

# A MAN WHO TRUSTED GOD

Job 1:1-22; 2:1-13; 42:10-17.

LESSON 101 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

## BIBLE TEXTS

### Job 1:1-22;

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

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.

5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

15 And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

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

### **Job 2:1-13**

1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

### **Job 42:10-17**

10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand

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.

8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

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.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years,  
and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four

generations.

17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

## NOTES

### A Faithful Father

In a faraway land many, many years ago, lived a man named Job. He loved God very much, and God also loved Job. Shall we read what the Lord said about this man who lived so long ago? “There is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man.” Job had a family of seven sons and three daughters. He also had very great riches; he had thousands of sheep, camels, and oxen. We read that in all the East there was no man so great as Job.

He wanted his children to love God also; and, no doubt, he told them much about God and His goodness. Job was a kind and faithful father. He rose early in the morning and prayed for his children. It is important that Christians pray every morning. Then we can have Jesus with us all through the day. We read in Mark 1:35 that Jesus rose very early in the morning to pray. Just as every parent does who loves Jesus, Job prayed for his children. One of the greatest blessings children can have is Christian parents who pray for them and teach them to love and serve God.

### When Trouble Comes

Although Job had everything in life that he needed, he was not without trouble. Trouble comes to all alike, rich and poor, high and low. Perhaps God does not send trouble to people, but sometimes He permits sorrow or trouble to come if it will do them some good.

Do we love Jesus today only so long as He showers us with good things – our good homes, cars, clothing, toys, good health, and many other blessings we receive from Him? Let us see how much Job really loved God.

### Everything Lost

One day a messenger came to Job and said that all the oxen and the servants that took care of them had been killed by some wicked people. Before the messenger finished talking, another came and said that fire had burned up all the sheep – seven thousand sheep and the servants that cared for them, too. Only this one man escaped to tell about it. What did all this mean? Why all the trouble so suddenly? Presently a third messenger came along and interrupted the second man by saying that all the camels had been stolen and the servants killed; only this messenger was left to tell Job of it.

What a terrible blow! In one day this rich man was suddenly stripped of practically all that he had. Of course, he still had his family, as he thought. But wait! Another messenger is coming! Surely he is not bringing more bad news. What has happened now? He tells Job that a great wind has struck the eldest son's house where Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking, and the sons were killed. Although we are not told, we believe the daughters were also killed, for the messenger was the only one left. The loss of one child would have been terrible, but to think of losing a whole family in a few moments of time would seem unbearable.

### Standing the Test

How do you suppose Job felt now? How would we feel if everything we owned was suddenly taken away; and then, as if that were not enough trouble, our whole family were killed? Of course, Job was very sad over all the bad news. What did he do? We read that he arose and tore his clothing and shaved his head, for that was what people did to show how sad they were. Then he fell down upon the ground and worshiped God! He did not murmur against God and was not angry or bitter. He said that the Lord had given him what he did have and had also taken it from him. Then he added, “Blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job had proved that he did

not serve God only for the things God gave him. Job still loved God just as much as he did before he lost all he had. But there was more trouble ahead – another great test for this man of God.

### **In Great Affliction**

Satan, the wicked one, caused boils to come all over Job's body. From the sole of his foot to his head he was covered with terrible boils. He must have suffered very much; and perhaps it was hard for him to understand why he was having so much trouble. But it did not make him love God any the less – only God knew how great Job's love for Him really was.

Sometimes God lets Satan cause people to become sick. Satan has no power to hurt people unless God allows him to do so. If we are God's children we never need be afraid of Satan, for God will take care of us. God is much stronger than Satan. In great trials and troubles, God is very near His children. The harder the trial, the more grace he gives to bear it.

Job sat down on the ground among the ashes, which meant that he was in very great sorrow and pain. Oh, how he must have suffered with those burning sores all over his body! The only one left of Job's family was his wife. Did she try to comfort him while he was sick? Did she pray that God would heal him? We do not read that she did; instead, she said to him, "Curse God, and die." She certainly was no help to her husband.

### **Trusting God**

Still Job trusted God. He did not speak against God or sin against Him. Although his body was a mass of sores and his suffering was very great, yet he kept his heart clean and pure before God. He had faith that God would heal his body.

Let us remember that although Satan, the devil, may cause sickness to come to our body, he cannot touch our soul. As long as we keep the love of God in our heart we can "keep sweet" even though our body suffers pain.

Three friends came to see Job and tried to comfort him in his sorrow and pain. They sat on the ground with him. They thought Job must have been very wicked to have so much trouble. But Job knew that he had not sinned. Although he could not understand the reason for all the suffering and trouble, Job knew that God had His own reason for it all. God was testing Job's faith and trust.

Surely Job loved God very, very much. He trusted God to heal him and said, "I know that my redeemer liveth" (Job 19:25). If God had not healed him, he would have trusted Him just the same: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15). Job knew that it would be much better to die and go to Heaven than to displease God.

### **Faith Rewarded**

God did not fail this faithful man of prayer. He took away the boils and made Job well again. He blessed his last days even more than his younger years. God gave him just exactly twice as many sheep, camels, and oxen as he had before! Not only that, but God gave Job another family, too. He had seven sons and three beautiful daughters. Did it pay Job to trust in God? It surely did! He lived a long time in riches and happiness under God's care. When Job was a very old man God called him home to Heaven. No doubt he was happy to leave his riches here on earth to go to a better place. Doubtless, God had a starry crown and a beautiful mansion prepared for this faithful man whom God called "my servant." We sing sometimes, "The harder the cross, the brighter the crown."

Perhaps if Job had murmured instead of having trusted God, the story of his life and his faith would not have been written in the Bible. A very great many people have learned to trust God in hard places through reading the Book of Job. The life of a good person may be a great help to others. We, too, can make our life count for Jesus. When things do not go as we think they should, let us try to do as Job did. Instead of complaining, murmuring or crying, let us praise God and see how quickly the trouble will vanish.

## QUESTIONS

1. What kind of father was Job to his children? Job 1:5.
2. What was the first bad news that was brought to Job? Job 1:14, 15.
3. How was he afflicted? Job 2:7.
4. Did Job sin while in great suffering? Job 2:10.
5. What should we do when we are in trouble? Philippians 4:4

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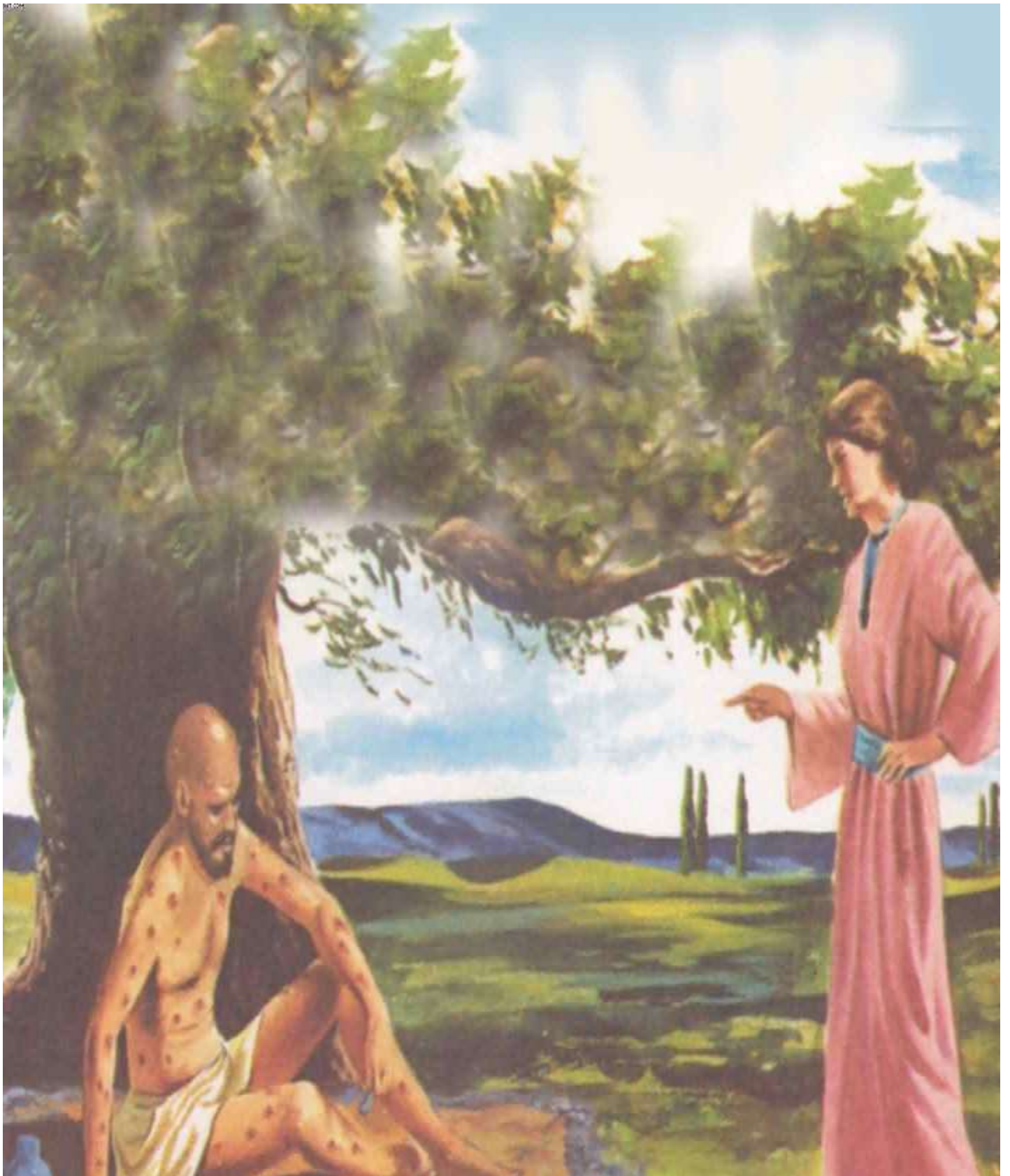


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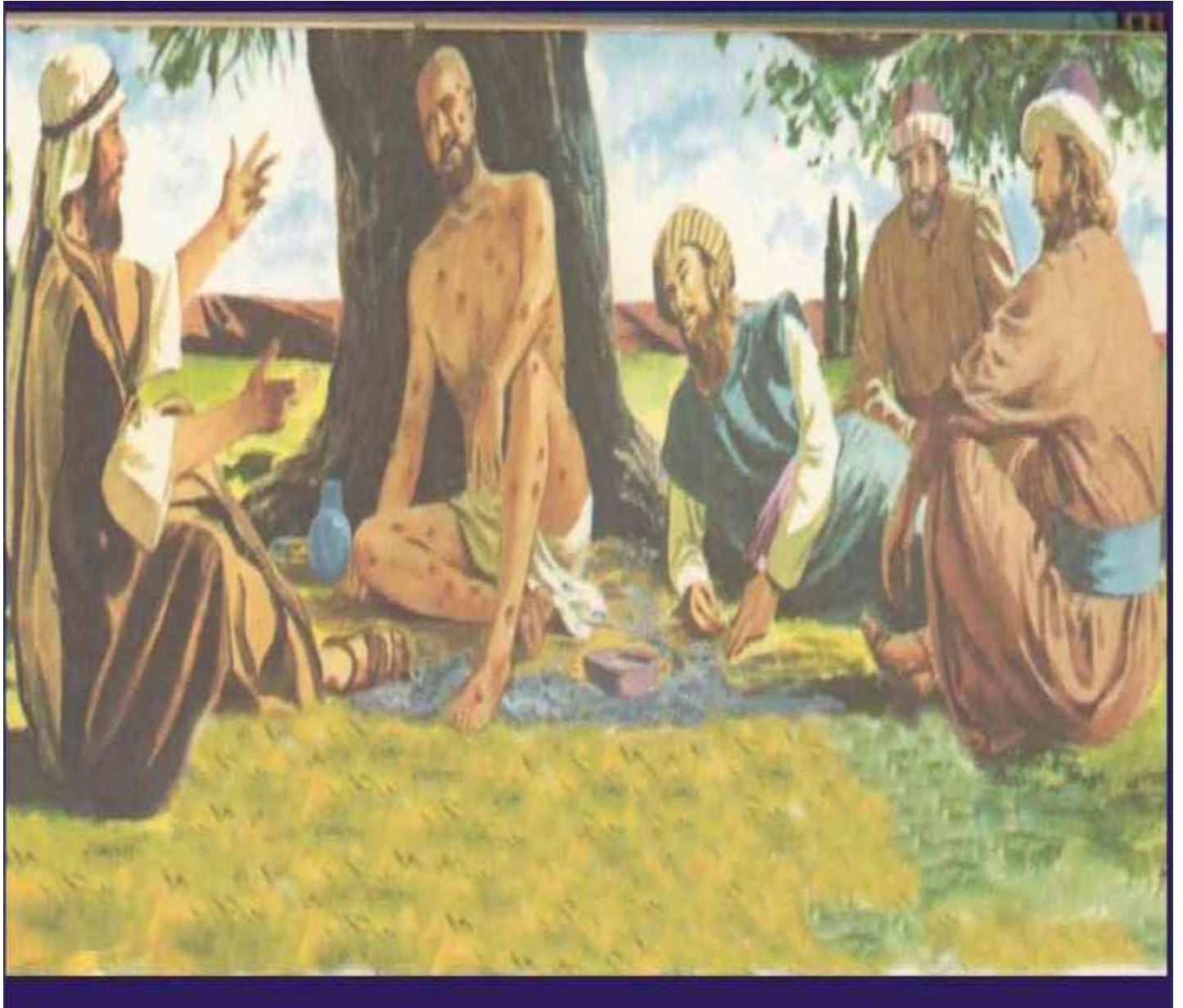




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