

Getting into chapter two: *...what do you think Job is working through from a human/personal perspective – and, along with him is his wife...what do you think he/they are dealing with concerning this dark valley?*

vs 1-3: This *another day* is almost a mirror of the day presented 1:6...

1. Satan is still part of the angelic hosts who are there to present themselves before the LORD – they are _____ to the LORD because they are _____ the LORD
2. Satan has access to the LORD before His throne to converse with the LORD
3. Satan remains (as he always will) limited in his power

And, again we hear the LORD God acknowledging His servant Job –

1. *...he still maintains...* = hazaq – to be _____/make firm/harden...
2. *...his integrity...* = tummah – to be innocent of wrongdoing in one's _____...
3. *...though you incited Me...* = sut – the LORD lays the _____...
4. *...against him to ruin him...* = bala – to swallow/devour/be destroyed/_____...
5. *...without any reason* = hinnam – to do something unjustifiably or _____...

At least this is the perspective the LORD allows us to have from His angle, and yet we know Job will later say, ch 42, that all of this had a purpose according to the LORD's will - to _____ and _____ his faith!

vs 4-6 To use the analogy of a high stakes poker game, Satan ups the ante again!

1. *Skin* – _____ compared to the *flesh and bones* -
2. Satan is saying that Job will do anything to save his *life* = nephesh –
3. And the LORD God antes in and allows Satan access to Job in every way except *you must spare his life...* = samar – to guard a flock, house or keep the obligations of a _____

What are some TRUTHS we can know are being expressed...

1. The LORD does not allow what we experience to be an _____ goes affair – expresses the LORD's _____
2. The LORD binds Satan within _____ – expresses the LORD's _____
3. The LORD allows Satan to know our _____ and even exploit them (flesh/body) – expresses the LORD's willingness to allow us to know _____

4. The LORD recognizes the importance of where life is _____ (nephesh – our soul) and how it is _____ (samar – in our body) – expresses the LORD’s _____ view of life!

vs 7 & 8 Now Job’s “total being” is affected – he responds with two cultural expressions:

1. Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it..
2. ...he sat among the ashes...
3. These cultural expressions imply that his grief was so excessive that he left the city and his friends, and went out to weep alone.

vs 9...Now Job’s wife gets in on the action –

1. She acknowledges that Job is *maintaining* = remaining firm in his _____/_____ expressed through his moral, _____ = integrity
2. She also expresses herself... Curse God and die!...haven’t we responded in a similar way to less?
3. The early Church Fathers (and contemporary commentators) do not go easy on Job’s wife. Augustine called her *Diaboli adjutrix* – “the devil’s _____”
4. Do we know anything about Job’s wife?
5. Let’s leave it at this...

vs 10...What is Job saying...

1. Remember Job’s earlier response when he received news of the first four calamities, 1:21, The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised. He is expressing _____ of faith amidst this second set of calamities!
2. The LORD God is reminding us through His servant, Job, that when we receive good from Him it is not due to us but because He _____ His creation – us - and _____ caring for us! So, when we find ourselves in “Job-like” situations, ought we not also acknowledge His _____ when He allows calamity/evil? He helps us with this when we hear: 1 Peter 4:12 & 13; 2 Corinthians 12:7 – 9; Hebrews 12:9 & 10

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. ...**first summary**, 1:22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

1. As before, he once again shows _____ of faith... Job did not sin...
2. His behaviors also, as before, bear _____ to his faith... Job did not sin... in what he said = *sapah* – while the outward verbiage is what we hear it is not what is measured; this word means speech which is an expression of the _____! Matthew 15:18-19

... “for all it is my duty to _____ and _____, _____ and _____ – this is most certainly true!” (M. Luther)