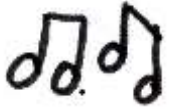


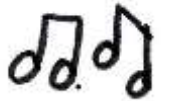
Job's Faith

More Precious Than Silver

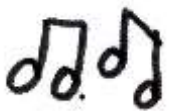


Lord You are more precious than silver
Lord You are more precious than gold
Lord you are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You.
(Sing twice)

In Your time in Your time,
You make all things beautiful in Your Time.
Lord my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time.



Lord my life to you I bring
May each song I have to sing
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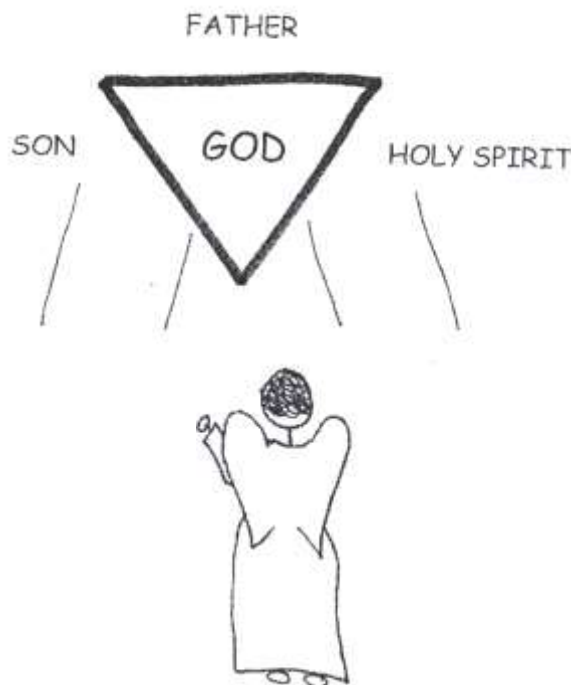
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Job was a man who considered God more precious than anything on earth. He had great faith in God. To see this man of great faith, Job, we will start by reading from the Bible a conversation between God and Satan.

Job 1:7-12 The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?"

Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing [respecting] God and turning away from evil."



Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear [respect] God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge about 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. But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."

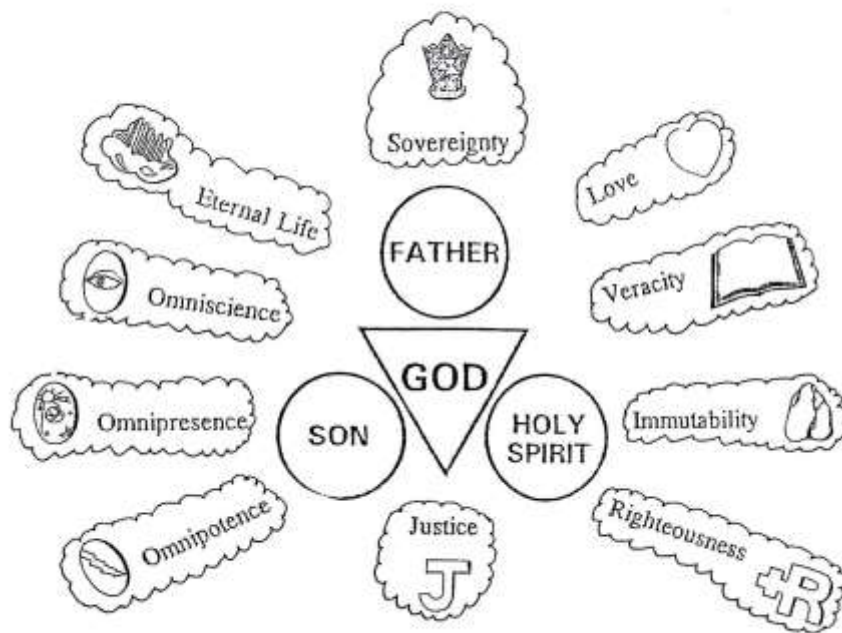
Then the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him."

So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.



God is permitting Satan to test Job's faithfulness to Him. God has given Job what he needs to pass the test. He would never allow Satan to test Job if Job didn't have what he needed. Satan thinks Job is respecting God because God has given him so many blessings. Satan wants to take away those blessings and try to make Job turn away from God. So, God tells Satan to go ahead and take away his blessings, but don't harm Job's body. Satan must follow God's instructions. God is in control!

God's Divine Nature

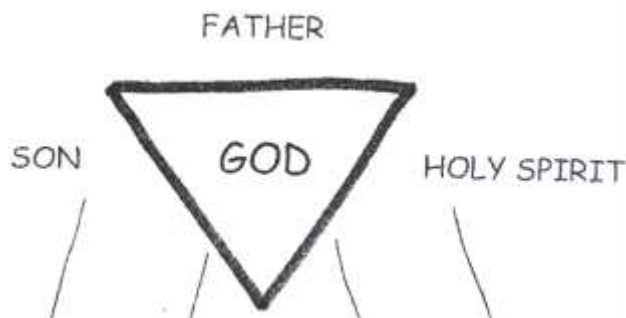


Our God is an awesome God!

Job had no idea that God and Satan had this conversation.
This is what Satan does to Job:

- had his 500 oxen and 500 donkeys stolen,
- killed some of his servants,
- burned up 7,000 sheep and killed more of his servants,
- had 3,000 camels stolen and more servants killed,
- killed all his children.

Satan really blasted Job! However, Job remained faithful to God. He knew God would deliver him. Job had faith in God because he had divine viewpoint in his soul!

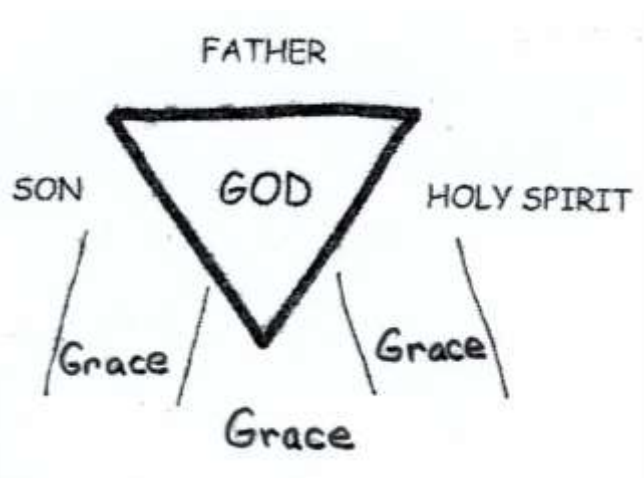


Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed is the man who trusts
in the LORD and whose trust is the LORD.

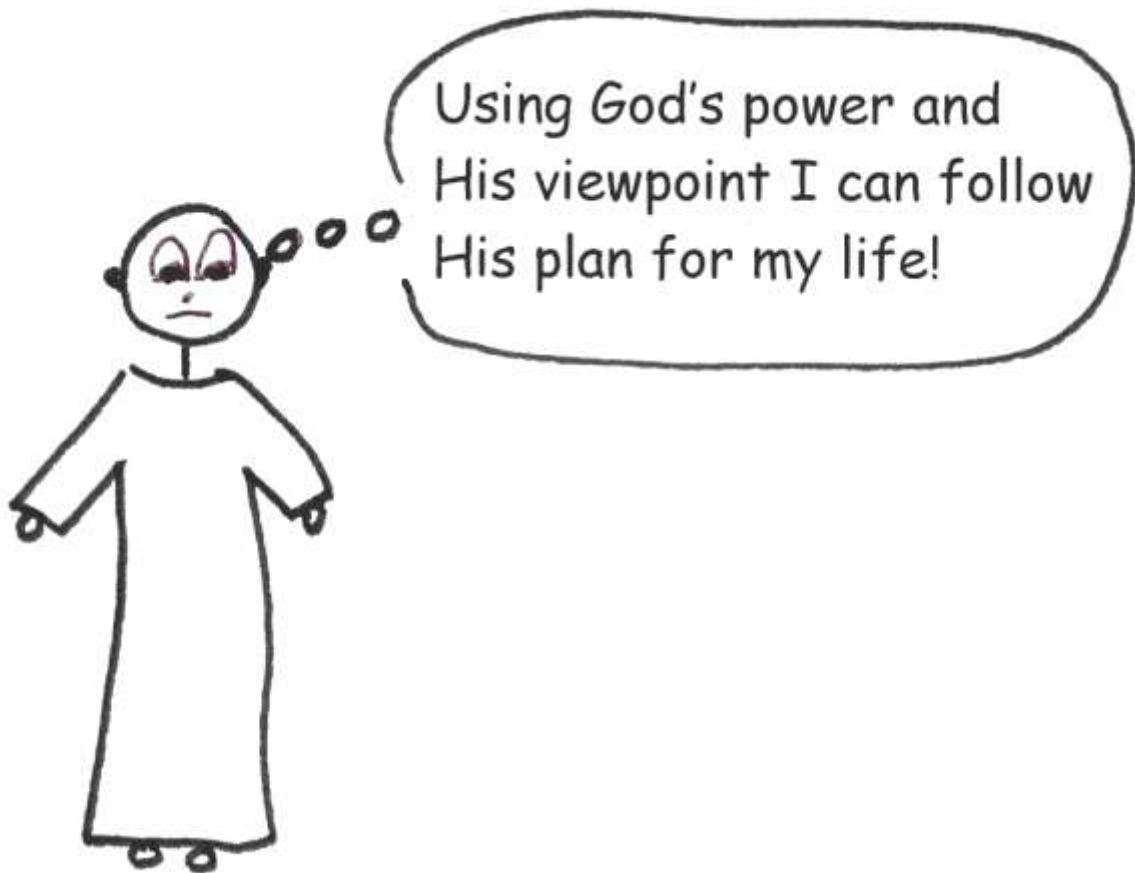
Through all of this, Job kept his eyes on God. He looked at the solution, God's word in his soul. He didn't concentrate on the problem, all of his losses.

Job 1:20-22 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

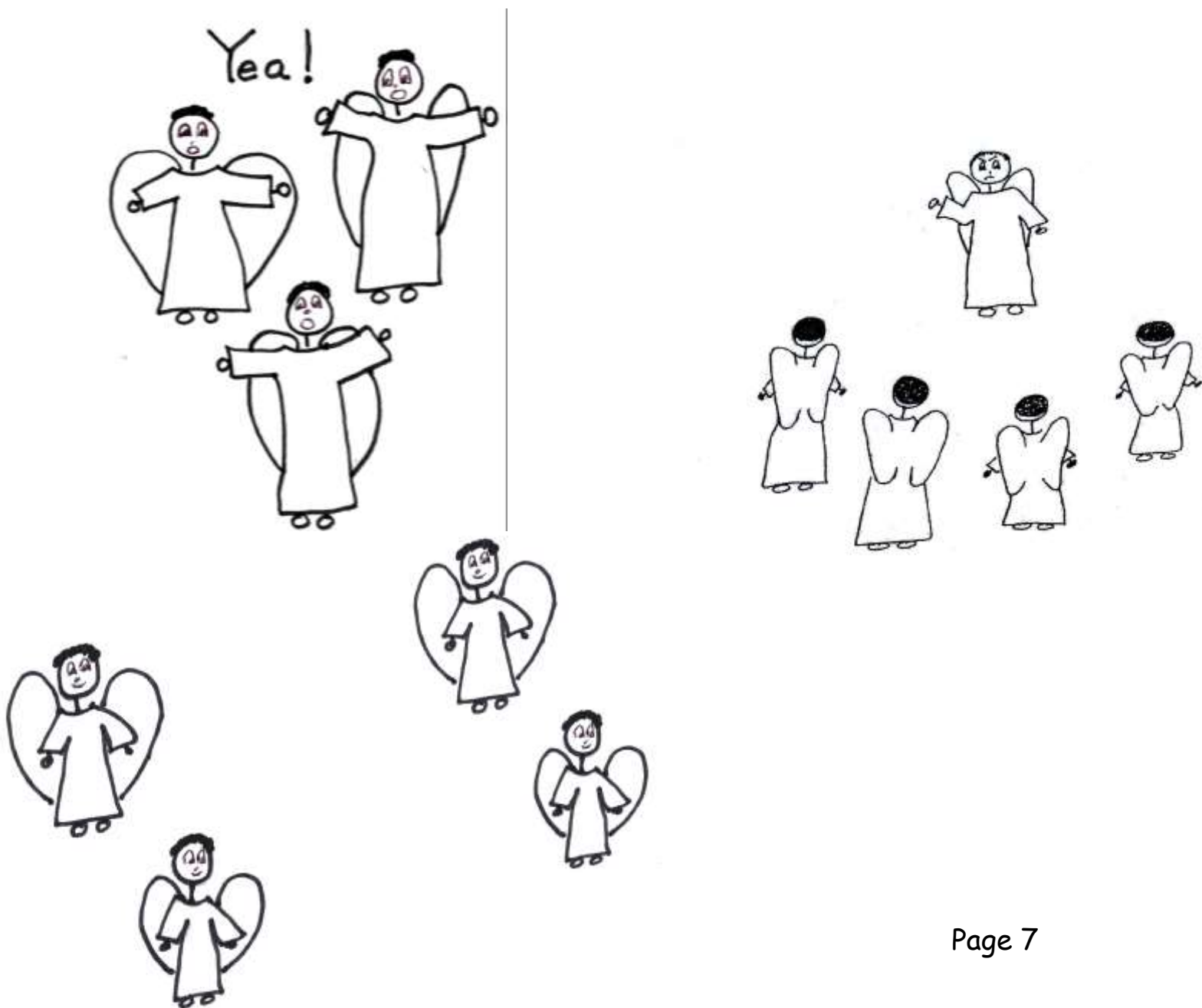
Job had fantastic faith in God! He was a witness of God's grace to people, Satan and the angels. He also showed that divine viewpoint works!



Now Job had two conflicts going on in his life. One was internal in his soul which means no one but God could see it. Job had to make decisions to stick with God! He knew his purpose on earth was to glorify God. He knew he could do this with God's power by living in God's plan for his life. To Job, God and His plan were more precious than anything he had on earth.



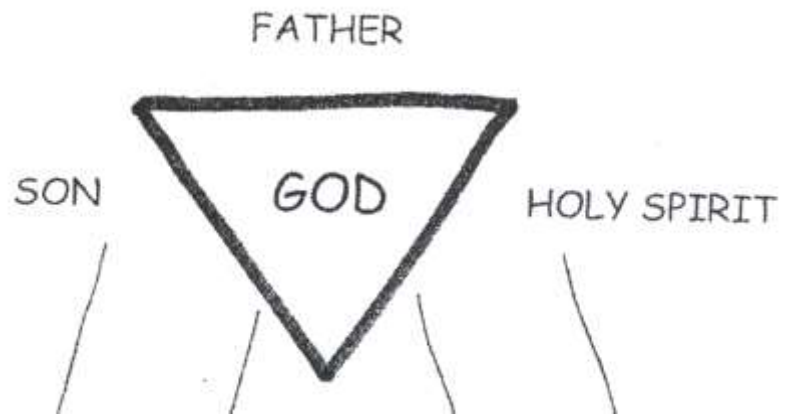
The other conflict was external which means people and angels could see the attacks of Satan. They could see all that Job was suffering and how he was handling it through God's power! When he was living in the plan, the angels on God's side cheered! Yea!! The angels on Satan's side jeered! Boo!! Job was a fantastic witness for God in the angelic conflict!



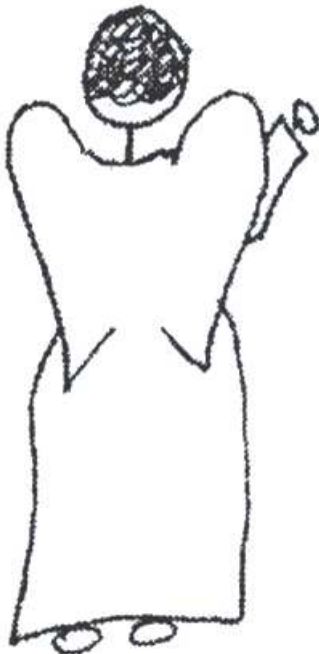
Satan didn't accept defeat. God and he had another conversation.

Job 2:3-7 The LORD said to Satan, "Have

you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he will hold fast his integrity, although you incited [instigated] Me against him to ruin him without cause."



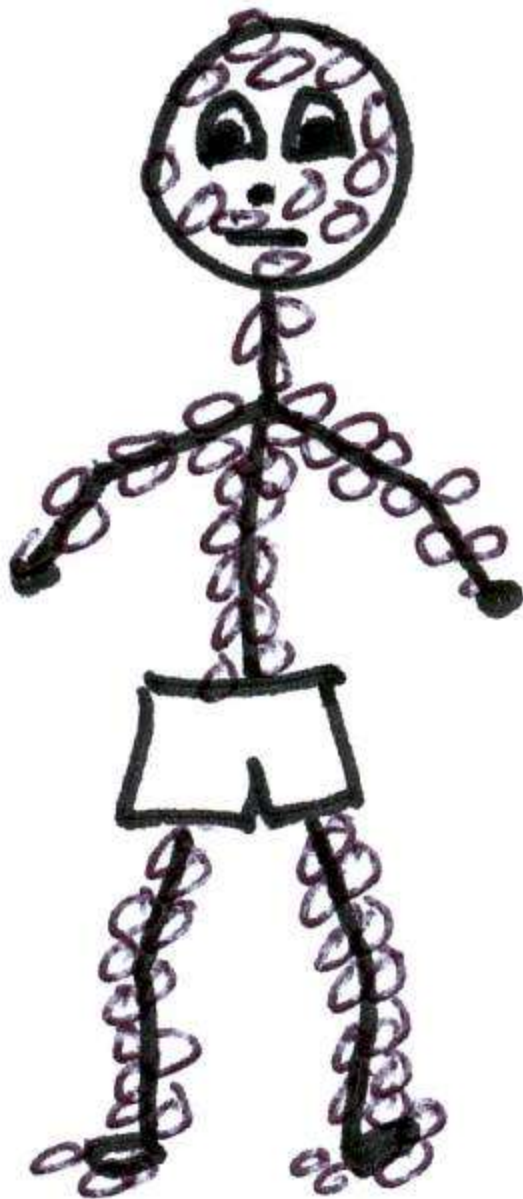
Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face."



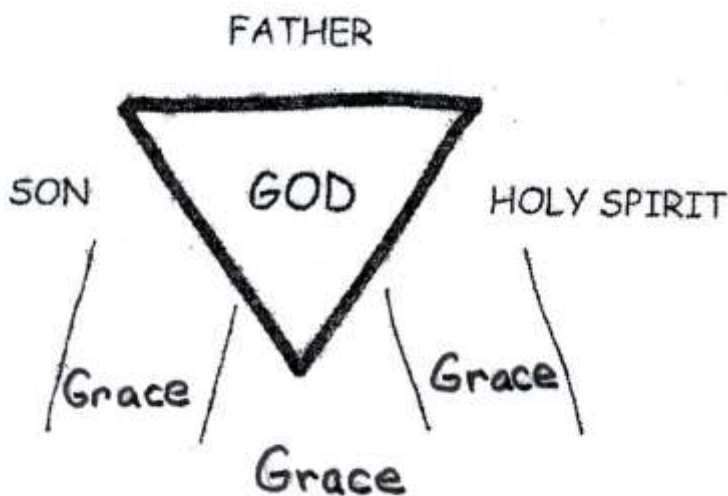
So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job [hit him hard] with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

Ouch! Through all of this Job moaned and groaned, but he never turned away from God. He was having horrific, undeserved suffering. However, it was part of God's plan for Job. God gave Job all the divine power he would need to get through the suffering! Remember, Job had a lot of divine viewpoint in his soul so he had and lot of divine power! He was a fantastic witness to show the power and grace of God! The greater the test, the greater the testimony! Job knew God, in His time, would deliver him.



The purpose of God giving Job undeserved suffering was to show Job His love and grace. He knew Job could handle it and He was definitely going to deliver Job from the suffering! Satan hates grace so he wanted to make Job turn away from God's plan. If Job said "NO" to God's plan, he would have been saying "NO" to God's grace. He would never have seen how the Lord would set him free. However, Job remained humble, or teachable, and kept his eyes on the Lord. He was growing in God's love and grace! He had great faith in his God!



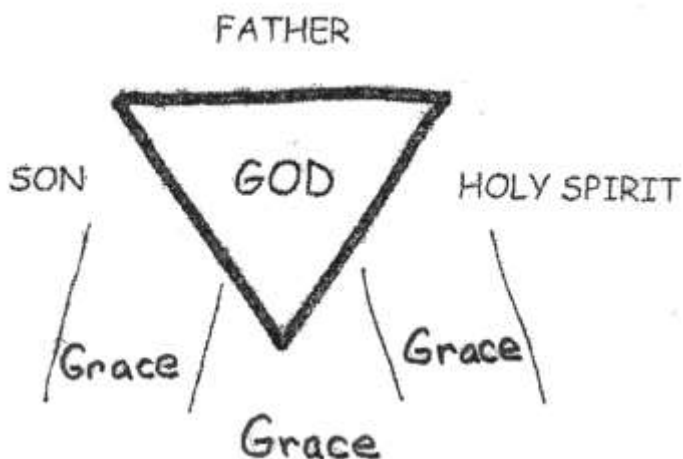
Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose [predesigned plan of God].

Points To Remember

1. Job was a man who considered God more precious than anything on earth.
2. Job had great faith in God.
3. Satan thought Job respected God because God blessed him.
4. God let Satan take away many of Job's blessings.
5. God was permitting Satan to test Job's faithfulness to Him.
6. Job had no idea that God and Satan were having a conversation concerning him.
7. Satan really blasted Job! However, Job remained faithful to God.
8. Job looked at the solution, God's word in his soul.
9. To Job, God and His plan were more precious than anything he had on earth.
10. Job was a fantastic witness for God in the angelic conflict.
11. Satan didn't accept defeat. He thought that if he gave Job terrible physical suffering Job would curse God.
12. God let Satan give Job terrible, undeserved suffering.
13. The purpose of God giving Job undeserved suffering was to show Job His love and grace.
14. Job remained humble, or teachable, and kept his eyes on the Lord. He had great faith in God!

Questions for Discussion

1. What did God ask Satan about Job?
2. How did Satan answer?
3. What did God allow Satan to do to Job?
4. Why did God allow Satan to do it?
5. How did Job respond?
6. What two kinds of conflicts was Job experiencing?
7. How was Job able to get through his undeserved suffering?
8. Since Job passed the test of his animals and family members being taken away, what did Satan say to God?
9. What did God allow Satan to do?
10. How did Job respond?
11. What is always God's purpose for undeserved suffering?



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