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Another day for accounting/reporting by the Angels before the Lord. Satan included.

What additional topic is added this time to the conversation? 2:2-3 cp 1:7-8

Job still maintains his integrity, though you (Satan) incited Me against him...for no reason.

Comment on this event relative to 1Cor.10:13. see Jn.9:1-3

God is absolutely in control! He will not allow un-restricted testing for His children!

What is Satan's accusation regarding why Job didn't fail the first test? 2:4-5

He only held on because you didn't touch him (his flesh). Strike his body; he'll curse You!

What do you see in the Lord's response? 2:6

Confidence. Sovereignty (limit on Satan). Job's worship is not based on being blessed!

What quickly transpires on earth? 2:7-8 Ex.9:9-11; Rev.16:10-11

Satan smites Job with painful sores from head to toe. Designed for maximum tormenting.

What are some of his symptoms? 2:7,12; 3:24-25; 6:11; 7:5; 9:18; 19:17,20; 30:17,27,30

Sores, itching, skin, appetite, depression, weakness, worms, pain, restlessness, fever, etc.

Job's trial, and his wife...2:8-10

Up to this final phase, how much of Job's trial was also on his wife?

All of it! She lost everything also, including her 10 children. Her faith was also tested.

When she sees Job, sitting in the city dump, scraping himself, what response would Job want?

He would want sympathy, encouragement. To have his wife come alongside to help.

What actually happens? 2:9 see 2:5; Mt.16:21-23 (Note: even Godly friends can be wrong!)

She emotionally blurts out the very thoughts of Satan! Curse God and then you'll die!

Why do you think God may have "spared" her from this phase of the trial? 1Cor.10:13

She might well have 'failed'. God spared her. But, Satan used her to tempt Job, to fail.

What is Job's response to her? 2:10a Comment?? (Foolish = morally deficient)

This is not you talking! We do not worship God expecting only good and not trouble!

And what is the conclusion to this seemingly lethal challenge? 2:10b

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said! Amen! Rejoicing in heaven; Satan still at it.

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