

## **Job 1:13-2:13; 42:1-6**

<sup>13</sup>One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup>a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were feeding beside them, <sup>15</sup>and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>16</sup>While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>17</sup>While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>18</sup>While he was still speaking, another came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup>and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you."

<sup>20</sup>Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup>He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." <sup>22</sup>In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong-doing.

**2**One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>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.”<sup>4</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.<sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.”<sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.<sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.”<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> Now when Job’s three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him.<sup>12</sup> When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads.<sup>13</sup> They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

**42** Then Job answered the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.<sup>3</sup> Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.<sup>4</sup> Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup>therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

## Mark 5:14-43

<sup>14</sup>The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup>They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. <sup>17</sup>Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. <sup>18</sup>As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup>But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." <sup>20</sup>And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

<sup>24</sup>So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched

me?"<sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it.<sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.<sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"<sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."<sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.<sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.<sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping."<sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.<sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!"<sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.<sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

## **Matthew 4:23-25**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

## **James 5:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.