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A top-down perspective of a person's feet wearing dark sneakers, standing on a floor completely covered with a chaotic mess of crumpled, torn, and discarded papers and documents. The scene is dimly lit, with a focus on the central text. The text "Journey of Job" is written in a white, elegant cursive font, centered across the middle of the image. The background is a dense, textured field of brown and grey paper, suggesting a state of complete disarray or a journey through a chaotic process.

*Journey of Job*

# This Weeks Sermon

*“My servant JŌB”*

*JŌB 1*



# JOB

JOHN PIPER

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# Where we are going in this series

1. *Job 1 – My servant Job*
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3. *Job 2:11-3:26 – the poetry of pain*
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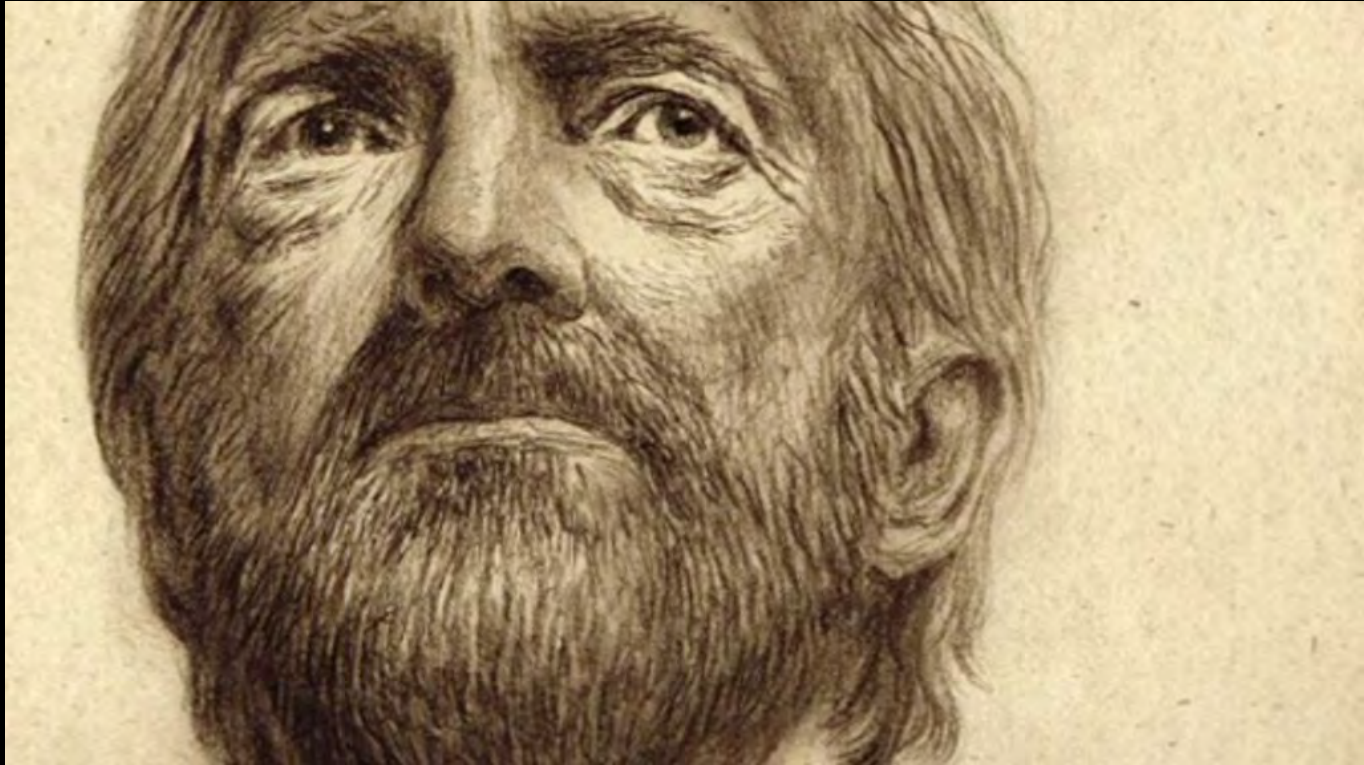
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Confident of his servant Job, Yahweh accepted Satan's challenge. He granted Satan full power over Job's possessions, but not over Job's body. Many scholars speak of this transaction between Yahweh and Satan as a wager. But this is inaccurate, for no sum was set to be handed over to the winner. The single issue at stake was the motivation for Job's upright behavior and his fear of God. Satan functions as God's servant, solely an instrument in the testing. The authors holds to a pure monotheism wherein God is ultimately responsible for all that happens.

~John E. Hartly, *The Book of Job: The New International Commentary on the Old Testament*, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Pub) 1988, 75.

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## 2 Corinthians 5:21


<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.





And now come, broken, to the cross,  
Where Christ embraced all human loss,  
And let us bow before the throne  
Of God, who gives and takes his own,  
And promises – whatever toll  
He takes – to satisfy our soul.  
Come, learn the lesson of the rod:  
The treasure that we have in God.  
He is not poor nor much enticed  
Who loses everything but Christ.

~John Piper



Though Thou hast called me to resign  
What most I prized, was never mine;  
I have but yielded what was Thine –  
“Thy will be done.”

~Charlotte Elliot

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*.

## Revelation 21:3-5

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ <sup>u</sup> or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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