

## **Book of Job, A Parable of the Soul**

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Look in your Bible in the Old Testament to that book called "Job," and know this... Job was a hypothetical situation, that he was an illustration, a parable that was given of God, that should be compared to yourself and all the sons of God. And understand what happened to this man Job, for God expressed in his heart, as it were, "This man Job is mine, my servant. He will be faithful unto me."

Now repeat that, inserting your own name instead of Job, for this is the way that God would have you understand the passage. As the Father speaks, "My son is my servant and will not turn away from me; will not allow himself to be led astray." He speaks this, then, of the son and of you. "These are mine, You can't lead them astray."

Then that one you call Satan answered to the Lord and said, "You're not being fair with me for you built a fence around them that I can't get to them to tempt them as I would. Now if you would just let down that fence a little bit that I might get through and present the temptation before them, that you wouldn't hand feed them all these things as you're doing, then I could get to them with temptation and they would be led astray. So they don't really love you."

And God answered and said unto Satan, "Do what you will with these, for I have given them strength. They are now men of God. Place your temptations before them and see if they will be led astray. I will allow only one thing, that you will not be allowed to pluck them out of my hand. They may be tempted as men of God."

See yourself in this situation then, and find further the words of Jehovah God, the Father in the book of Isaiah, and may this bless your heart as it is meant: "Will God, then, allow Satan to tempt you, to take you in such a way that you may be snatched from the hand of God?" Hear His words: "Will a mother leave her suckling child?"

See further in this same passage of Scripture and hear the voice of the Father as He would say, "My (sons, each of you,) I have your name engraved in the palm of my hand that I cannot forget, that that evil one cannot snatch you out of my hand." Doest thou not believe? Turn in thy Holy Scripture and see that these words are written.

Then in the book of John, the Master even spoke of that saying in these words, "You are mine and no man shall be able to pluck you out of my hand. My hand is in the Father's hand. You are in my hand. There is double protection. That which I have given the Father, no man is able to pluck out of His hand."

Now, one greater blessing and this should make your cup overflow. How was your name engraved in the hand of God?

There was placed on the palm of the hand of the one called Christ a spike, and your name was driven into His palm, leaving thy name forever engraved in the hand of God. No man, no power is able to take that which belongs to God....

You ask, "Father, would you make these temptations lighter for me? Will you take these temptations away from me so that I will be sure I won't stray from you?" For this is the question really in thy heart.

But understand this lesson, and then see if you could ask the same question.

Thou art made strong by exercising the muscle of prayer and of the spirit. If God took away all temptation from you, would you ever become strong? Would you ever become a man of God?

There is put before you those opportunities to sin so that in God's Name you may reject these opportunities for sin and instead choose opportunities for service of God that you might be made strong.

Now I have a message for you to carry. I have a mission for you to perform. Would I send one made weak by lack of exercising the will, the power of the spirit of God, the power of prayer?

No. I would not take those situations or temptations from thee. But there will be in thy path every opportunity to sin. There will be that evil one, that one called Satan that will tempt thine heart, that would try you as by fire.

Now the ball is thrown back to thy lap, wilt thou be strong for God? Will thou be made strong enough to perform the mission that I have set aside for you?

Ask not that God take away temptation. Ask rather that you be able to meet that temptation with strength and turn it into a victory for God.

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