

Job 3:1-26

1 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. 2 And Job said: 3 "Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, 'A man is conceived.' 4 Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, nor light shine upon it. 5 Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. 6 That night—let thick darkness seize it! Let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months. 7 Behold, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry enter it. 8 Let those curse it who curse the day, who are ready to rouse up Leviathan. 9 Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none, nor see the eyelids of the morning, 10 because it did not shut the doors of my mother's womb, nor hide trouble from my eyes.

11 "Why did I not die at birth, come out from the womb and expire? 12 Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse? 13 For then I would have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept; then I would have been at rest, 14 with kings and counselors of the earth who rebuilt ruins for themselves, 15 or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver. 16 Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child, as infants who never see the light? 17 There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest. 18 There the prisoners are at ease together; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster. 19 The small and the great are there, and the slave is free from his master.

20 "Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, 21 who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures, 22 who rejoice exceedingly and are glad when they find the grave? 23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in? 24 For my sighing comes instead of my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water. 25 For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. 26 I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes."

Hebrews 12:2

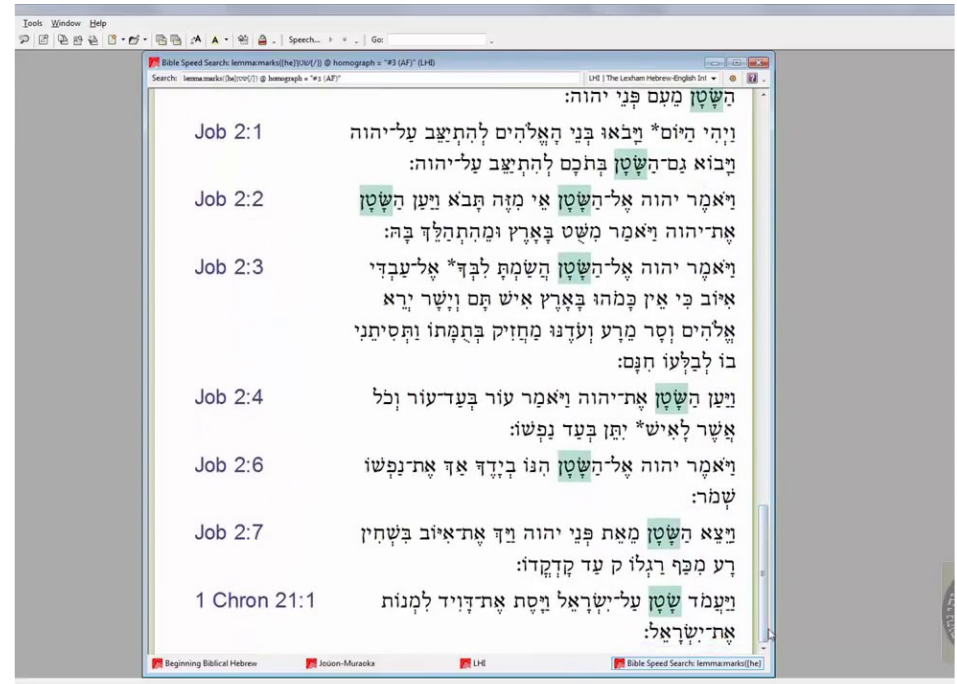
2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. Our breaking point drives us to \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Greatest Stories Ever Lived: Job The Breaking Point

Job 2:1

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord.



1. Satan = \_\_\_\_\_

## Job 2

<sup>1</sup> Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and the accuser also came among them to present himself before the Lord. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to the accuser, "From where have you come?" The accuser answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." <sup>3</sup> And the Lord said to the accuser, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." <sup>4</sup> Then the accuser answered the Lord and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said to the accuser, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

2. Everybody has a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Philippians 2:8-11

<sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Job 2:7-8

<sup>7</sup> So the accuser went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup> And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

## Elephantiasis (a form of leprosy):

- His limbs were so swollen that the skin shriveled and created ridges and grooves resembling that of an elephant, Job 16:8.
- Leprosy was contagious and not allowed inside the city. So Job had to live outside the city gate. The reason he sat in the ashes was because this was a form of mourning before God (and he was in incredible pain and possible depression), Job 2:8.
- His ulcers were accompanied by an itching so intolerable that a piece of broken pottery was taken to scrape the sores and remove the feculent discharge, Job 2:8.
- His appearance was so disfigured by the disease that his friends did not recognize him when they first saw him, Job 2:12.
- He was haunted with horrible dreams and constantly awakened by the pain, Job 7:4, 14.
- His sores bred worms (parasites) that closed up and then opened again so that his skin progressively deteriorated by becoming a perpetual birthplace of worms, Job 7:5.
- He was constantly harassed by a sensation of choking, Job 7:15.
- The disease eventually made his breath so foul that it drove everyone (including his wife) from his presence, Job 19:17.
- The ulcers went so deep that he felt his bones sticking to his skin. Job 19:20.
- His bones felt like fire perpetually burned in them, Job 30:30.
- The disease was incurable, but though those who suffered from it could survive it for many years, all-the-while longing for death, Job 3:20-21.

## Job 2:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips. <sup>11</sup> Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. <sup>12</sup> And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. <sup>13</sup> And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.