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Greetings!

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The Missing Detail in Job's Story



The root of the crucial misunderstanding is probably Job 2:5. "Very well, then, go ahead, do what you like with him..." has become the typically accepted view of God "releasing Job into satan's control and power" to prove a point.

The Message, The New Living and other translations reflect this misconception while some translations state, "*Behold, he is in your hand, except his life.*"

The original Hebrew for "*Behold*" means "see" or "look" ...'he IS in your power,' but his life is not. Essentially stated, satan speaks in vs.5 '*Put forth your hand against him and he will curse you.*' To which God replies, vs.6 '*look, he's not in my jurisdiction, he's not in my hand, he's in yours already but his life is not.*'

This understanding is completely supported by Job's key ch.3 admission and the entire book of Job must be seen from this 3:25, 26 perspective. '*That which I greatly feared, has come upon me. I was not in safety, I had no rest, I was not quiet. Trouble came.*' **Job was never God's experiment.** He was well developed in his fear and expectation of disaster-**and it came.** His worrying bore fruit.

Job 3:25 MSG *The worst of my fears has come true, what I've dreaded most has happened.* **NLT** *What I always feared*



Supporting Thoughts

The spiritual principle of 2Co 13:1 (Mt.18, Deu.19) also applies.

"By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established." Or as the NLT puts it, "*The facts of every case must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.*"

In God's Word, there is never precedent without corroboration and the Bible contains no similar example confirming that God sacrificed Job and his family to satisfy the devil's harassment.

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Bottom line, the source of the problem: a heart-focus issue with Job. He was focused on the wind and the waves rather than on the prize and we know what happened to Peter when he did that (Mt.14:29-31). Selah.



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