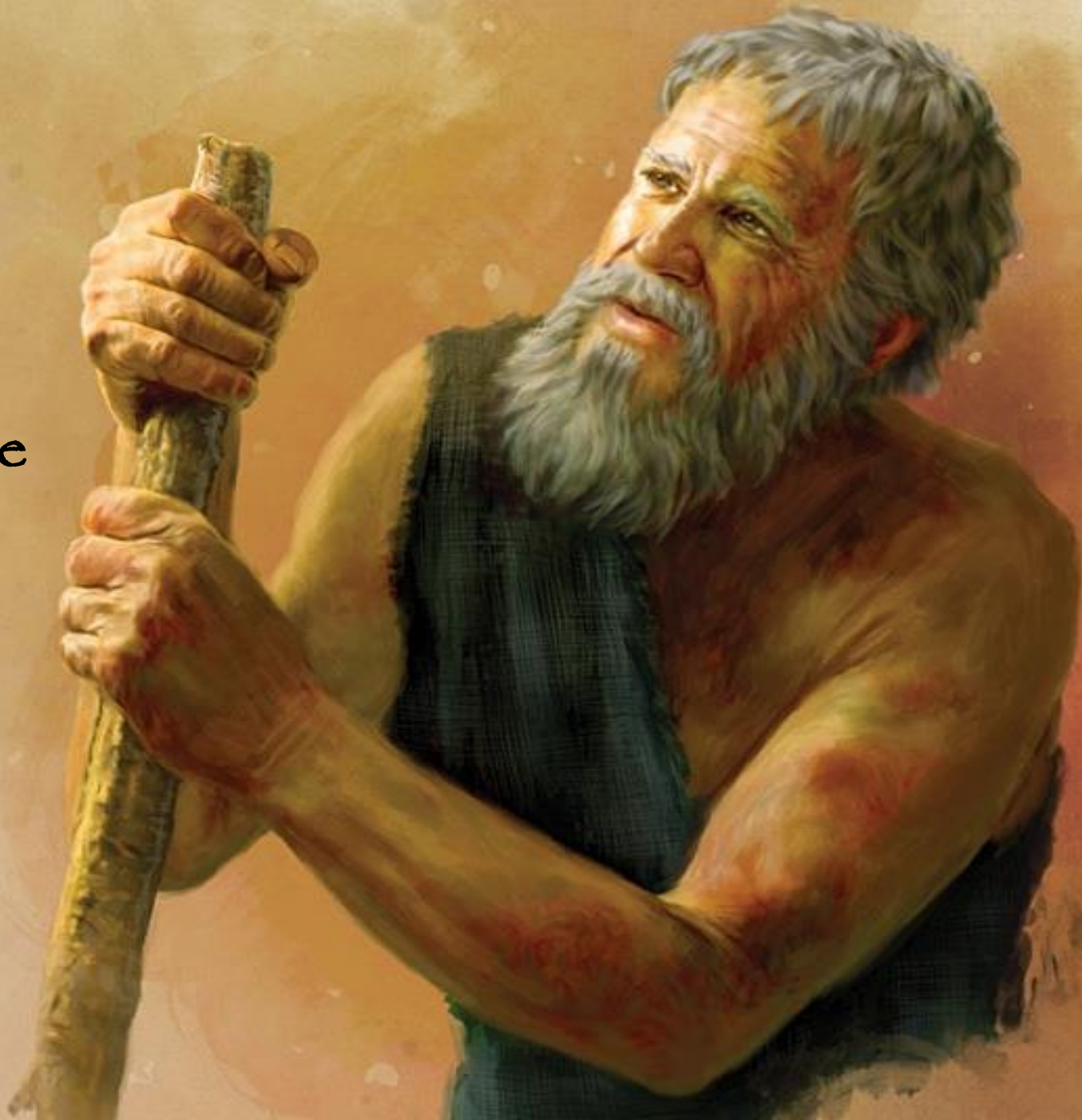


# The Faith and Perseverance of Job



# I Asked God

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey ...  
I asked for health, that I might do great things.  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things ...  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise ...  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God ...  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things ...  
I got nothing I asked for—but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite  
myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am, among men, most richly blessed”

**Confederate soldier at the end of the Civil War**

# Job's Perseverance

- James 5:11

11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (NIV)

# God's Servant - Job

- **Job 1:8-12** - And the LORD said to Satan, “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?” <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup> Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” <sup>12</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

# Job's Bad Day

- **Job 1:13-18** - Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>16</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>17</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>18</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup> and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

# Job

1. Rich
2. Righteous
3. Religious

# Job - Rich

- Rich: As the book begins, Job's wealth is seen in his having:

A wife . . . 7 sons . . . and 3 daughters.

7,000 sheep

3,000 camels

500 yoke of oxen

500 donkeys

- Job 1:3 describes him as being “ . . .the greatest of all the people of the east ”

# Job - Righteous

- Job 1:1

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.



# Job - Religious

- Job 1:5

5 And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually.

# Job's Deep Faith

- Job 1:20-21

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

# Job Looks at the Past

- Job 1:21

Naked I came from my mother's womb...

# Job Looks at the Future

- Job 1:21

...naked I shall return.

# Job Looks at the Present

- Job 1:21

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away...

# Job's Trust and Faith in the Lord

- Job 1:21

...blessed be the name of the Lord.

- During the painful period of the boils Job's faith remained steadfast in the Lord.

- Job 13:15

15 Though he slay me, I will hope in him;  
yet I will argue my ways to his face.

# Life is More than Material Possessions

- Luke 12:15

... for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

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