**SOME THINGS SATAN FOUND AT JOB'S HOUSE
Job 1:6-12**

[**6**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-1-6/)**Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.**

[**7**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-1-7/)**And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**

[**8**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-1-8/)**And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?**

[**9**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-1-9/)**Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?**

[**10**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-1-10/)**Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.**

[**11**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-1-11/)**But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.**

[**12**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-1-12/)**And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.**

**INTRO:**

**Illustration: One Sunday morning a new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead the opening prayer. The older deacon stood up, bowed his head and began to pray.**

**He said, “Lord, I hate buttermilk.”**

**The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The old deacon continued and said, “Lord, I hate lard.”**

**The pastor was totally perplexed.**

**Then the deacon prayed, “Lord I ain’t too crazy about plain flour, but after you mix all those things up and bake it in a hot oven, I just absolutely love biscuits. Now Lord, help us to realize that when life gets hard, and things come up that we don’t like, and when we don’t understand what you are doing . . . well, Lord just help us to trust you, and help us to wait patiently to see what you are making. Lord I just still believe that after you get through mixing and baking that you got something for us that’s even better than biscuits. In Jesus name, Amen!”**

**\*\*Job is an example of a man that God allowed to go through things that mixed up some things in his life and caused him to go through some hot ovens in his life. However, in the end, God gave Job something that was a whole lot better than biscuits.**

**\*\*God even allowed the ole devil to do the mixing and the baking, but the ole devil found some things in Job’s house that he could not mix up or mess up!**

**\*\*Let’s look at some things Satan found at Job’s house.**

**I. A HEDGE SATAN COULD NOT PENETRATE**

**Job 1:10-11  10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.**

**\*\*There was a hedge that Satan could not do anything about. Satan had to ask God to lift the hedge.**

**\*\*If God agrees to life the hedge off of your life, just stay faithful and trust the Lord, and you will be greatly rewarded!**

**\*\*So why did God put a hedge around Job anyway?**

 **A. BECAUSE OF JOB'S STANDING**

**V-8 "And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a
perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?"**

**\*\*Job had a hedge because his life . . .**

 **1. Stood Redeemed**

 **2. Stood Righteous
\*\*God still puts a hedge around the redeemed and righteous, but He also chooses to remove it sometimes.**

 **B. BECAUSE OF JOB'S SINCERITY**

**V- 9, 11 "Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face."**

**\*\*Job had a hedge because . . .**

 **1. Job wasn’t Fake.**

 **2. Job was Faithful.**

**\*\*God knew this about Job, and God knows all about you as well.**

 **C. BECAUSE OF JOB’S SERVICE**

**V-8 "And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth,”**

**\*\*Job had a hedge because . . .**

 **1. He Honored His Savior (one that feareth God)**

 **2. He Hated Hellish Sin (escheweth evil)**

 **\*\* When the Storms Assail and Satan Assaults your life,
are you Sincere enough in your Standing and Service to be afforded the Security of a Hedge that Satan cannot Penetrate?**

**II. A HEART SATAN COULD NOT PROVOKE**

**\*\*Satan’s objective was to turn Job’s heart against God so he started taking away everything Job was blessed with and loved.
\*\* The devil thought Job's heart for God was defined by the things that he possessed.**

**\*\* Satan attempted to Provoke his Heart by . . .
 A. BY DEFEATING HIS SERVANTS**

**V-15 A messenger ran to Job and said, “yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."**

 **1. Job treated his servants with Fairness.**

 **2. Job treated his servants with Favor.**

**\*\*How do I know? Because Job was an upright man who feared God and hated evil.
 B. BY DEVOURING HIS STOCK**

 **V- 16-17 "While he was yet speaking, there
came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 17 While he was yet speaking, there came also
another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."**

**\*\*NOTE: In V-11, Satan asked God to take away what Job had, but in V-12, the Bible says that God gave Satan the power to rule over what Job had. In V-16, God got the blame, but it was really Satan using the power God gave him.**

 **C. BY DESTROYING HIS SEED**

**V - 18-19 "While he was yet speaking, there came
also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: 19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."**

**\*\* Satan could see Job’s Stuff, but Satan could not see Job’s Soul! Satan could take Job’s prize possessions, but Satan could not take Job’s precious praise!**

**\*\* Satan could not provoke Job’s heart to blame God, blast God, or blaspheme God!**

**V- 20-22 "Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and
shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."**

**\*\*Satan’s whole objective was to provoke Job’s heart to turn away from God, but instead, he caused Job to draw closer to the Lord.
\*\*If Satan were to take your prize possessions, would you have a heart that would run to God and worship Him?
\*\*Satan found Job had a heart that he could not provoke!**

**III. A HOPE SATAN COULD NOT PERSUADE
\*\*Job kept his hope in the Lord, and his hope could not be persuaded even after . . .
 A. THE ATTACKS ON HIS FAMILY**

 **1. Job felt Defeated just like we would.**

 **2. Job felt Depressed just like we would.
 B. THE ASSAULT ON HIS FLESH**

 **Job 2:7, 10 [7](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-2-7/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Job%202%3A7) So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 10 . . .In all this did not Job sin with his lips.**

 **1. Job had Sores, but stayed faithful to God.**

 **2. Job had Sufferings, but stayed faithful to God.**

 **C. THE ACCUSATIONS OF HIS FRIENDS**

**Job 4: 7-9** [**7**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-4-7/) **Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?** [**8**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-4-8/)**Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.** [**9**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-4-9/)**By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.**

 **1. His friends words were Hurtful.**

 **2. His friends words were Hateful.**

**\*\*But notice Job’s response.**

**Job 19:1-2,** [**1**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-19-1/)**Then Job answered and said, [2](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-19-2/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Job%2019%3A2) How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?** [**25**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-19-25/)**For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:** [**26**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-19-26/)**And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God:**

**\*\*Satan found Job had a hope that he could not persuade.**

**IV. A HARVEST SATAN COULD NOT PREVENT**

**Job 42:12-13** [**12**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-42-12/) **So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.** [**13**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Job-42-13/)**He had also seven sons and three daughters.**

**\*\*Satan did not expect for Job to come through this trial and . . .**

 **A. BE RIGHTEOUS**

 **B. BE RESTORED**

**CLOSE**

**1. Satan was allowed in Job’s life and into Job’s home, but he found some things out about Job that he didn’t expect!**

**2. God handed Job over to Satan for a season and gave Satan the power to mix some things up, mess some things up, and put Job in the hot oven. After it was all over with though, Job got something better than biscuits! He got blessed!**

**3. Don’t miss the reason Job got blessed though. He got blessed because he never stopped loving and trusting the Lord!**

**4. Too many people give up on God when they go through troubles and trials, and that’s why they never see the blessings in the end.
5. So how about you? If you lost all that Job lost would you still have a devoted heart and a dedicated hope in the Lord that would allow you to reap a divine harvest?
\*\*It is time that we get dedicated to God like never before!**