

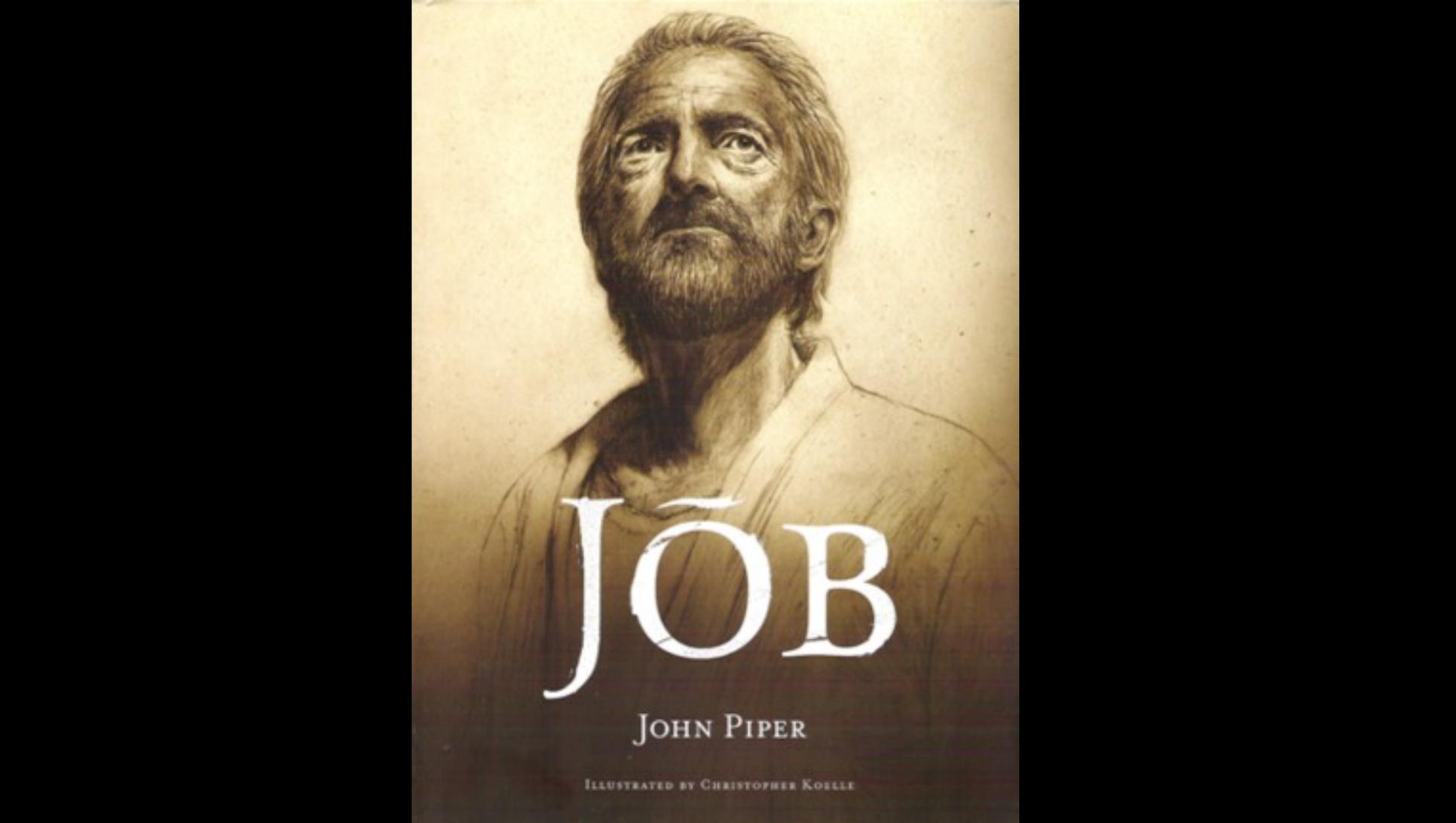


Journey of Job

This Weeks Sermon

“Shall we accept good and not trouble?”

JŌB 2:1-10



JOB

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Where we are going in this series

1. *Job 1 – My servant Job*
2. *Job 2:1-10 – Shall we accept good and not trouble?*
3. *Job 2:11-3:26 – the poetry of pain*
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1. Who is Satan?

1. What's up with evil?

2. How do I help those who are suffering

What is this book all about?

*Does Job worship God out of genuine love
or because of God's blessing?*

IV. The Heavenly Court Room II

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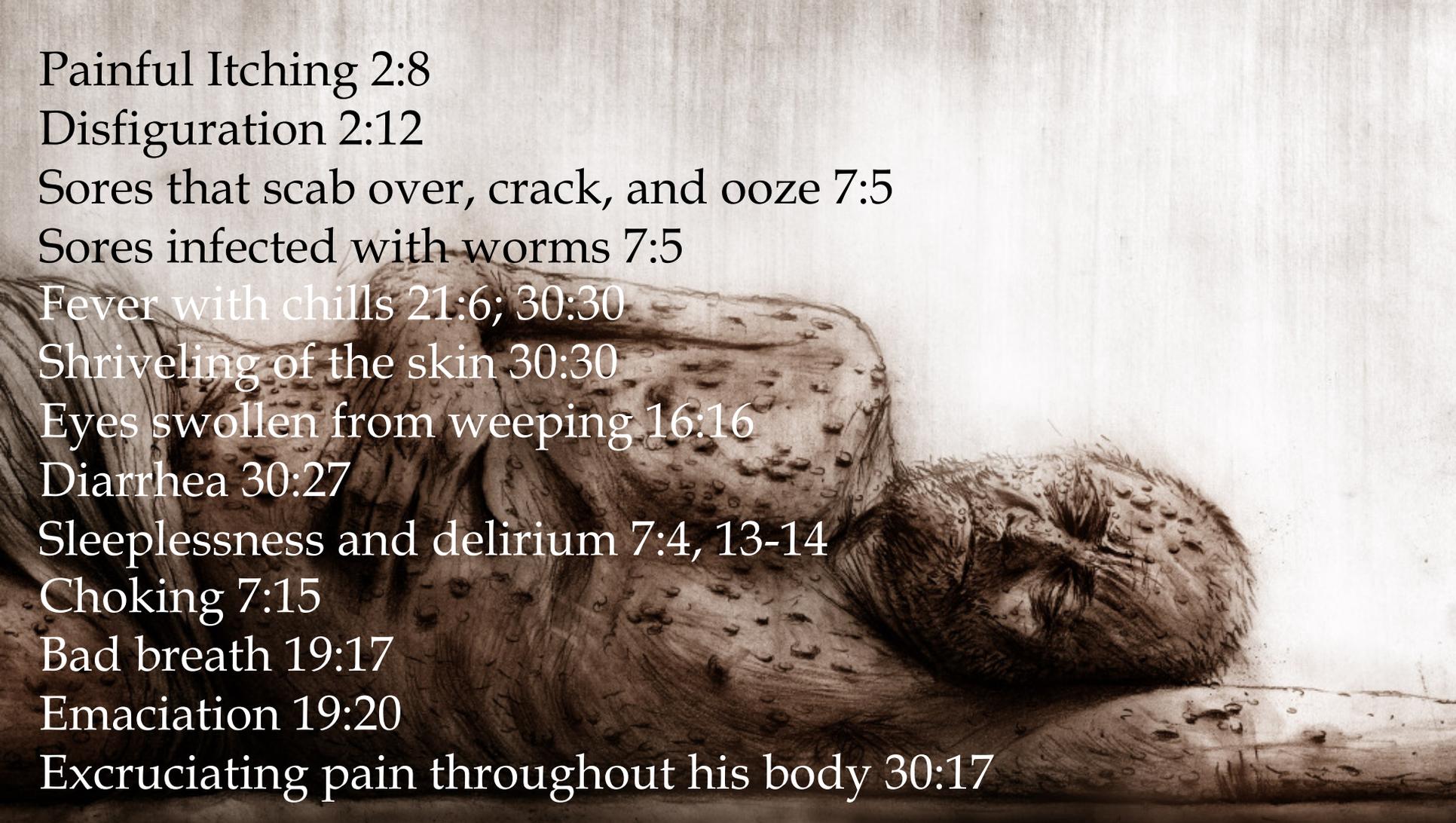
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- ⁴ “Skin for skin!” Satan replied. “A man will give all he has for his own life. ⁵ But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.”
- ⁶ The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.”

V. Job's physical suffering

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Painful Itching 2:8

Disfiguration 2:12

Sores that scab over, crack, and ooze 7:5

Sores infected with worms 7:5

Fever with chills 21:6; 30:30

Shriveling of the skin 30:30

Eyes swollen from weeping 16:16

Diarrhea 30:27

Sleeplessness and delirium 7:4, 13-14

Choking 7:15

Bad breath 19:17

Emaciation 19:20

Excruciating pain throughout his body 30:17

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That day

Was like a hundred years. At dusk
His wife returned. And she was brusque
And cool. “Do you still cling to God?”
She asked. And saw his wordless nod.

“I think you are a fool. How much
From him will you endure ‘til such
A love as this from God, the Great,
Is seen to be a form of hate?

Here’s my advice for you to try:
Curse God, tonight, and die. And I
Will follow soon – a widow robbed
Of everything.” And Dinah sobbed.

~John Piper

“And tears ran down Job’s horrid face.
He pulled himself up from his place,
And by some power of grace, he stood
Beside his wife and said, I would,
No doubt, in your place feel the same.
But, wife, I cannot curse the name
That never treated me unfair,
And just this day has answered prayer”
What prayer? What did you bid him do?
That I should bear this pain not you.

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“Dinah, do not speak like those
Who cannot see, because they close
Their eyes, and say there is no God,
Or fault him when he plies the rod.

It is no sin to say, my love,
That bliss and pain come from above.

And if we do not understand
Some dreadful stroke from his left hand,
Then we must wait and trust and see.
O Dinah, would you wait with me?”



“I’ll try,” She said, “I didn’t mean
That you should die. I’m more unclean
Than you with all yours sores. Is there
Some evidence that God could care
For such as me?” Job touched her hair:

“You are another answered prayer.”

VI. Shall we accept good and not trouble?

Mark 6:45-51

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Matthew 26:39

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”



One little flame when all is night,
Proves there is such a thing as light.
One answered prayer when all is gone,
Will give you hope to wait for dawn.

~John Piper

We can rest contentedly in our sins and in our stupidities, and everyone who has watched gluttons shoveling down the most exquisite foods as if they did not know what they were eating, will admit that we can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*.

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In your times of suffering do you only pray for relief, or do you look for the reason you are in the midst of suffering?