

## Job, One of The Books of Wisdom

Job, Ecclesiastes and the Book of Proverbs belong to the genre of wisdom literature, sharing a perspective that they themselves call the "way of wisdom". Wisdom means both a way of thinking and a body of knowledge gained through such thinking, as well as the ability to apply it to life.

### Satan Challenges God

The Hebrew name Satan (pronounced SA-tan) actually means "adversary," and most often in the Hebrew Bible it is prefaced by the direct object, meaning "the adversary" rather than a distinct personal name.

### The Big Question, Is this a true depiction of God?

The Old Testament portrait of God literally debating with Satan is generally accepted as mythological tradition, in the same way that we accept the story of Adam and Eve as symbolism or allegory, not as literal history. Thus when the tests come upon Job, they come from Satan. But in the same way that the Baha'i writings interpret scriptural allusions to Satan as symbolic portrayals of the temptation to accede to the ego or to give in to our baser instincts, possibly the author of the Book of Job has intended a similar meaning. Therefore, the tests of Satan may represent Job's inner turmoil, his temptation to rebel against faith and belief, especially as others urge him to do so.

<https://bahaiteachings.org/dep-meaning-story-job/>

# Have You Considered My Servent Job?



### The Gospel: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.

- **The Bible Project, The Book of Job**

<https://youtu.be/GswSg2ohqmA>

- **The Bible Project, Overview: Job,**

[https://youtu.be/xQwnH8th\\_fs](https://youtu.be/xQwnH8th_fs)

- **Who Really Wrote the Book of Job?**

<https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/MAGAZINE-who-really-wrote-the-book-of-job-1.5434183>

- **Why is the Book of Job Even in the Bible?**

<https://www.cathedralatl.org/goodfaithpostings/why-is-the-book-of-job-even-in-the-bible/>

But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.