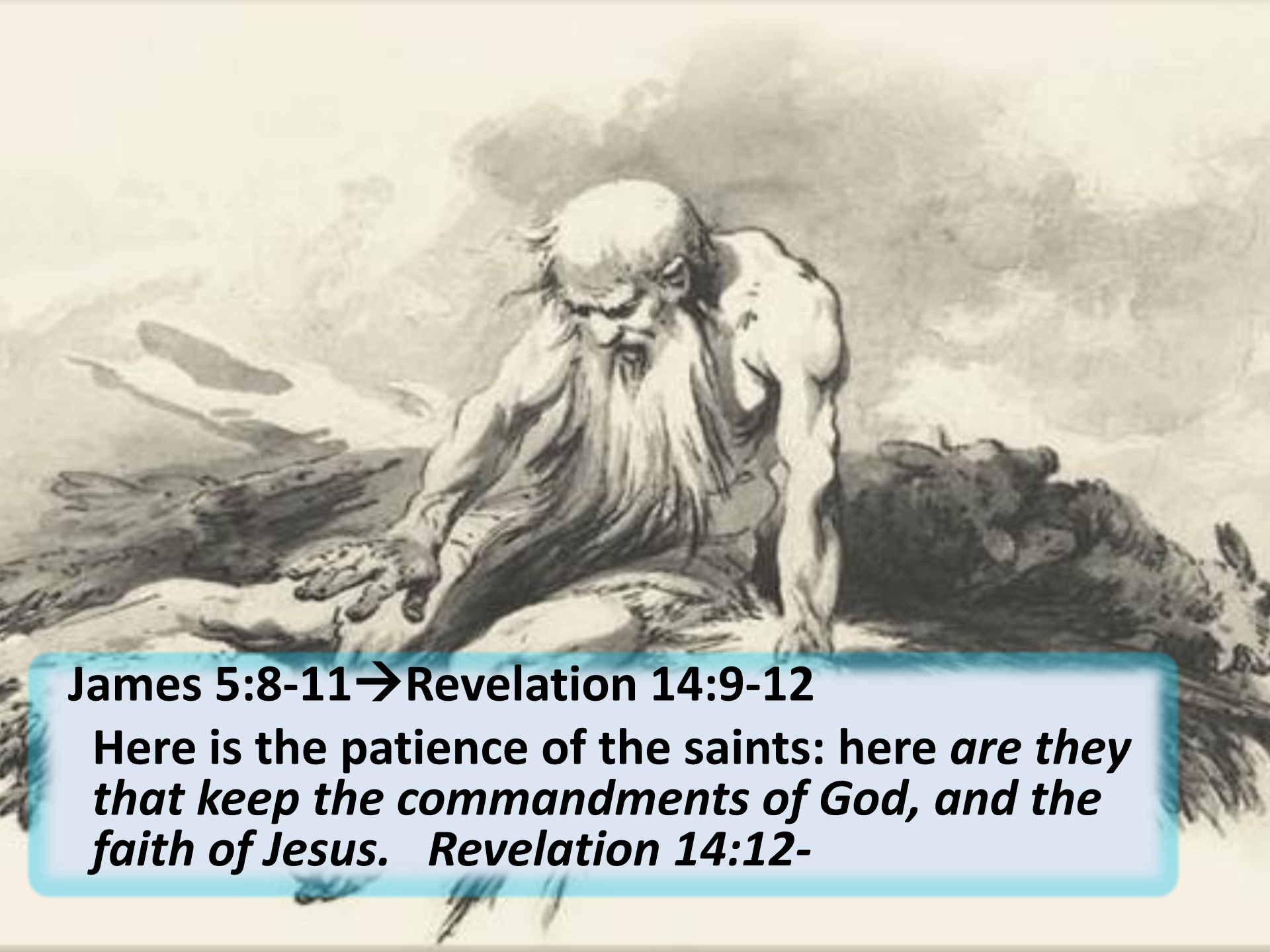


A photograph of a man in a grey blazer and white shirt, standing in a public space. He is covering his mouth with his right hand, suggesting he is coughing or sneezing. The background is blurred, showing other people and buildings. The text "A Bad Day That's Perfect" is overlaid in the center.

A Bad Day That's Perfect



James 5:8-11→Revelation 14:9-12

Here is the patience of the saints: here *are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.* Revelation 14:12-

What is the characteristics of Job before his crisis? Job 1:8.

Servant: Servants of God are made free from sin and serve righteousness (Romans 6:18).

None like Him: (we are called to be peculiar (1 Peter 2:9, Titus 2:14).

Perfect (morally complete) and Upright (Straight),

one the feareth evil (Proverbs 8:13 the fear of the Lord is to hate evil).

Escheweth (to turn off). Psalms 97:10 States that they that love the Lord hates evil.

Job 1:5 (praying and interceding man).


What was the enemy's charge? Job 1:8-10.

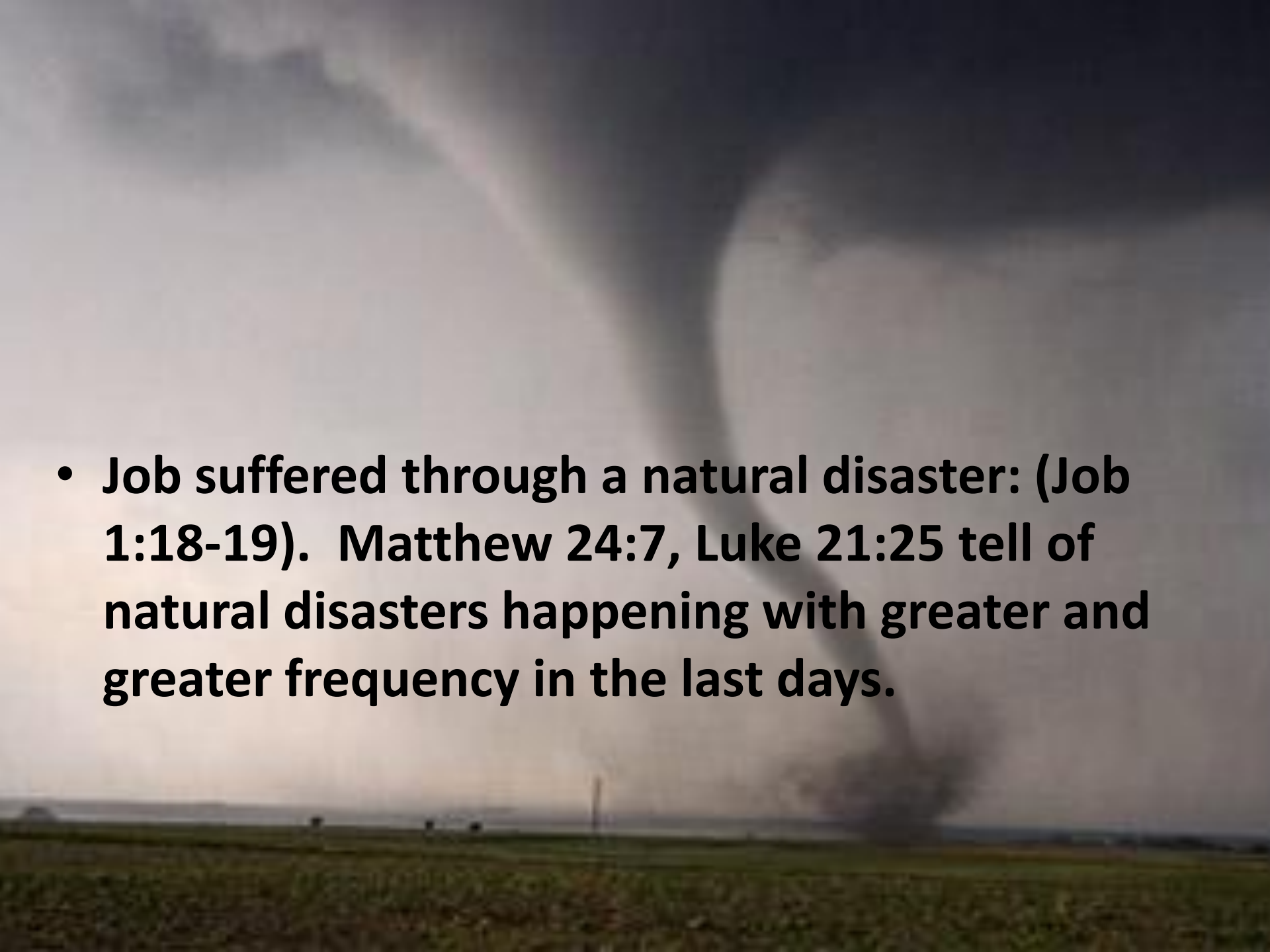


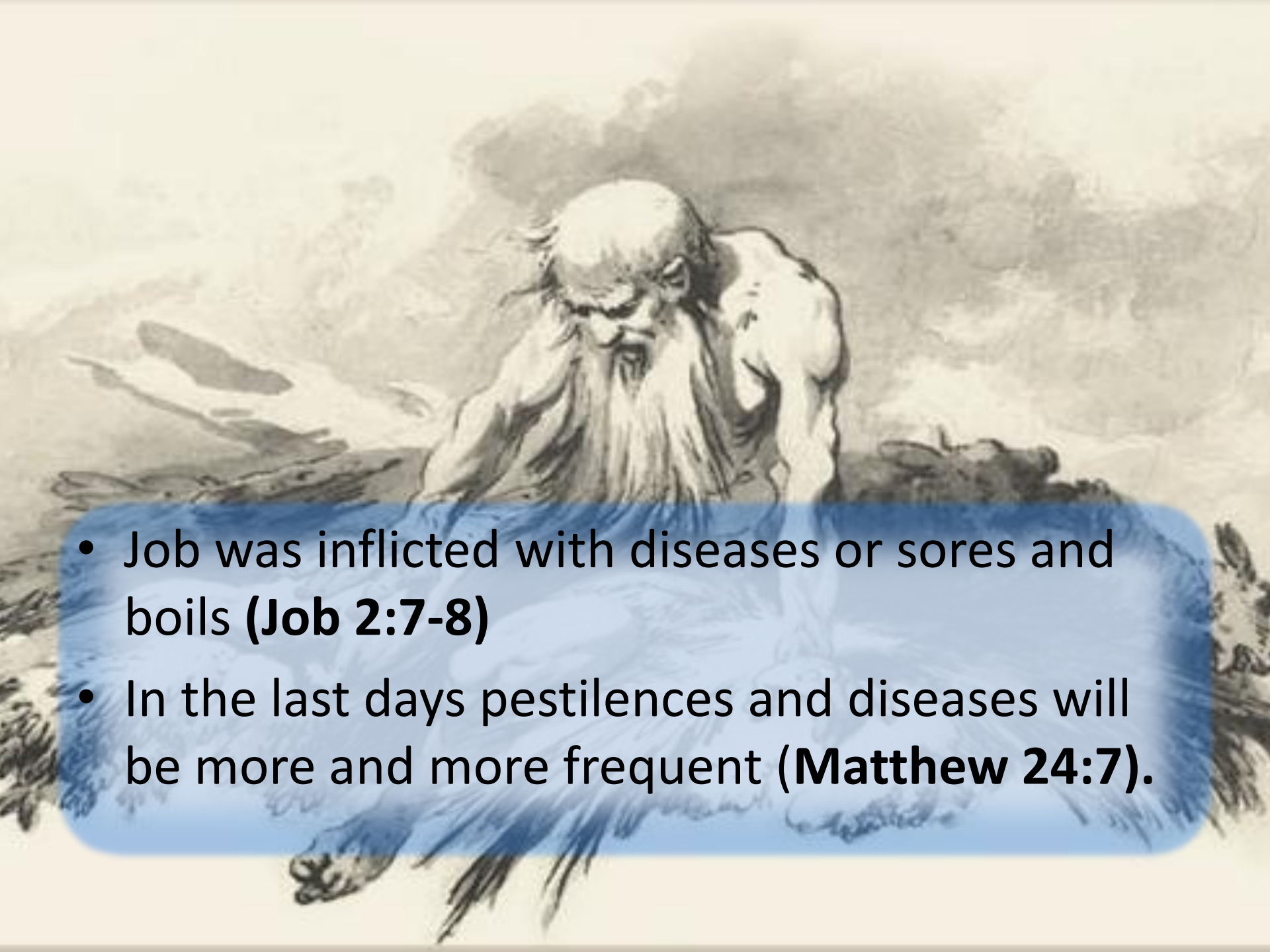
“It is not the fear of punishment, or the hope of everlasting reward, that leads the disciples of Christ to follow Him. They behold the Saviour's matchless love, revealed throughout His pilgrimage on earth, from the manger of Bethlehem to Calvary's cross, and the sight of Him attracts, it softens and subdues the soul. Love awakens in the heart of the beholders. They hear His voice, and they follow Him. {DA 480.3}”

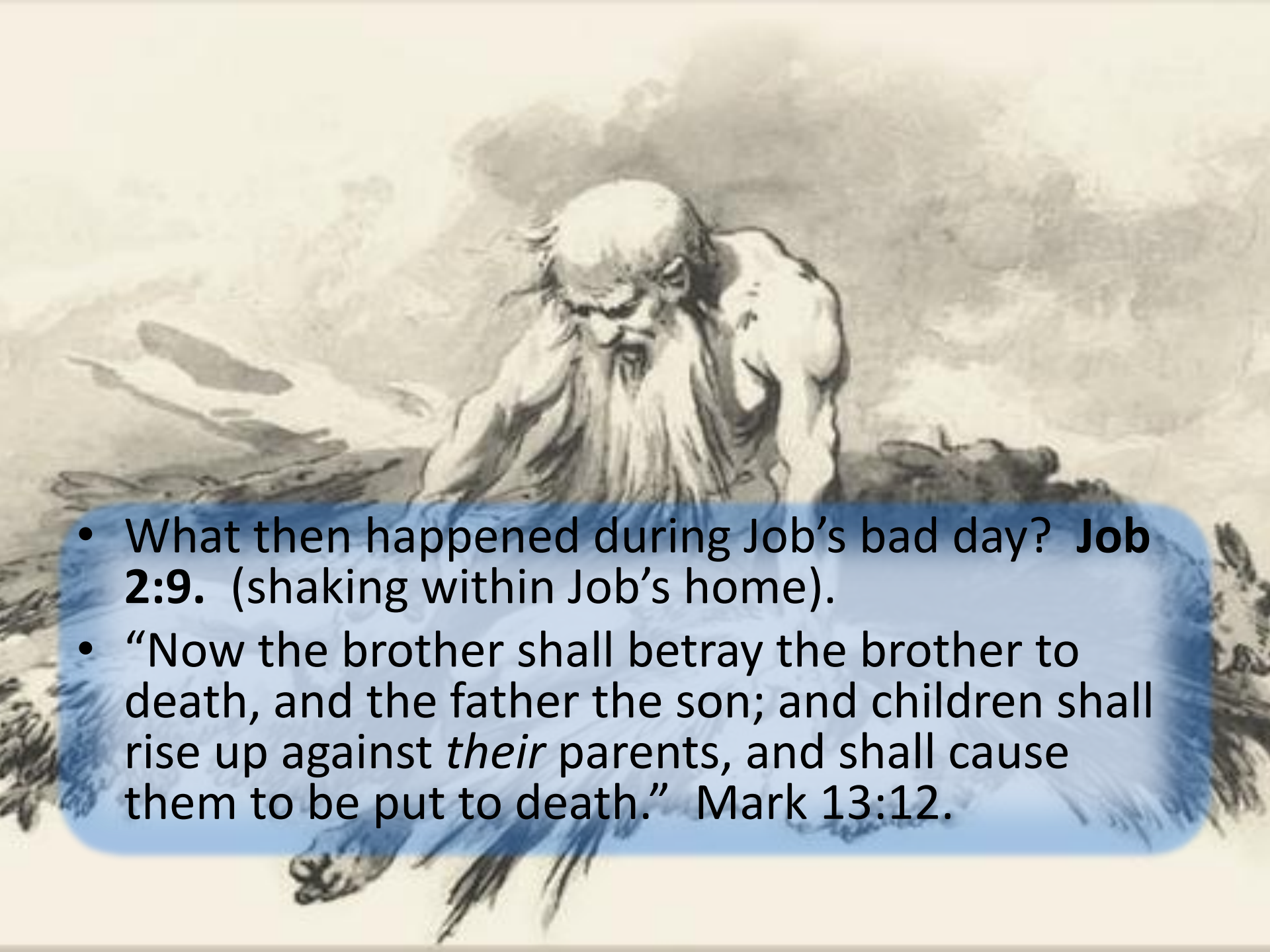
How did God respond? **Job 1:12.** “It is in a crisis that character is revealed.” (COL 412:1).



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- Job suffered a financial crisis (Job 1:14-17). Sabeans (Merchants: Isaiah 45:14). Chaldeans: (Babylon), Fire coming down from Heaven).
 - Last days: James 5:1-8→Revelation 13:16.

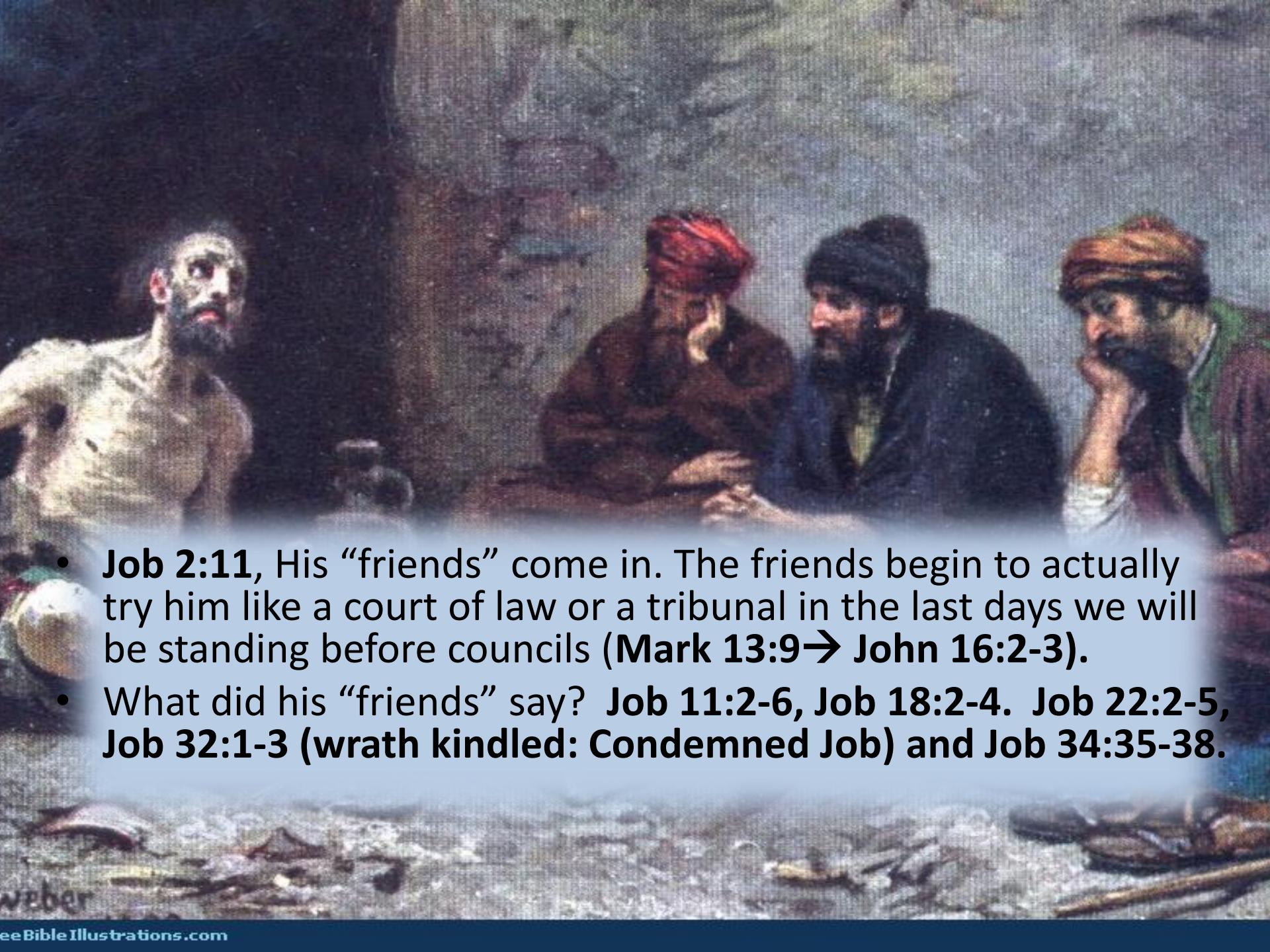
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- **Job suffered through a natural disaster: (Job 1:18-19). Matthew 24:7, Luke 21:25 tell of natural disasters happening with greater and greater frequency in the last days.**

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- Job was inflicted with diseases or sores and boils (**Job 2:7-8**)
 - In the last days pestilences and diseases will be more and more frequent (**Matthew 24:7**).



- What then happened during Job's bad day? **Job 2:9.** (shaking within Job's home).
- "Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be put to death." Mark 13:12.

- “The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church.” 5T 81



- **Job 2:11**, His “friends” come in. The friends begin to actually try him like a court of law or a tribunal in the last days we will be standing before councils (**Mark 13:9→ John 16:2-3**).
- What did his “friends” say? **Job 11:2-6, Job 18:2-4. Job 22:2-5, Job 32:1-3 (wrath kindled: Condemned Job) and Job 34:35-38.**

- **Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls.** He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows. **When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children, were swept away, one trouble succeeding another as in a moment....** Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast.... And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils.... **It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced;** and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, **preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity....** GC 589-590

Natural loss events January – June 2011

World map



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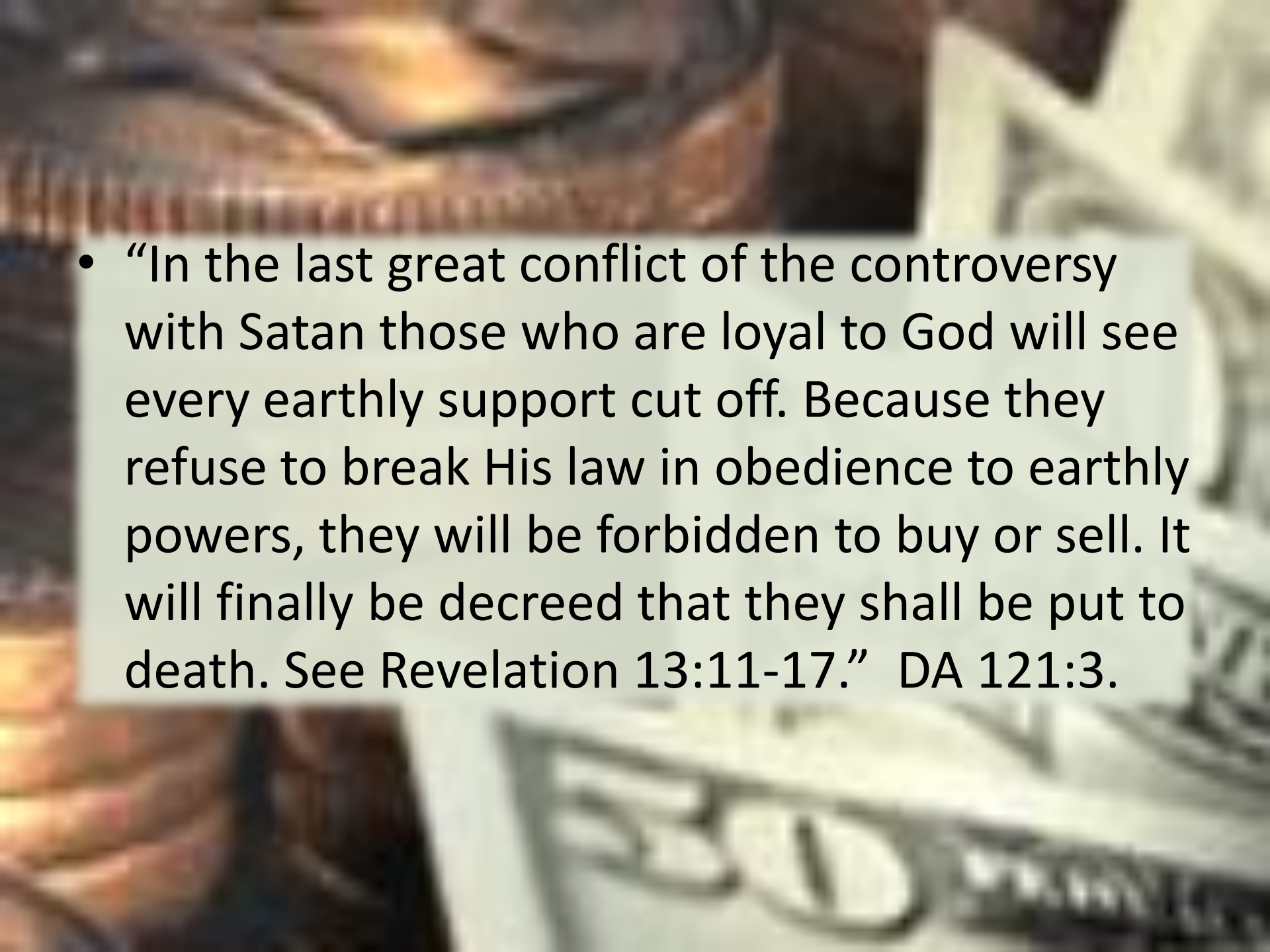
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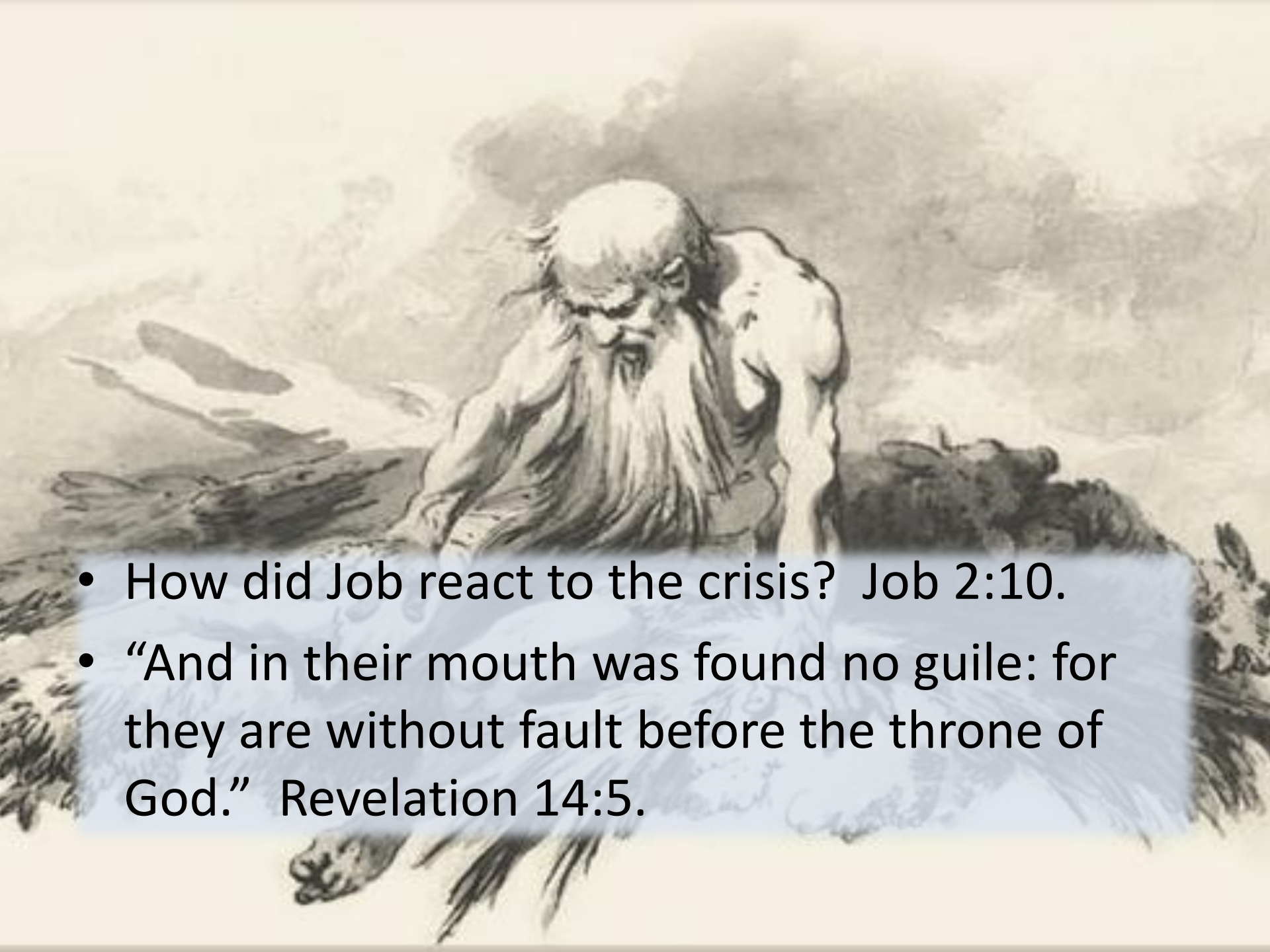


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- “In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. It will finally be decreed that they shall be put to death. See Revelation 13:11-17.” DA 121:3.



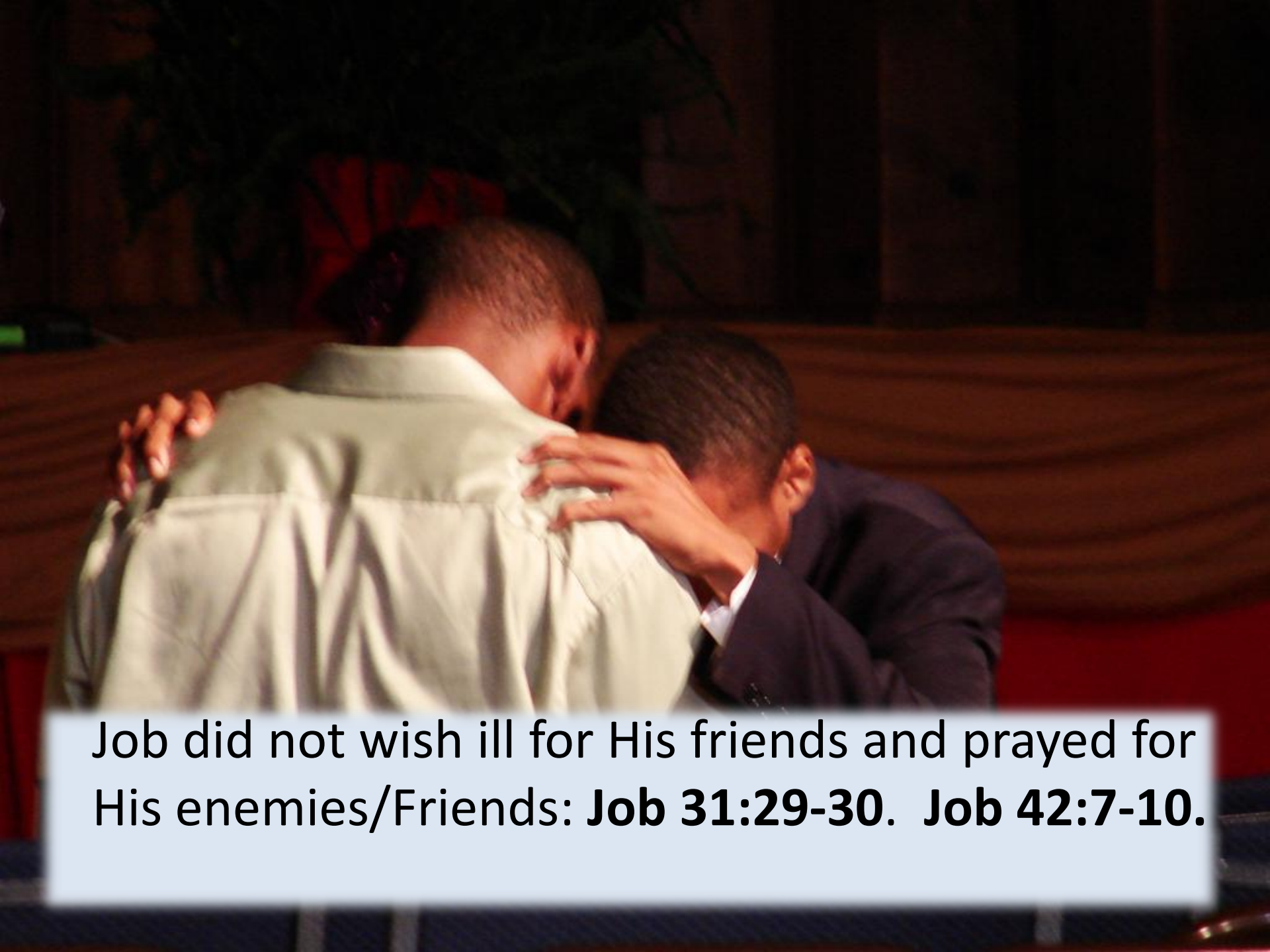
- How did Job react to the crisis? Job 2:10.
- “And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.” Revelation 14:5.

- Job did not think he was perfect: “If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: *if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse. Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life. Job 9:20-21.*”
- Job trusted God facing death: “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. Job 13:15.”
- Job held on to God no matter what: “My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me so long as I live.*” Job 27:6

- Job sighed and cried: My friends scorn me: *but mine eye poureth out tears unto God. O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour! Job 16:20-21 →Ezekiel 9:6. Refer to 5T 210-211.*
- Job esteemed the commandments of God supreme in His life: “But he knoweth the way that I take: ***when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.***” Job 23:10-12.

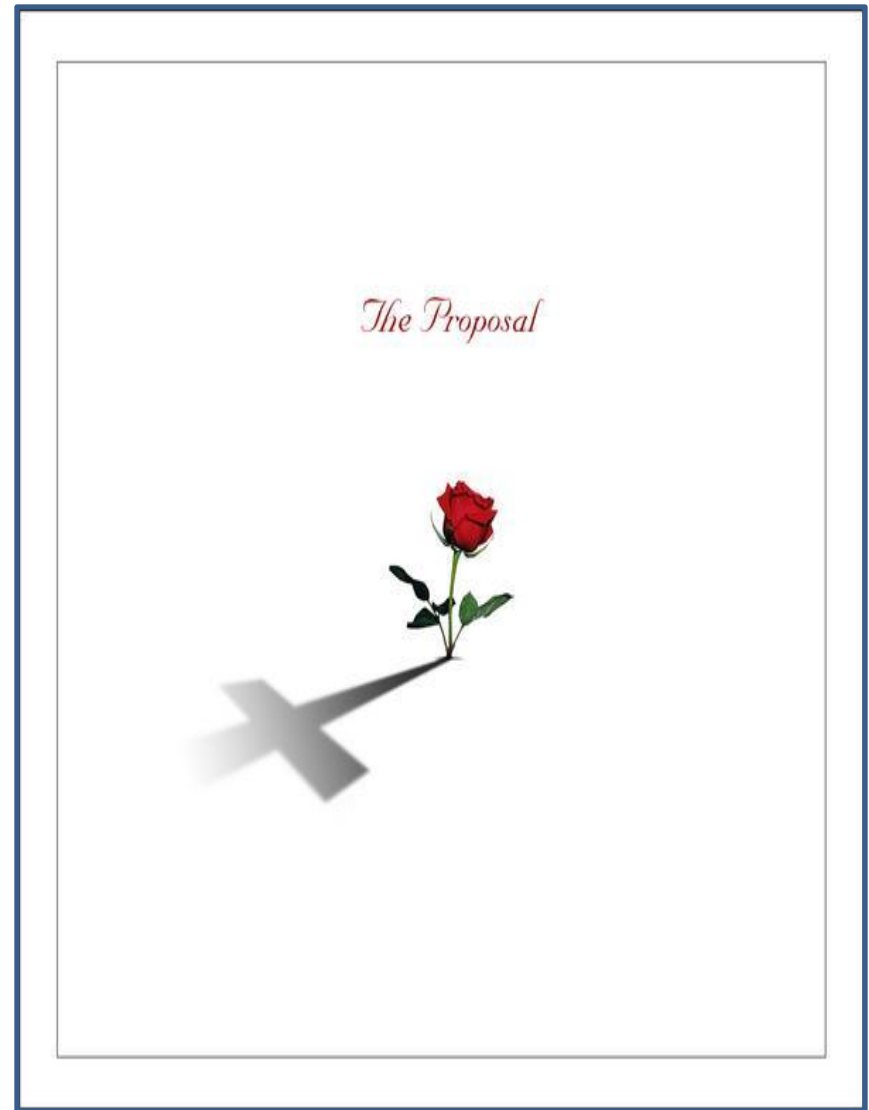
- Job believed the second Advent: Job 19:17-26.



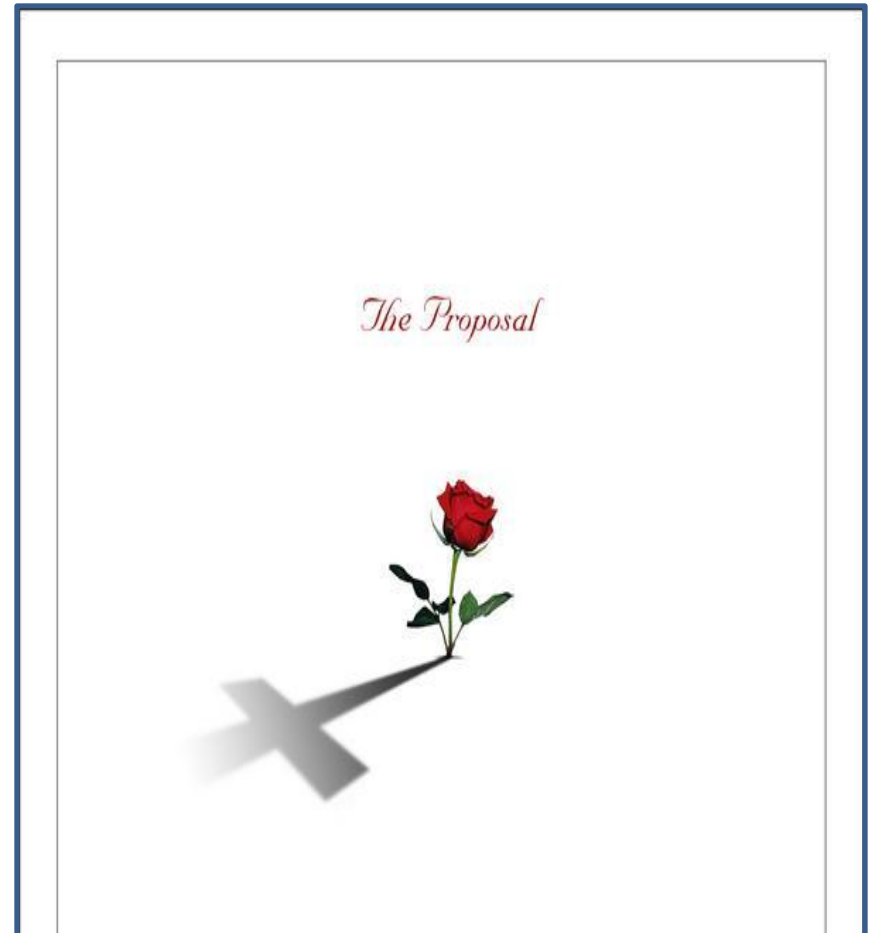


Job did not wish ill for His friends and prayed for His enemies/Friends: **Job 31:29-30. Job 42:7-10.**

- **Luk 23:34** Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.
- **Zec 13:6** And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.
- **Rom 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.



- The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. COL 415:4.
- Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. {COL 69.1} → Romans 5:2.



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“The fact that we are called upon to endure trial shows that the Lord Jesus sees in us something precious which He desires to develop.” MH 47:1.

“Each one has his own battles to fight, his own Christian experience to gain, independent in some respects from any other soul; and God has lessons for each to gain for himself that no other one can gain for him. . . . **Our heavenly Father measures and weighs every trial before He permits it to come upon the believer. He considers the circumstances and the strength of the one who is to stand under the proving and test of God, and He never permits the temptations to be greater than the capacity of resistance.”**
OHC 323:2.

- Mat 24:13 “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”