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Chapter 1: Prologue

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

Overture

Instrumental

Job's Song

I raise my eyes to the heavens
And I see the sky and the sun above
With praise to god in the heavens
For an inner peace to which nothing can compare

When I look now at my life
It is so clear that he provides
All the blessings that I have
Are gifts directly from his hand

Time, time, time....
(all my life I have known of the love you have shown)
Opportunity has knocked all my life and
I...Have received a blessing more than most

Good friends and loved ones
Health, wealth, and home

Song of praise and I sing it for you
I have so many things and they're all from you

I don't know why, I can not seem to find the answer for my life
But I give it all to you...

Chapter 2: Job's First Test

One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

The Angel's First Song

Holy, holy, holy
God almighty
Praise and honor
You are worthy

He who was and who is
And who is still yet to come
You are worthy Lord
You are worthy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord
Holy, holy, holy Lord
You are set apart, oh Lord
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Satan's First Song

Yes job does love you
But not without a cause
You always guard him
With a hedge around his home

But take away his blessings
And you covering of grace
When things start going wrong
He'll curse you to your face

Chapter 3: Job's First Response

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said:

*"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I will depart.*

*The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised."*

In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job's Initial Shock

What is this happening
This harrowing experience is true

I sing this suffering song
I see all that I have is gone
But cursing god is wrong

What is the cause of all this misery
Some say that it is you
Oh yes, my nightmare now is true

I walk down this long hard road
And all I have is now gone

I walk down this long hard road
And all I have is now gone

Job's Resolve

Generations come and generations go
There is no memory of those who've been before
No longer part of anything under the sun
Events of our life destined to be forgotten

And now the blessings that he gave
He chose to take away
This circumstance creates
My biggest test of faith

Naked I came into the world from my mother's womb
And when my life is over, in the same way I'll return
I will not second guess your motives or your righteous ways
You are the potter and I am only the clay

He gave me everything and now he's taken it away
Yet for the lord there is no accusation and no blame
And through this misery I will not curse your holy name
You are the potter and I am only the clay

Job's Commitment

You were so near
You seem so far
I have this pain inside my heart

Song of pain and I sing it for you
I've had a test of faith and my life's confused

I don't know why, I can not seem to find the
Answer for my strife
But I give my trust to you

Chapter 4: Job's Second Test

On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

"Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

The Angel's Second Song

You are worthy Lord
You are worthy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord
Holy, holy, holy Lord
You are set apart, oh lord
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Satan's Second Song

Yes job does love you
But not without a cause
Sound mind and body
Help him to cope with loss

But take away his health and let him be without Your grace
The throes of pain will make him
Curse You to Your face

Chapter: 5 Job's Second Response

His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

Job's Contemplation

Instrumental

Job's Second Response

I walk down this long hard road
And all I have is now gone

I sing this suffering song
I see that all I have is gone
But cursing god is wrong, oh it is wrong

I walk down this long hard road
And all I have is now gone

I sit here suffering in pain and in grief
I've lost my loved ones, my body is diseased

I sing this suffering song
I see all that I have is gone
But cursing God is wrong, oh it is wrong

Oh on this pensive day why integrity
We accept the good we had
Should we not the bad
Should we not the bad

Oh on this mournful day what am I to say
You ask why I'm holding on
To a faith in god
To a faith in god

Job's Wife

Why do you still give him praise
In the midst of all your pain
Your faith in him has been a lie
Why don't you curse god and die

All around is death
We live a life of horror and disgrace
All that we had
Is now dead or gone

What could make you
Pray to a god
Who would hate you
And do you harm

How much longer will you wait
To express the depth of hate
Your faith in him has been a lie
Why don't you curse god and die

Look around this place
An empty shell full of our disgrace
All that we had
Is now dead or gone

A Great Silence

Amidst my suffering they come to me
With thoughts of sympathy and counseling
Yet they will shrink in fear at what they see

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"If God were good, he would wish to make His creatures perfectly happy, and if God were almighty, He would be able to do what He wished. But the creatures are not happy. Therefore, God lacks either goodness, or power, or both." This is the problem of pain, in its simplest form.

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