

The narrative shifts from the **earth** and Job's realm to **heaven** specifically, the throne room of the LORD! Here, we are privy to a cosmic conversation between the LORD God Almighty and Satan...

vs 6...

1. The angels – *sons of God* in the Hebrew (when in the plural form it refers to angels), including the fallen of all angels who is named Satan (THE **adversary** of all that is good; the **accusing** one before the LORD)
2. The Scriptures define for us at least **six** judgments associated with Satan:
  - A. In prophetic style Ezekiel describes his being **cast down** from his original privileged position in Heaven in chapter 28 – Psalm 148
  - B. The LORD passes **judgment** on Satan for his temptation of Adam and Eve, Gen 3
  - C. Jesus condemns Satan and says he will be **“driven out”** as Jesus predicts His death and work on the cross in John 12
  - D. The Spirit gives us insight into the heavenly war, the **expulsion** of “the dragon” and his evil host, Revelation ch. 12. (Brighton, *Revelation*, 335-336, CPH)
  - E. The Apostle John speaks to Satan's **condemnation** to the abyss at Jesus' return in Rev 20
  - F. Again, the Apostle John confirms Satan's **final judgment** to the lake of fire when the LORD makes all things new in Revelation 20

vs 7 – 12 ... What is going on here?

1. TRUTH: Ultimately, the Spirit is desiring for us to grasp the **sovereignty** of the LORD God amidst all kinds of situations/trials of life...
2. TRUTH: While the scene might be familiar to us in earthly ways, the reality of our life under the divine **providence** of the LORD God Almighty is no game...

3. TRUTH: Satan is our **opponent**...
4. TRUTH: Job gives voice to our **human condition**...
5. TRUTH: Since Job is credited with being one who, vs 1, was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil it seems that he represents those who are **"of God"** and his friends represent those who **"are not of God"**... ???

As this cosmic conversation ensues we are given some insights...

1. vs 7 From roaming throughout the earth... Satan has **access** to the earth...
2. vs 7 ...going back and forth on it... tells us that he is not **omnipresent**...
3. vs 8 "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil" ...neither is Satan **omniscient**...
4. vs 9 Does Job fear God for nothing?" & vs 10 You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land also proves he is not **omniscient**...
5. Vs 10 "Have You not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? tells us that Satan is not **omnipotent**...

*How does this conversation challenge us in how we view our struggle with sin, temptation and the ways of the world that Satan uses to divide us from the LORD...as he will soon be allowed to try to do with Job...*

vs 11 But now stretch out Your hand and strike everything he has... strike – naga = to employ **physical contact**... and he will surely curse You to Your face...curse – barak = has a double meaning of either to bless or **blaspheme**...Satan bets that Job's love toward God is based on the **"stuff"/blessings** of his life...*is he right?*

vs 12 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

- + ..."poor Job" (really saying, poor me!) ...???
- + ... the "cards" are dealt, the players have anteed in and their hands are being played...
- + ... the LORD in His divine wisdom knows ...42:3-6...
- + ...it is the LORD God Almighty Who shows His **benevolence** and **unfathomable wisdom**