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THE STORY OF JOB

**A Theology of Satan:  
Why Job Doesn't Blame the Devil?  
Job 2:1-7**



## Job 2:1-7

*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. And the Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless*

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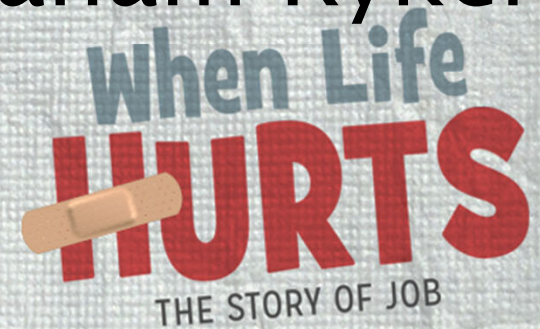
*and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.” Then Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.”*

## **Job 2:1-7**

*So Satan 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.*

*The devil's cleverest ruse is to make men believe that he does not exist. Or to give us the false impression that he is a silly old character in a red suit with little horns and a forked tail. Or to convince us that his devilish powers are so overwhelming that we are helpless to resist.*

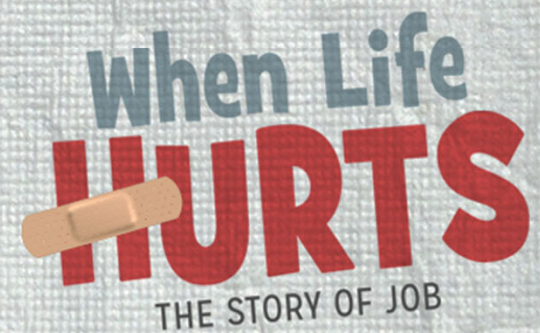
–Philip Graham Ryken



*Satan's two most effective ploys are (1) to get people to **UNDERESTIMATE** him so that he can lure us into a hidden snare, or (2) to **OVERESTIMATE** him that we may be so intimidated by him that we are paralyzed by his threatening power.*

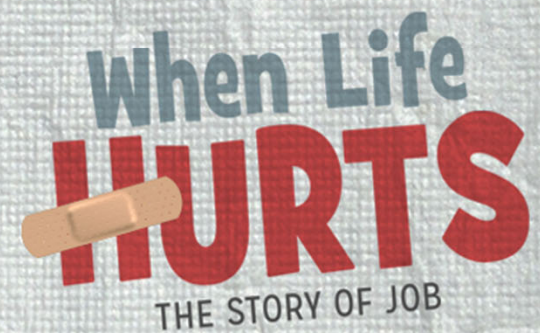
–R.C. Sproul

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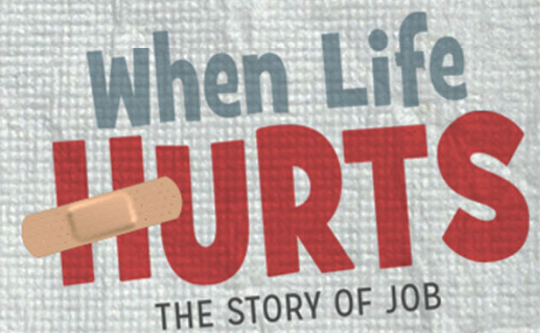
Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance to godly fellowship than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation.

–Charles Spurgeon



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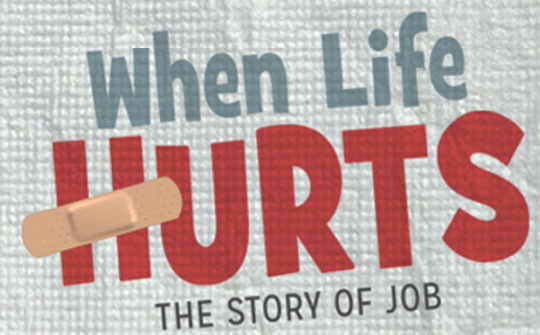
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# Who is Satan?

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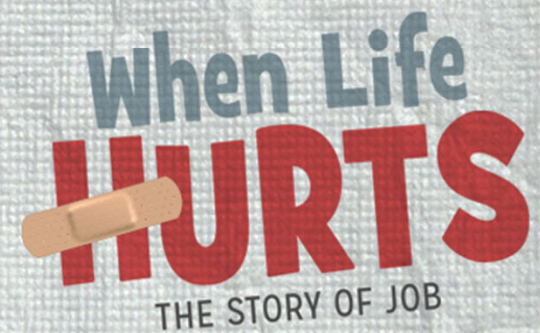
*And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations...to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them.*

Revelation 20:7-9

*“Be gone, Satan!”*

Matthew 4:9

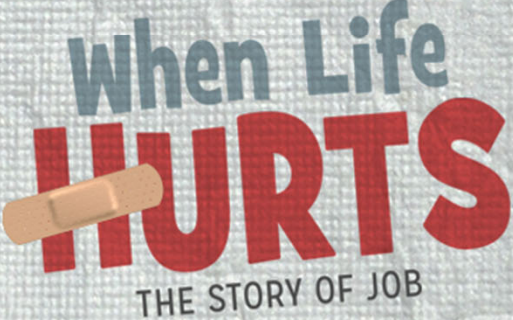
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*Peter says: “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*

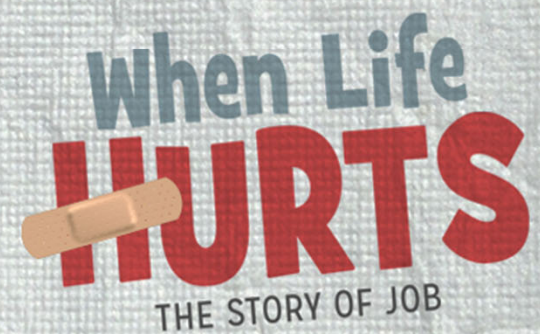
1 Peter 5:8

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# What is Satan's Origin Story?

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## Isaiah 14:12-16

*“How you are fallen from heaven,  
O Day Star, son of Dawn!  
How you are cut down to the ground,  
you who laid the nations low!  
You said in your heart,  
‘I will ascend to heaven;  
above the stars of God  
I will set my throne on high;  
I will sit on the mount of assembly  
in the far reaches of the north;*

*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;*

*I will make myself like the Most High.’  
But you are brought down to Sheol,  
to the far reaches of the pit.*

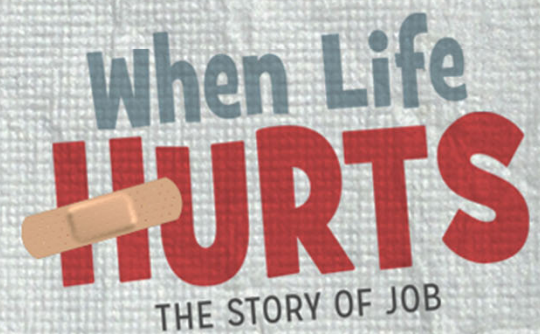
*Those who see you will stare at you  
and ponder over you:*

*‘Is this the man who made the earth  
tremble, who shook kingdoms,*

Isaiah 14:12-16

# What are Satan's Schemes?

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*In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

2 Corinthians 4:4

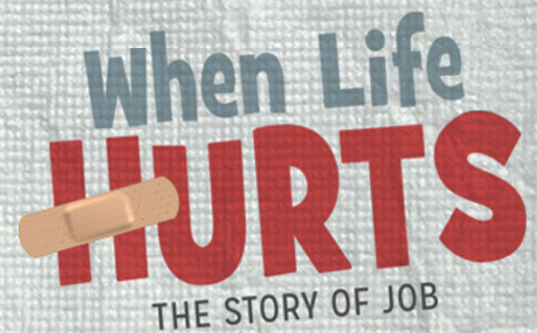
*Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.*

Mark 4:15

*“Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don’t really matter.”*

–Francis Chan

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**Why doesn't Job blame  
Satan for his suffering?**

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