

A painting depicting Jesus walking through a crowd. He is wearing a white robe and has long hair. He is reaching out his right hand towards a man in a red robe who is kneeling or sitting on the ground. The crowd consists of several other men in various colored robes, some looking towards Jesus. The background is a warm, golden-brown color, suggesting an outdoor setting with sunlight. The overall style is classical and religious.

**BE HEALED**

**PART 3: THE JOB DILEMA**

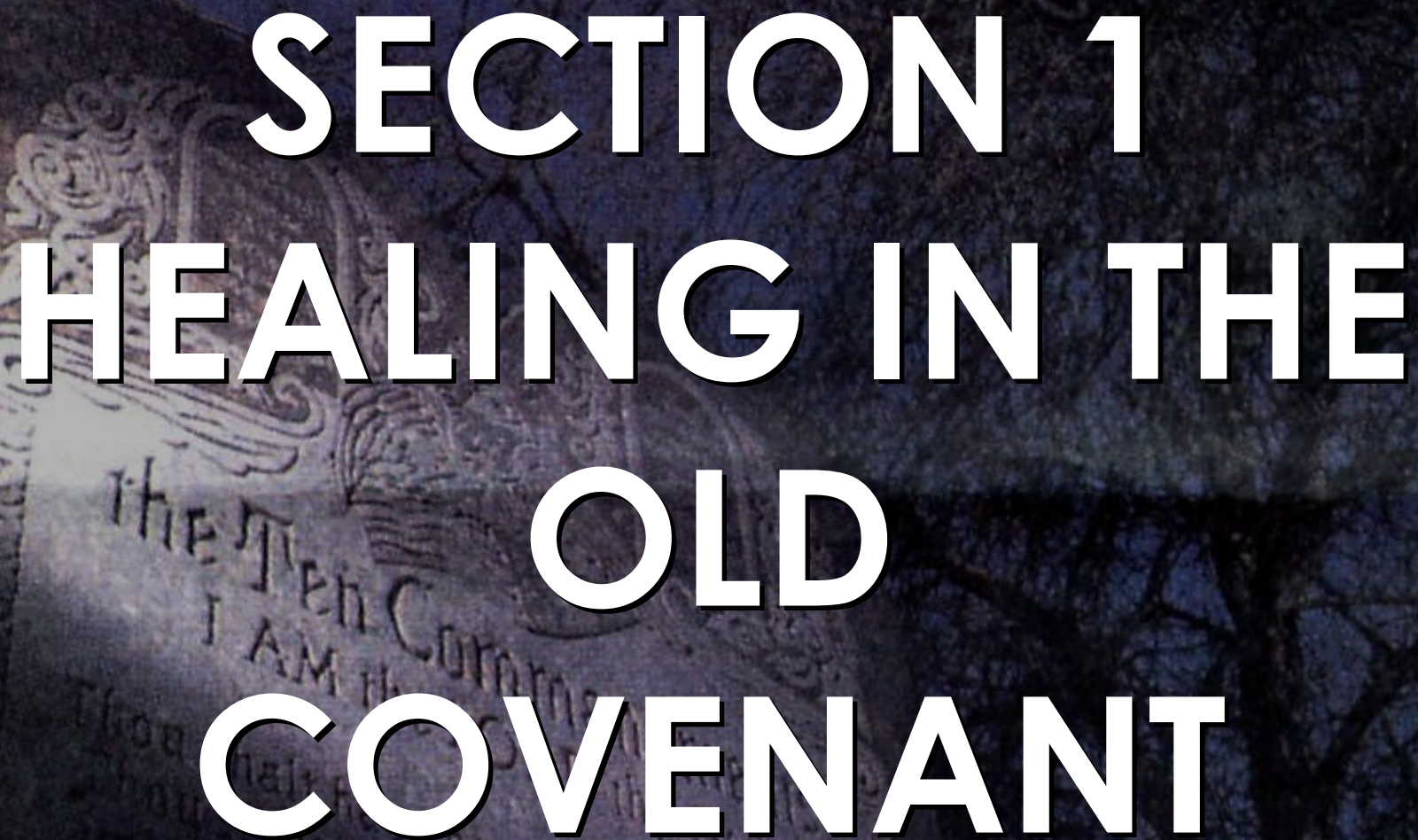
**Psalms 103:1-5**

# Overview

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# Psalms 103:1-5

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# SECTION 1 HEALING IN THE OLD COVENANT

# Covenant

- **Strong's Concordance:** Comes from the Hebrew word Berith which means to make an alliance, agreement, league, pledge, or treaty with another party
- **Easton's Bible Dictionary:** a contract or agreement between two parties. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word berith is always thus translated. Berith is derived from a root which means "to cut," and hence a covenant is a "cutting," with reference to the cutting or dividing of animals into two parts, and the contracting parties passing between them, in making a covenant

# God Doesn't Break His Covenant

Psalms 89:34 - **My covenant will I not break**, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that **I will not lie unto David**.

Numbers 23:19 - God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: **hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?**

Deuteronomy 7:9 - Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, **the faithful God, which keepeth covenant** and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;



# Healing Promised In The Old Covenant

Healing was a guaranteed promise that God gave to the children of Israel if they were obedient and followed his commands that were written in the law. When the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness and were obedient God gave them divine health and provision.

Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. 4 **Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.**

# Healing Promised In The Old Covenant

Exodus 15:26 - And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Deuteronomy 7:14 - Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. 15 **And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.**



# Healing Promised In The Old Covenant

Exodus 23:25 - And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; **and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.**

Psalms 41:3 - The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: **thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.**

Psalms 107:20 – He sent his word, **and healed them**, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalms 30:2 - O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, **and thou hast healed me.**

# Read The Fine Print

Even though the children of Israel had divine healing and health available to them they rarely ever utilized it. Here are some reasons as to why.

- They were in disobedience and breaking the covenant
- They weren't aware of that provision
- They never asked for it

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# A Tale Of Two Kings



# 2 Chronicles 16:7-9

And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. 8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. 9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

# 2 Chronicles 16:10-13

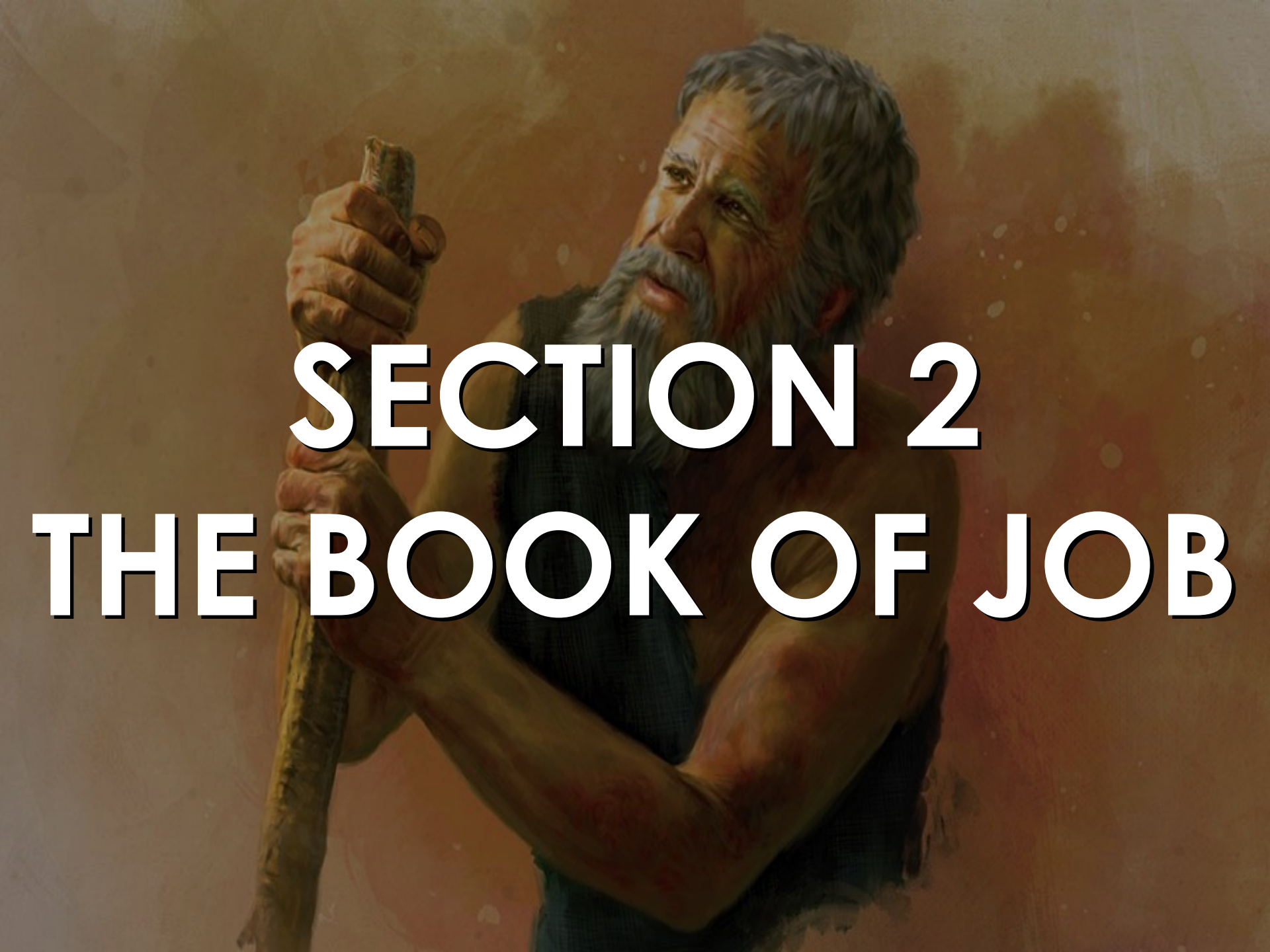
Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time. 11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign **was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians (Rapha).** 13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

# 2 Kings 20:1-4

**In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death.** And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. **2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,** saying, **3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.**

# Recap

1. God searches the earth looking for someone that he can show his glory to and through.
2. King Asa in his sickness never sought God for healing and died in his illness.
3. Hezekiah when told he was going to die prayed and asked God for healing and received it.
4. Even though the Israelites had healing available to them most of them rarely ever utilized that promise.



**SECTION 2**  
**THE BOOK OF JOB**

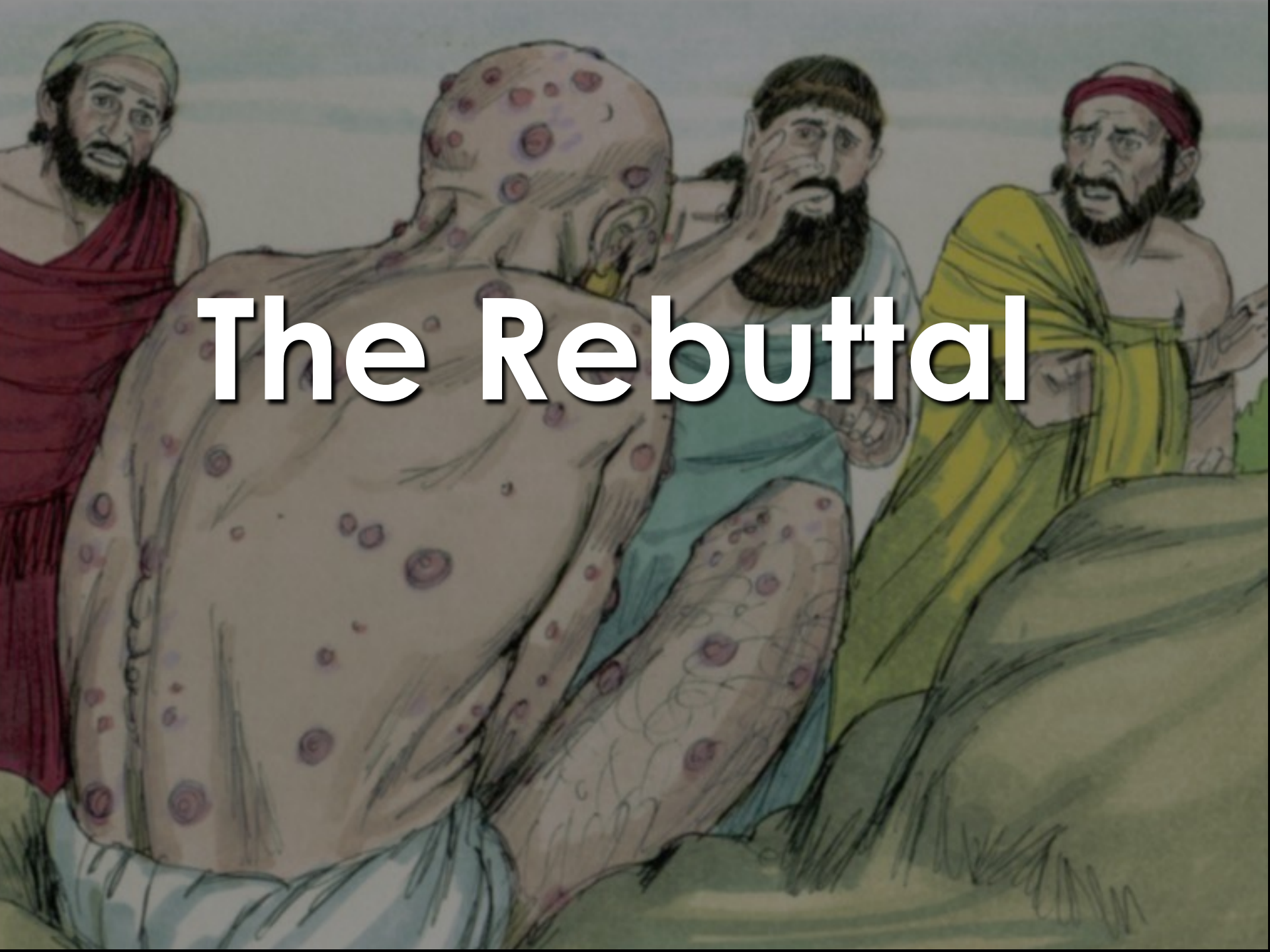


# The Job Case Against Healing



1. God suggested Job as a target for Satan not once but twice (Job 1:8 & Job 2:3).
2. God calls Job perfect and upright and that there was no one else on earth like him (Job 1:8 and Job 2:3).
3. Despite Job being righteous God not only permitted Job's sickness but also set the parameters by which it occurred (Job 2:4-6).
4. Even so by his sovereignty, God allows or wills people to be sick for his own purposes even if they are righteous.
5. This demonstrates that it is not always God's will for a person to be healed and that sickness can be used to bring God glory.

# The Rebuttal





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# Job Lived Long And Prospered

Job's sons were adults at the time of their deaths because they owned houses. Job lived an additional 140 years after he had come through his trial

Job 1:4 - **And his sons went and feasted in their houses**, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

Job 42:16 - **After this** lived Job an **hundred and forty years**, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

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  - A. His age is in the range of the patriarchal life expectancy: Abraham 175 years (Genesis 25:8), Isaac 180 years (Genesis 35:29), Jacob 147 years (Genesis 47:8).
  - B. This also places Job before the Mosaic covenant and during the time of the patriarchs because the life expectancies shortened the farther they were from the flood (Genesis 6:3).

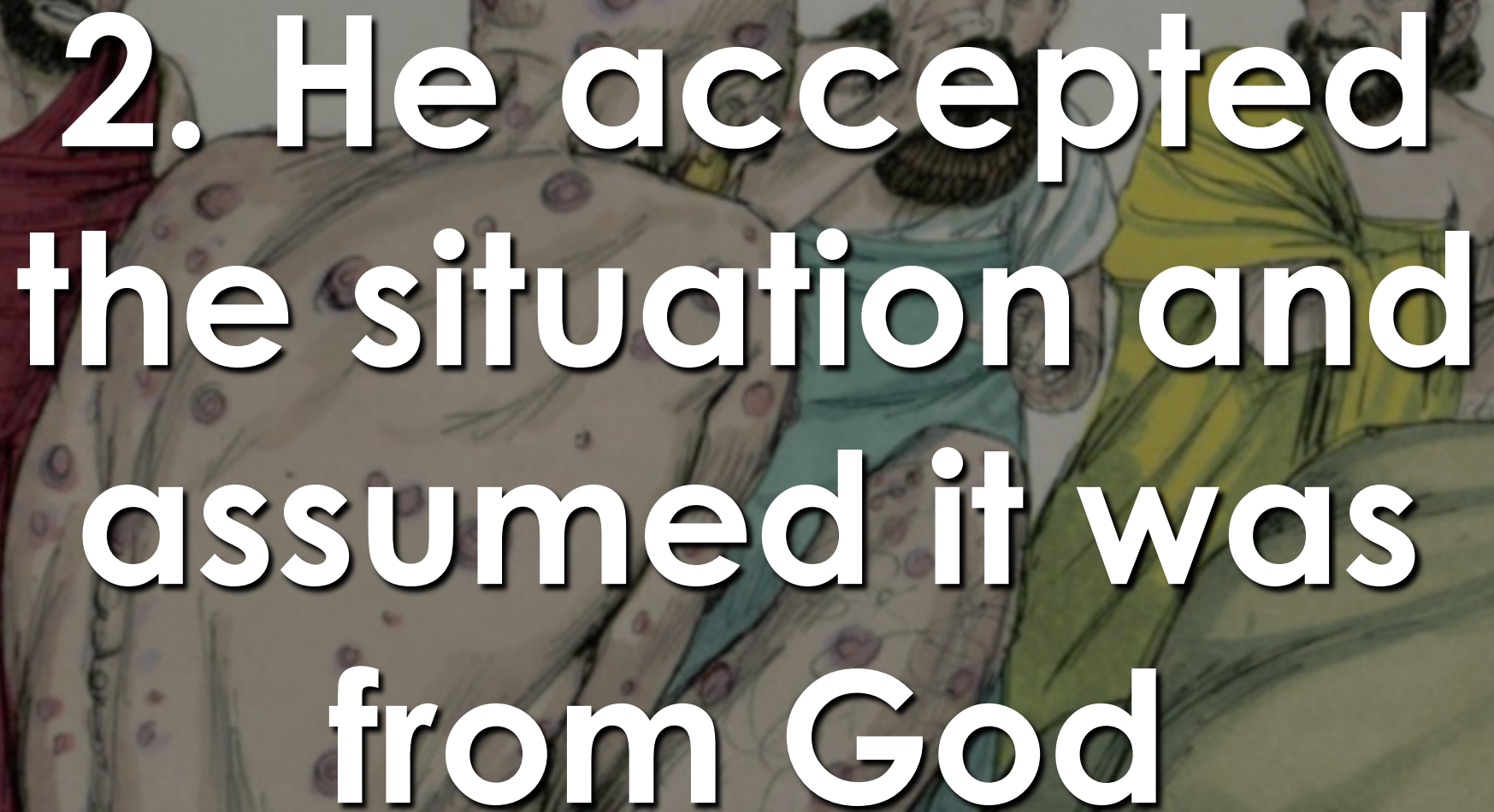
# Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: **yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**

# Job Had No Covenant With God

4. Under the Mosaic covenant God guaranteed healing if one was obedient to the law. (Exodus 15:26 & Deuteronomy 7:14)
5. God never breaks his covenant (Psalms 89:34-35)
6. Job was called perfect, and upright by God, and that there was nothing he did to cause his suffering. (Job 2:3)
7. This means that it would be impossible for Job to be under the Mosaic covenant because God by nature doesn't break his covenant and Job did nothing that would have violated it based on God's own testimony. (Job 2:3)
8. He wasn't under the Abrahamic covenant either and therefore considered to be a gentile.
9. The first healing mentioned in scripture was through Abraham (Genesis 20:17-18)





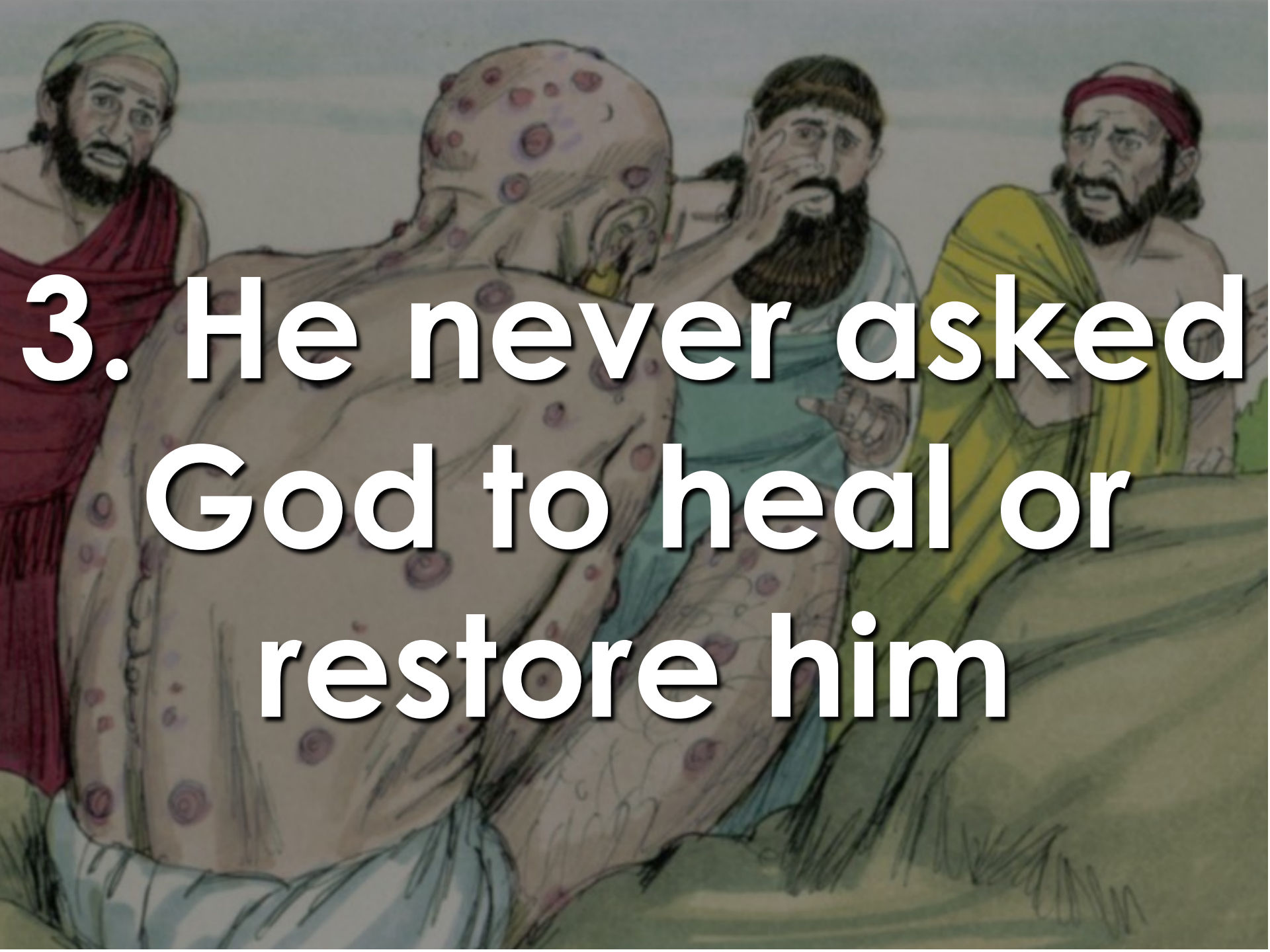
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# He Accepted The Situation

Job never suspected Satan's involvement and being the true cause for his suffering but instead assumed God was the one who brought this evil upon him. Because of this he accepted the situation and made no effort to resist or change it.

Job 1:20 - Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: **the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away;** blessed be the name of the LORD. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly

Job 2:9 - Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. **What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?** In all this did not Job sin with his lips.



**3. He never asked  
God to heal or  
restore him**

# He never asked God for It

Job never asked God to heal him, to restore his wealth, or his children. Instead he asks for the following:

- That he had never been born
- Why didn't he die in the womb?

Job 3:3 - **Let the day perish wherein I was born**, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. 4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

Job 3:11 - **Why died I not from the womb?** why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

# He never asked God for It

Job asked to have an audience with God so that he could argue for his innocence and righteousness. He was so concerned with the reasons why he was being wronged that he never asked God to make it right.

Job 23:3 - Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! 4 **I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.** 5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. upon it.

# He never asked God for It

Even so many people do not receive deliverance because they never truly ask God for it. Like King Asa we seek alternative methods of dealing with our issues.

James 4:2 - Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet **ye have not, because ye ask not.**

2 Chronicles 16:12 - And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: **yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD,** but to the physicians.

# He never asked God for It

If Job had no covenant then what right would he have to ask for restoration? None. However, God still healed and restored people who had no covenant because they asked in faith.

Widow of Zaraphath's son raised from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24)

Shunammite's son raised from the dead (2 Kings 4:32-37)

Naaman the Syrian was healed of leprosy (2 Kings 5:10-14)

Greek / Syrophenician woman's daughter delivered from a devil (Mark 7:26-30)

# Recap

1. Job had no covenant with God that afforded him the right to healing
2. Even without a covenant Job could have asked for healing but never did.
3. The book of Job can not be used as an argument against divine healing because it takes place under a different dispensation with different rules. The believer in Christ is in a covenant relationship that promises healing and health while Job wasn't.
4. Since God doesn't break his covenant we cannot say that it is God making us sick.
5. Job accepted his situation, not once resisting it and assumed God was the culprit when it was in fact Satan.
6. Although people use Job to argue for sickness, God healed Job at the end of the book demonstrating God's will of health.
7. Many believers behave like Job in that they accept their circumstances instead of recognizing it as something to resist.
8. Many believers do not avail themselves of God's aid and the promises he has afforded them through his covenant



# Why Did Job Suffer?

1. Job's name means hated, persecuted, one who weeps
2. Job was a shadow or type of Christ
3. Both were perfect and upright
4. Both were betrayed by a friend and persecuted
5. Both were specifically targeted by Satan for destruction
6. Both were falsely accused
7. Both were men of sorrows and acquainted with grief
8. Their end was greater than their beginning.



**SECTION 3**  
**THE NEW**  
**COVENANT**

# The New Covenant Foretold

In the old covenant God promised that he was going to make a new covenant that would be different from the one that was in effect. It wouldn't be written on tablets of stone but in the hearts of people because people kept breaking it.

Psalms 119:11 - Thy word have **I hid in mine heart**, that I might not sin against thee.

Jeremiah 31:31 - Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, **that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt;** which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

# Finish The Deal



This new covenant could not take the place of the old covenant until all of its requirements were fulfilled.

Matthew 5:18 - For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in **no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**

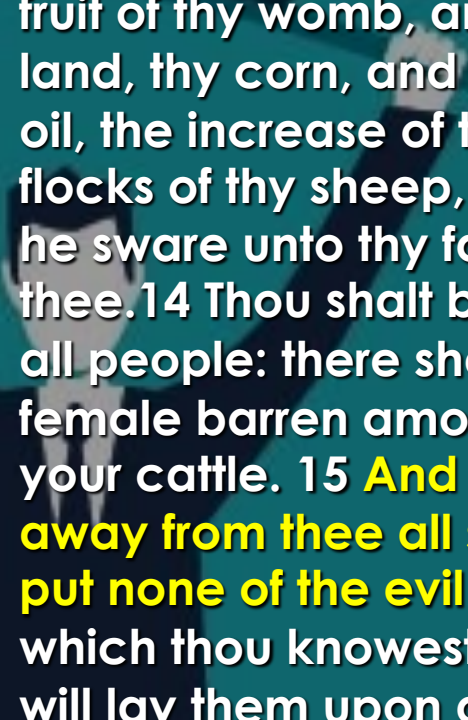
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Fulfilling those requirements also released the blessing or benefits associated with them.

The problem was that there was no one good enough who could fulfill the old covenant. Both covenants needed a mediator or a bridge that would fulfil the old and institute the new.

Deuteronomy 7:12 - Wherefore it shall come to pass, **if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:** 13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. 15 **And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.**



# Christ is the Fulfilling of the Old Covenant

Healing was promised under the old covenant but the majority to whom it was promised never inherited because of their disobedience. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Covenant. In doing so he released the blessings that were within it.

Matthew 5:17 - Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: **I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

Romans 8:3 - For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

# Jesus Healed Them All

Matthew 9:35 - And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, **and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.**

Matthew 12:14 - Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. 15 But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: **and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;**

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Luke 6:17 - And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, **and to be healed of their diseases;** 18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: **and they were healed.** 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: **for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.**

Acts 10:38 - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, **and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.**



# Jesus Healed Them All

Matthew 8:16 - When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, **and healed all that were sick:**

# When Did The New Covenant Begin?

The new covenant didn't begin until Jesus had shed his blood, died and rose from the dead.

This means that all of the healings that Jesus did were based upon the old covenant and not the new.

Hebrews 9:18 - **Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.** 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20 Saying, **This is the blood of the testament** which God hath enjoined unto you.

Matthew 26:27 - And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed** for many for the remission of sins.

# The New Covenant Is Better

If all of the healings that Jesus did were based upon the old covenant and everyone who asked to be healed received it then how much more so is healing available and accessible under the new covenant? Even more so because now those are in the new can not only receive healing but share it with others.

Hebrews 8:6 - But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.** 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

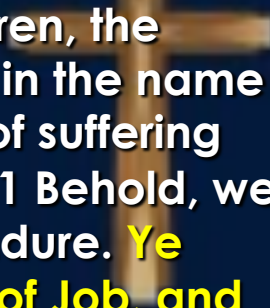
Mark 16:17 - And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

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# No Covenant vs The New Covenant

Although we are to trust God and to serve him faithfully even in times of trouble in relation to sickness we don't have to accept it but we can resist it. The new covenant compares how we are to deal with sickness in comparison to how Job dealt with it.



James 5:10 - Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. 11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. **Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.** 12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. 13 **Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.** Is any merry? let him sing psalms. 14 **Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church;** and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 **And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;** and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.



# Everything Will Bow

Philippians 2:9 -  
Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow** name: 10, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 **And that every tongue should confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

When something defies or refuses to come into alignment with what the word of God says it either will comply or be brought to nothing.

# Luke 21:6

**The time is coming when  
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# Signs Of The Times

- 1. Wars**
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