

Gleanings from Job
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Job 1:12-18

God has power (or authority) over,
everything we have (all Job had), *including*:

- our servants
- our cattle, possessions, and livelihood
- our transportation and means
- our sons and daughters
- our houses

The Lord gave/allowed Satan power over all these things of Job, but restricted him from harming Job personally. Satan used this opportunity.

It seems evident that Satan was able to use:

- criminals, specifically thieves and murderers
- natural elements, specifically fire falling from heaven (a meteor shower?) and wind so powerful that it collapses buildings (a tornado?)

This was the first attack.

Job's response? He did not sin nor charge God with wrong. (v 22)

Job 2

God has power (or authority) over us, specifically our lives/bodies.

The Lord gave/allowed Satan power over Job's life/body, but restricted him from killing Job. Satan used this opportunity as well.

It seems evident that Satan was able to use:

- disease, specifically "painful boils" to afflict Job

This was the second attack.

Job's response? He did not sin with his lips. (v 10)

Notice that it does not say that he did not charge God with wrong. He believed that God had done this to him. Interesting to note that although God did *not* directly "do" this to him (Satan did), He definitely allowed it. He gave Satan authority over Job's life/body, and Satan used his authority to strike Job with painful boils.

Gleanings from these two attacks are as follows:

God has power (or authority) over everything we have, *including*:

- our servants
- our cattle, possessions, and livelihood
- our transportation and means
- our sons and daughters
- our houses
- our lives/bodies

God can grant this power (or authority) to Satan. In the case of Job, it seems it was granted to allow Satan to present his case against Job. Satan had an accusation against Job's character (which God was proud of). Satan's accusation against Job, to God, was that: "Job fears You because You have been so good to him. Job would not continue to act the way he does if You took away his blessings."

God granted Satan power over Job, so that Satan would have the chance to prove his case. (1:12; 2:6)

It seems evident that Satan had/has power:

- to use people to steal, kill and destroy, specifically criminals, such as thieves and murderers
- to use natural elements to bring about death, destruction, and affliction; specifically fire falling from heaven (a meteor shower?), wind so powerful that it collapses buildings (a tornado?), and disease, such as painful boils that cover someone from head to toe.