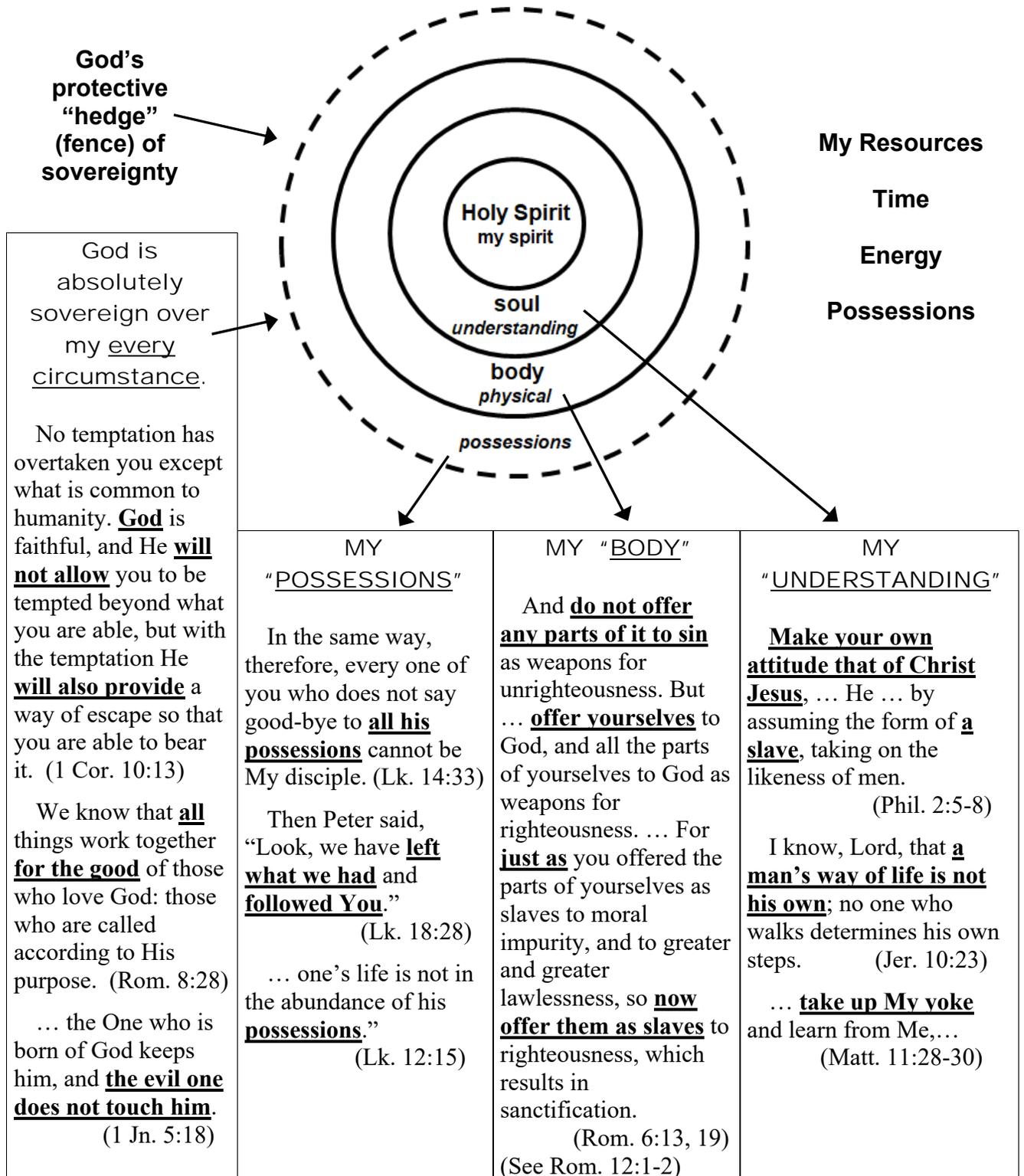


Lordship: Three Areas of My Life to Surrender

Three Areas of Temptations, Trials, Tribulations and Surrender



God Was at Work in 3 Areas of Job's Life

(The story of Job is often presented with an emphasis on “suffering and patience.”
We believe the greater lesson is “how God molds His children.”)

1. Job was a man who had a passion for God.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the country of Uz named Job. He was a man of **perfect integrity**, who **feared God** and **turned away from evil**.

Job 23:12 (*Job said*) ... **I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily food.**

2. God had tremendously blessed Job.

Job 1:2-3 He had **seven sons** and **three daughters**. His estate included **7,000 sheep**, **3,000 camels**, **500 yoke of oxen**, **500 female donkeys**, and **a very large number of servants**. Job was **the greatest man among all the people of the east.**

3. God had a hedge (fence) of protection around Job and all that pertained to Job. This hedge represents God's sovereignty, against which the enemy is powerless. This same hedge surrounds every believer.

Job 1:8-10a Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job? **No one else** on earth is like him, a man of perfect integrity, who fears God and turns away from evil.” Satan answered the LORD, “Does Job fear God for nothing? Haven't You placed **a hedge around him, his household, and everything he owns?**”

Illustration: There are tribes in Africa who traditionally built a hedge (zariba) around their village to protect themselves and their livestock from marauding predators. 1 Peter 5:8 implores us: *Be serious! Be alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around **like a roaring lion**, looking for anyone he can devour.*

4. In order for Satan to afflict Job (even in the area of possessions), he had to be granted permission by God.

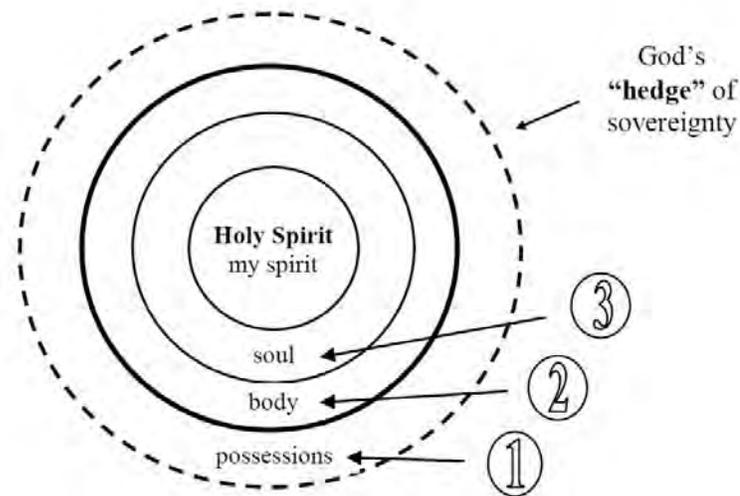
Job 1:10b-12 “You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out Your hand and strike **everything he owns**, and he will surely curse You to Your face.” “Very well,” the LORD told Satan, “**everything he owns** is in your power.

However, **you must not lay a hand on Job himself.**” So Satan left the LORD's presence.

NOTE: The enemy, Satan, had no power, nor right in himself, to afflict Job (or any believer). He only had power over Job to the degree granted to him by God. Satan has been allowed by God to exert power and influence in this present world, but only to the degree that it accomplishes God's purposes. It is comforting to know that God's absolute sovereignty and dominion over all His creation has never been, and will never be, the least bit compromised.

Prov. 21:30 **No wisdom, no understanding, and no counsel** will prevail against the LORD.

Dan. 4:35 All the inhabitants of the earth are counted **as nothing**, and He does **what He wants** with the army of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. There is **no one** who can hold back His hand or say to Him, “What have You done?”



God granted Satan permission to enter through the hedge and afflict Job in the area of possessions, but He ordered Satan to not go into the next area, that of the body.

① **Job 1:12-19**

:12 “Very well,” the LORD told Satan, “**everything he owns** is in your power. However, **you must not lay a hand on Job himself.**” So Satan left the LORD’s presence.

:13-15 One day when Job’s sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, a messenger came to Job and reported: “While **the oxen** were plowing and **the donkeys** grazing nearby, the Sabceans swooped down and took them away. They struck down **the servants** with the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

:16 He was still speaking when another messenger came and reported: “A lightning storm struck from heaven. It burned up **the sheep** and **the servants** and devoured them, and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

:17 That messenger was still speaking when yet another came and reported: “The Chaldeans formed three bands, made a raid on **the camels**, and took them away. They struck down **the servants** with the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

:18-19 He was still speaking when another messenger came and reported: “**Your sons and daughters** were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house. Suddenly a powerful wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on the young people so that they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

5. Even though Job was crushed, overwhelmed and bewildered by the

① happenings, Job had long before acknowledged that God is the rightful sovereign Lord over all creation, including all that God had given him. His response was the evidence of that conviction.

Job 1:20-22 Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshiped, saying: Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will leave this life. The LORD gives, and the LORD takes away. Praise the name of Yahweh. Throughout all this **Job did not sin** or blame God for anything.

6. Having lost the battle in the area of possessions, Satan returned to request permission to afflict Job in the area of the body. God granted Satan permission to enter into the area of the physical body, but ordered him to not go further, into the area of the understanding/ the soul.

Job 2:1-7

:1-5 One day the sons of God came again to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD asked Satan, “Where have you come from?” “From roaming through the earth,” Satan answered Him, “and walking around on it.” Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job? No one else on earth is like him, a man of perfect integrity, who fears God and turns away from evil. **He still retains his integrity**, even though you incited Me against him, to destroy him without just cause.” “**Skin for skin!**” Satan answered the LORD. “A man will give up everything he owns in exchange for his life. But stretch out Your hand and strike **his flesh and bones**, and he will surely curse You to Your face.”

:6 “Very well,” the LORD told Satan, “he is in your power; only **spare his life**.”

:7 So Satan left the LORD’s presence and infected Job with **terrible boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head**.

7. Job was once again dismayed and bewildered by the happenings. But as with his possessions, Job had long before concluded that God is the rightful sovereign Lord over all creation, including his body. And again his response was the evidence of that conviction.

Job 2:8-10 Then Job took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself while he sat among the ashes. His wife said to him, “Do you still retain your integrity? Curse God and die!” “You speak as a foolish woman speaks,” he told her. “Should we accept only good from God and not adversity?” Throughout all this **Job did not sin** in what he said.

For the next 29 chapters (chapters 3-31) Job defends himself against the accusations of his three friends.

8. God wanted to focus Job’s attention on an error he had in the area of his understanding. God used Elihu, a young man who had been listening to the debate, to expose Job’s spiritual pride (chapters 32-37), after which He spoke directly to Job.

Job 32:2-3 Then Elihu ... became angry. He was angry at Job **because he had justified himself rather than God**. He was also angry at Job’s three friends because they had failed to refute him and yet had condemned him.

Job 33:8-12 (*Elihu to Job*) ... I have heard these very words: “**I am pure, without transgression; I am clean and have no guilt**. But **He finds reasons** to oppose me; **He regards me as His enemy**. He puts my feet in the stocks; He stands watch over all my paths.” But I tell you that **you are wrong** in this matter, since **God is greater** than man.

Job 33:32 (*Elihu to Job*) But if you have something to say, answer me; speak, for **I would like to justify you**.

Job 34:5-6 (*Elihu continued*) For Job has declared, “**I am righteous, yet God has deprived me of justice**. Would I lie about my case? My wound is incurable, though **I am without transgression**.”

34:12 (*Elihu*) Indeed, it is true that **God does not act wickedly** and **the Almighty does not pervert justice.**

34:17-18 (*Elihu*) Could one who hates justice govern the world? **Will you condemn the mighty Righteous One?**

34:35-37 (*Elihu*) “**Job speaks without knowledge; his words are without insight.**” ...

NOTE: The way in which Elihu gently and humbly pointed out Job’s error is a worthy example of Galatians 6:1-2, where the Lord instructs us: Brothers, if someone is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual should **restore such a person with a gentle spirit,** watching out for yourselves so you also won’t be tempted. **Carry one another’s burdens;** in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:1-2)

9. God then corrected Job directly (chapters 38-41).

Job 38:1-4 Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind. He said: Who is this who obscures

③ My counsel **with ignorant words?**...

Job 40:1-2 The LORD answered Job: Will the one who contends with the Almighty **correct Him?** Let him who argues with God give an answer.

Job 40:8 (*God said to Job*) **Would you really challenge My justice? Would you declare Me guilty to justify yourself?**

10. Job acknowledged his error to God and repented.

Job 42:1-6 Then Job replied to the LORD: I know that You can do anything and no plan of Yours can be thwarted. You asked, “Who is this who conceals My counsel with ignorance?” Surely **I spoke about things I did not understand,** things too wonderful for me to know. You said, “Listen now, and I will speak. When I question you, **you will inform Me.**” I had heard rumors about You, but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore **I take back my words and repent** in dust and ashes.

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11. God rebuked the three accusers and restored Job.

Job 42:7-8 ...He (*the LORD*) said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken the truth about Me, **as My servant Job has.** Now take seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. Then **My servant Job will pray for you. I will surely accept his prayer** and not deal with you as your folly deserves. For you have not spoken the truth about Me, **as My servant Job** has.”

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Job 42:9-12 ... After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his prosperity and **doubled** his previous possessions. All his brothers, sisters, and former acquaintances came to his house and dined with him in his house. They sympathized with him and comforted him concerning all the adversity **the LORD** had brought on him. Each one gave him a qesitah (*a unit of monetary value*) and a gold earring. So the LORD blessed the last part of Job’s life **more than** the first....

Note: **For more Scriptures on “Suffering” see Lesson 1-14**

3 Areas of Temptations, Trials, Tribulations and Surrender

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	Gen. 3:6 Independence	Luke 4:1-12 Dependence	Jeremiah 9:23-24	Luke 8:14 "The Sower"	1 John 2:15-16
Introduction →	6a Then the woman saw that the tree	1-2a Then Jesus ... full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit ... to be tempted by the Devil.	23a This is what the Lord says:	14a ... the ones who, when they have heard, ... are choked	15-16a Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world.
Our "Resources"					
Self Understanding (I Am) Personality Emotions Reasoning	6d and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom .	9-12 So he took Him to Jerusalem, had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. ... Jesus answered him, "It is said: Do not test the Lord your God. "	23b The wise man must not boast in his wisdom ;	14b with worries	16d ...the pride in one's lifestyle
Time					
Appetites Food Health Strength Physical Beauty Appearance	6b was good for food ,	2b-4 He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over, He was hungry . The Devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread ." But Jesus answered him, "It is written: Man must not live on bread alone."	23c the strong man must not boast in his strength ;	14d and pleasures of life	16b the lust of the flesh ,
Energy					
(I Do) "body"					
(I Have) "possessions"	6c and delightful to look at ,	5-8 So he took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world ... If You, then, will worship me, all will be Yours ." And Jesus answered him, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."	23d the wealthy man must not boast in his wealth .	14c riches	16c the lust of the eyes ,
Things Money Security					
Possessions					
To Yield to His Oversight and Management "Lordship"	6e So she took some of its fruit and ate it ; ... and he ate it .	Who do I have in heaven but You? And I desire nothing on earth but You. (Psalm 73:25)	24 But the one who boasts should boast in this, that he understands and knows Me .	14e and produce no mature fruit .	16e is not from the Father, but is from the world .
Conclusion →					

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