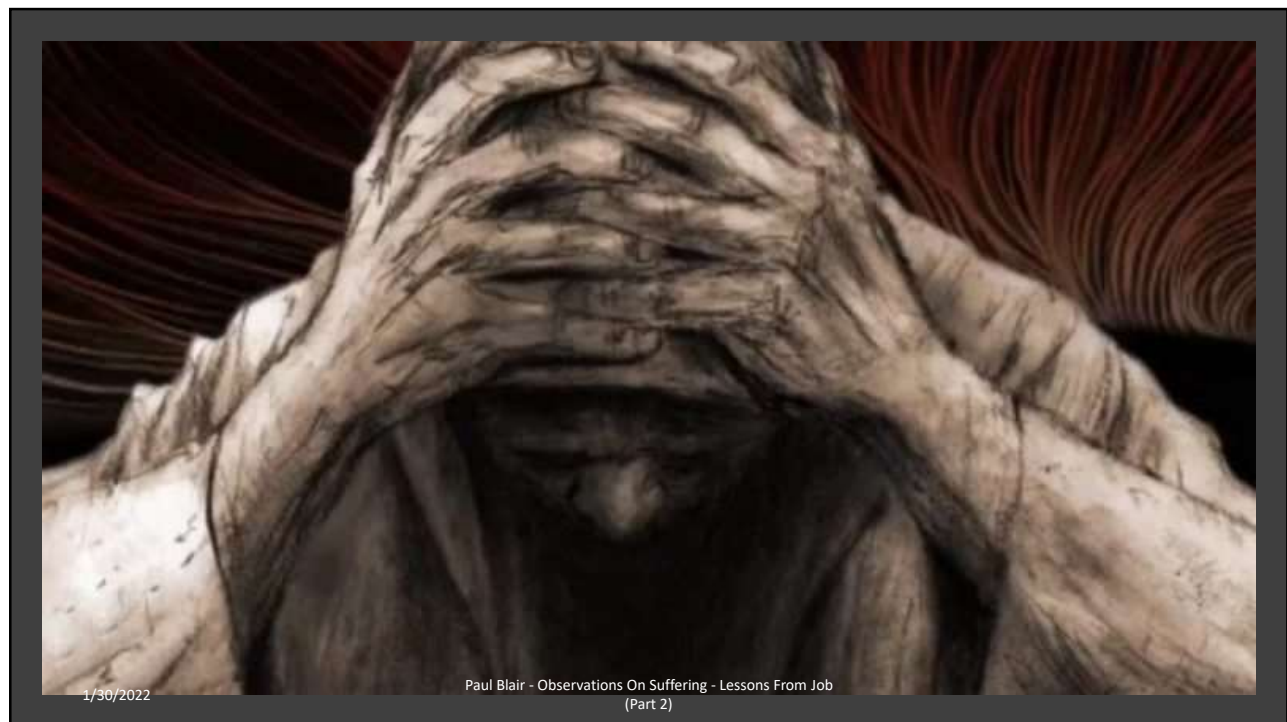
**“Who is this, darkening my plans with his ignorant words? Stand up like a man, and brace yourself; I will ask questions; and you, give the answers!”**

**“Where were you when I founded the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. Do you know who determined its dimensions or who stretched the measuring line across it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone?”**

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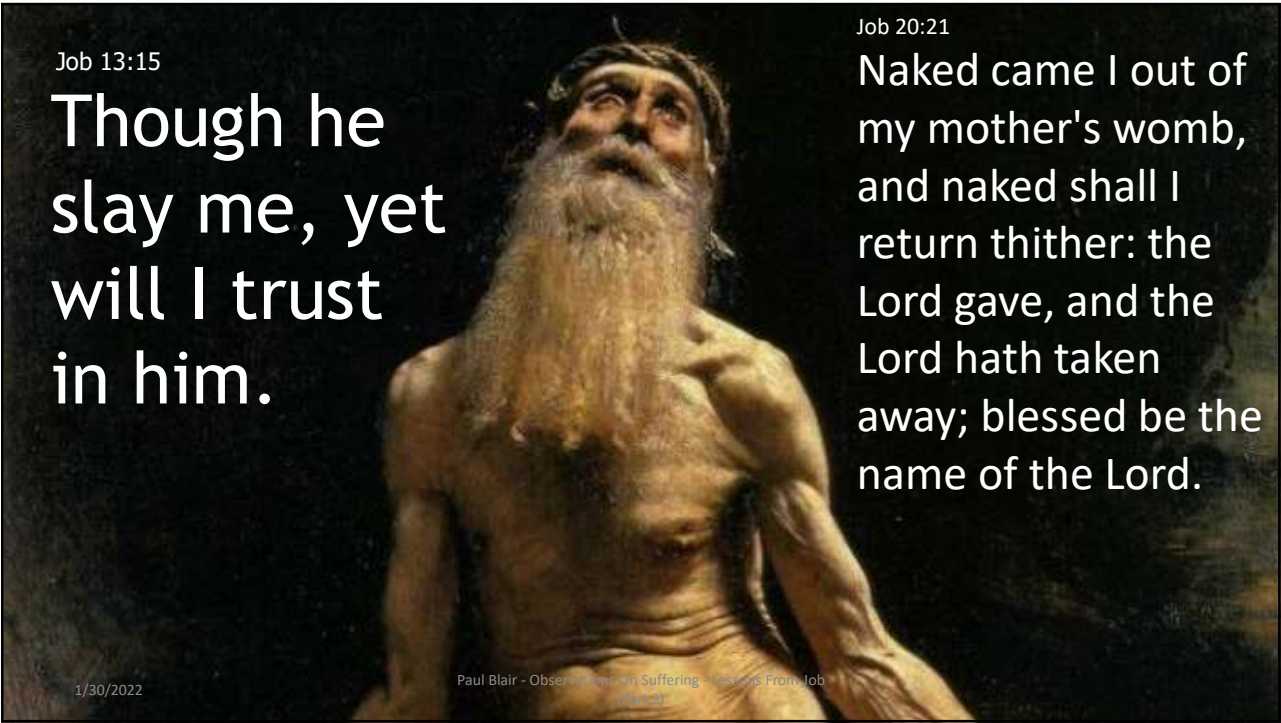
1. When someone is suffering, just be there for them.
2. Obedience is easy.  
Submission to God's will, when God's will may not make sense to you, is hard.

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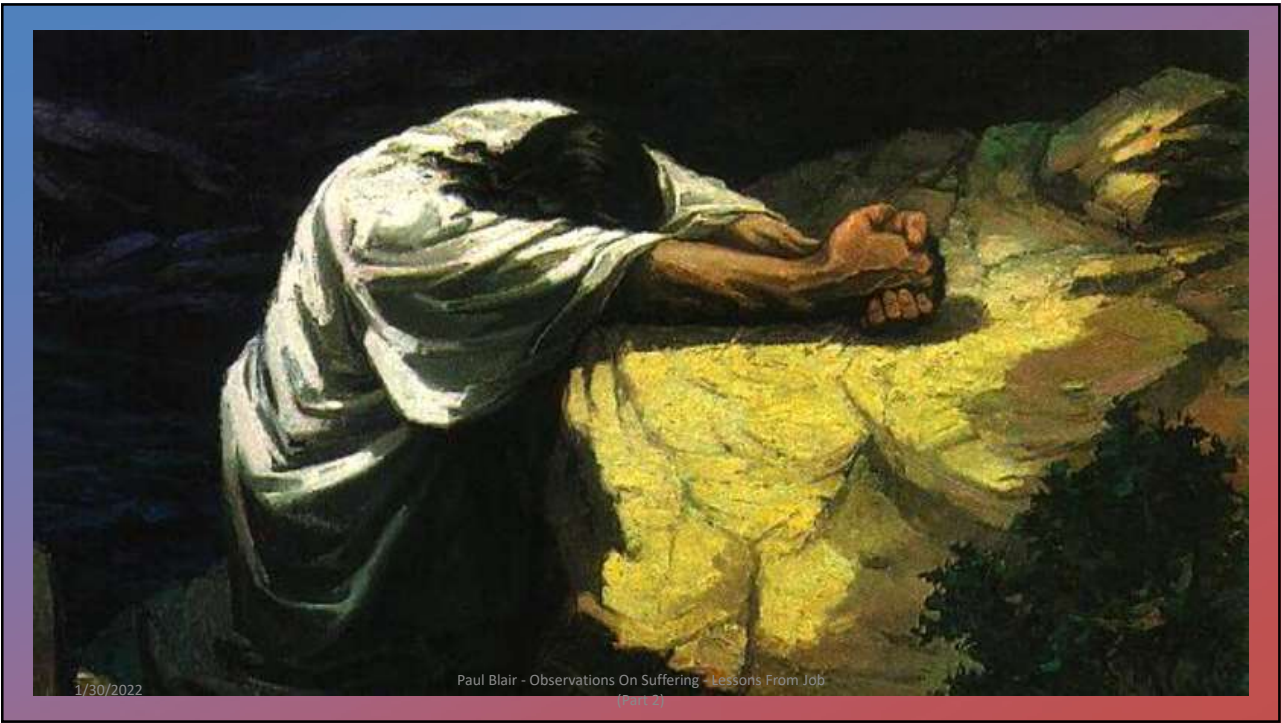
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