

**'Flying High' Sermon Series**  
*The paramount messages from the life story of Job*

DO YOU EVER HATE YOUR LIFE?  
**You Are  
Precious  
in His sight**



Mount Zion Church  
Sunday Service  
19 September 2021

**INTRO (5-6 lines):**

Quick recap from last Sunday: **WHEN FINDING THE ANSWER SEEMS SO HARD**

When something unexplainable happened into our life as believers, let's do these:

1. Pray like David: Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
2. Wait patiently, be patient, like a farmer
3. Do not make any quick and foolish judgement, do not judge according to appearance, judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes
4. Do not grumble
5. Remember the perseverance of Job, the Lord is very compassionate and merciful

However, living in the middle of all those uncertainties for

quite long moment is definitely not easy, so that Job struggled with respecting his own life, he was up and down to see that he is precious in God's sight.

Do you hate your life? Please do not harm yourselves because indeed God loves you, even more than you ever know!

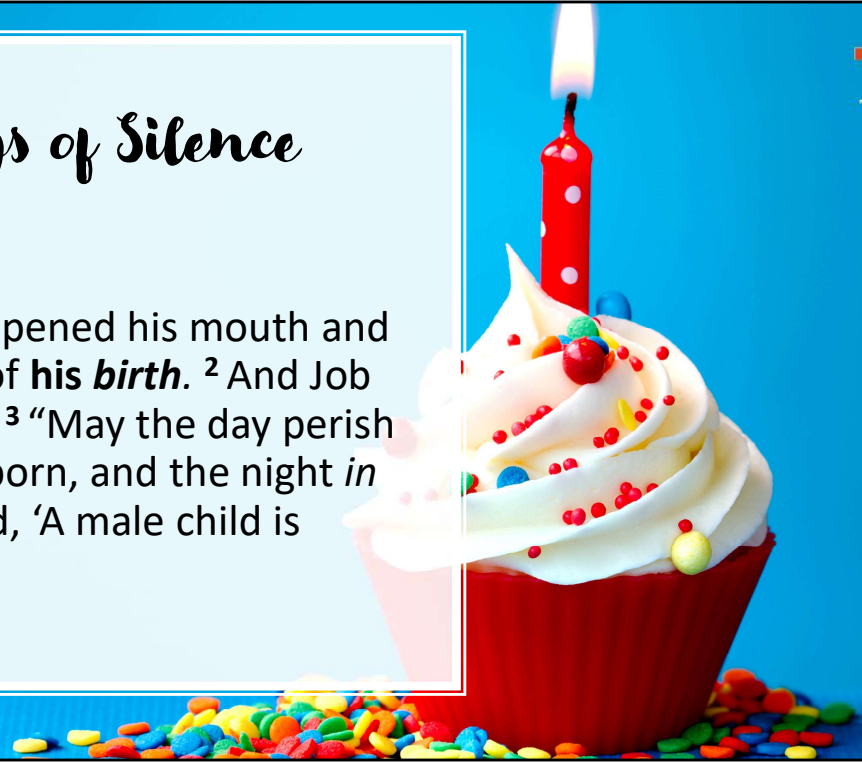
***John 3:16*** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

***Romans 8:32*** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

## After 7 Days of Silence

### JOB 3

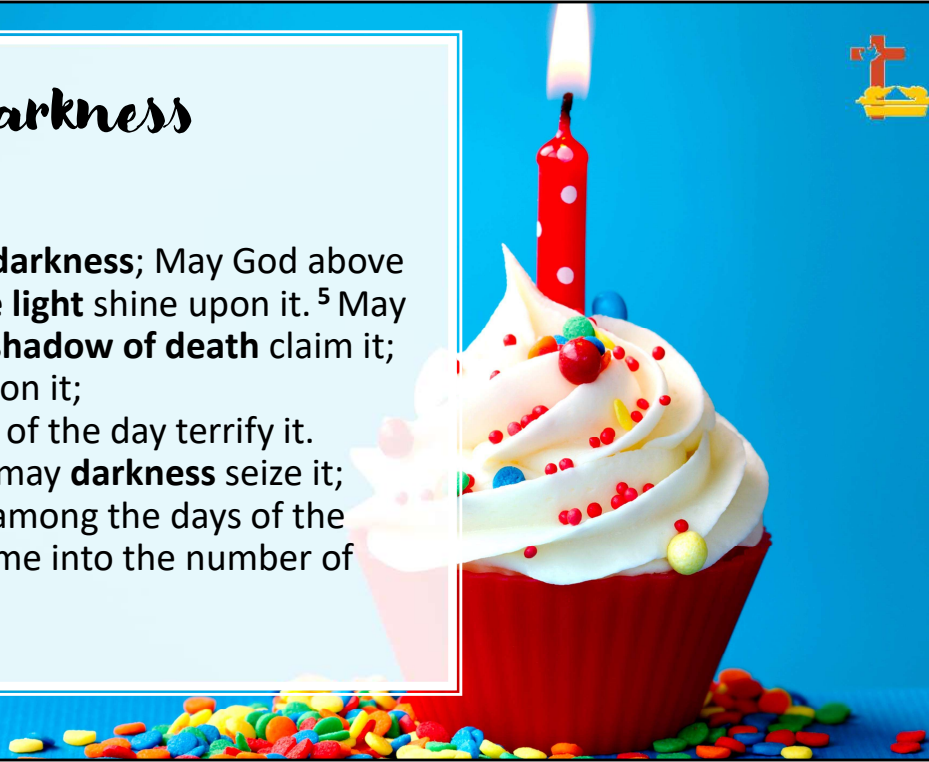
<sup>1</sup> After **this** Job opened his mouth and **cursed** the day of **his birth**. <sup>2</sup> And Job spoke, and said: <sup>3</sup> “May the day perish on which I was born, and the night *in which* it was said, ‘A male child is conceived.’



# Light v.s. Darkness

## JOB 3

<sup>4</sup> May that day be **darkness**; May God above not seek it, nor **the light** shine upon it. <sup>5</sup> May **darkness** and **the shadow of death** claim it; May a cloud settle on it; May the **blackness** of the day terrify it. <sup>6</sup> *As for* that night, may **darkness** seize it; May it not rejoice among the days of the year, may it not come into the number of the months.



# Disrespecting Life & Light

## JOB 3

<sup>9</sup> May the stars of its morning be **dark**;  
May it **look for light**, but **have none**,  
And not see the dawning of the day;  
<sup>10</sup> Because it did not shut up the doors of  
my *mother's* womb, nor hide sorrow from  
my eyes. <sup>11</sup> "Why did I not die at birth?  
Why did I *not* perish when I came from the  
womb?"



Do not curse your marriage, do not curse your family, do not curse the location where you live now, do not curse your school, do not curse your university, do not curse your family, do not curse your kids, do not curse your job, do not curse your neighbourhood, do not curse your suburb, and so on!

# Bitterness is Dangerous!

## JOB 6 – FEEL NO HOPE

<sup>9</sup> That it would please God to crush me, that He would loose His hand and cut me off!

<sup>11</sup> “What strength do I have, that I should hope? And what *is* my end, that I should prolong my life?



If you feel something like this, you are not alone!

Job was there as well!

Hang in there until we learn why God let all of that burden happened.



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## JOB 7 – COMPLAIN IN BITTERNESS

<sup>11</sup> “Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.



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## JOB 9 – LABOUR IN VAIN

<sup>29</sup> *If* I am condemned, why then do I labour in vain? <sup>30</sup> If I wash myself with snow water, and cleanse my hands with soap, <sup>31</sup> Yet You will plunge me into the pit, and my own clothes will abhor me.





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## JOB 10 – HATE HIS LIFE

<sup>1</sup> “My soul loathes my life; I will give free course to my complaint, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>2</sup> I will say to God, ‘Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me.



**ITB** <sup>1</sup> "Aku telah **bosan hidup**, aku hendak melampiaskan keluhanku, aku hendak berbicara dalam kepahitan jiwaku. <sup>2</sup> Aku akan berkata kepada Allah: Jangan mempersalahkan aku; beritahukanlah aku, mengapa Engkau beperkara dengan aku.

**ITL** <sup>1</sup> Bahwa **penatlah diriku dari pada hidup**, sebab itu aku hendak melanjutkan pengaduhku, aku hendak berkata-kata dengan kepahitan hatiku. <sup>2</sup> Aku hendak berkata kepada Allah demikian: Jangan hukumkan daku; berilah tahu aku apa sebab Engkau berbantah-bantah dengan aku?

**KJV** <sup>1</sup> My soul is **weary of my life**; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>2</sup> I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

**ERV** “I hate my own life, so I will complain freely. I am very

bitter, so now I will speak.

<sup>2</sup> I will say to God, 'Don't just say I am guilty! Tell me what you have against me.

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## JOB 17 – NO FUTURE ANYMORE

<sup>11</sup> My days are past,  
My purposes are broken off,  
*Even* the thoughts of my heart.

<sup>15</sup> Where then *is* my hope?  
As for my hope, who can see it?



## JOB 38

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:

<sup>2</sup> “Who *is* this who darkens counsel  
By words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Now prepare yourself like a man;  
I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

# Job, Elijah, Jeremiah

## ELIJAH – 1KINGS 19

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree.

And **he prayed that he might die**, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, **take my life**, for I am no better than my fathers!"



# Job, Elijah, Jeremiah

## JEREMIAH – JEREMIAH 15

<sup>10</sup> **Woe is me**, my mother, that you have borne me, a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent for interest, nor have men lent to me for interest. Every one of them curses me.



# Job, Elijah, Jeremiah

## JEREMIAH – JEREMIAH 20

<sup>14</sup> **Cursed be the day in which I was born!** Let the day not be blessed in which my mother bore me! <sup>15</sup> Let the man *be* cursed who brought news to my father, saying, “A male child has been born to you!” Making him very glad.



The burden in our life may give us the same feelings!

Why there are burdens so heavy?

1. It may happen because of **transgression** *Lam.1:14* and “The yoke of my transgressions was bound; They were woven together by His hands, *And* thrust upon my neck. He made my strength fail; The Lord delivered me into the hands of *those whom* I am not able to withstand.
2. It may happen for **another reasons!**



# God is Always in Control

## JOB 1

<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

<sup>8</sup> Then **the LORD said to Satan**, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"



It is **very important** to know that it was God who **initiate the conversation** (not the disaster).

Because God is so pleased with the life of Job, so that God don't hide His feeling toward Job.

**Matthew 3:17** And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

**Matthew 17:5** While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

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## JOB 1

<sup>9</sup> So **Satan answered the LORD** and said,  
“Does Job fear God for nothing?”

<sup>10</sup> Have You not made **a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side**? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”



Satan always full with **envy**!

# God is Always in Control

## JOB 1

<sup>12</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only **do not lay a hand on his *person*.**"

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.



And then disaster happened upon his children and all of his possessions!

# God is Always in Control

## JOB 2

<sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?"

Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, **to destroy him without cause.**"



Again it was Lord (Jehovah) that initiated another conversation with Satan!

# God is Always in Control

## JOB 2

<sup>4</sup> So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, **he is in your hand**, but **spare his life.**"



Even though something that very devastating happened, God always fully respecting the life of Job. It is always in God's mind to spare our life because our life is so precious in His presence!

People may despise / hate his own life, but God always looking forward to spare his life. Satan is not allowed to touch his life.

***1Samuel 2:6*** *The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up.*

Even though the life story of his 7 sons and 3 daughters had finished, but God still had something for Job.

**God do really want to keep the life of His beloved children!**

Even though there is almost nothing left in our life, but still God can make something out from nothing!



# Out from Nothing!

## JOB 42

<sup>10</sup> And **the Lord restored Job's losses** when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job **twice as much as he had before**.

<sup>12</sup> Now the LORD **blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning**; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters.

<sup>16</sup> **After this** Job lived **one hundred and forty years**, and saw his children and grandchildren *for four generations*. <sup>17</sup> So Job died, old and full of days.



## Compared to Elijah:

Because of Jezebel, Elijah had to run for his life, lived in the wilderness, and he prayed that he might die, and he said: It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life.

But then we understand that Elijah continued his life in the fulness of God's plan until he ascended to heaven!

Suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated Elijah from Elisha; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven *2Kings 2:11*.

## Compared to Jeremiah:

Because all of those evil days and evil people in his life, he wished that he was not alive, in chapter 15 and 20.

But then we understand how God still had plenty message that Jeremiah must deliver to His people.

1. Prophecy about 70 years of exile *Jer.25:11-12, 29:10*
2. Prophecy about what would happen at the birth of Messiah *Jer.31:15, Mat.2:17-18*
3. Prophecy about what would happen at the death of



Messiah *Jer.32:6-9, Mat.27:9-10*

# *You Are Precious!*

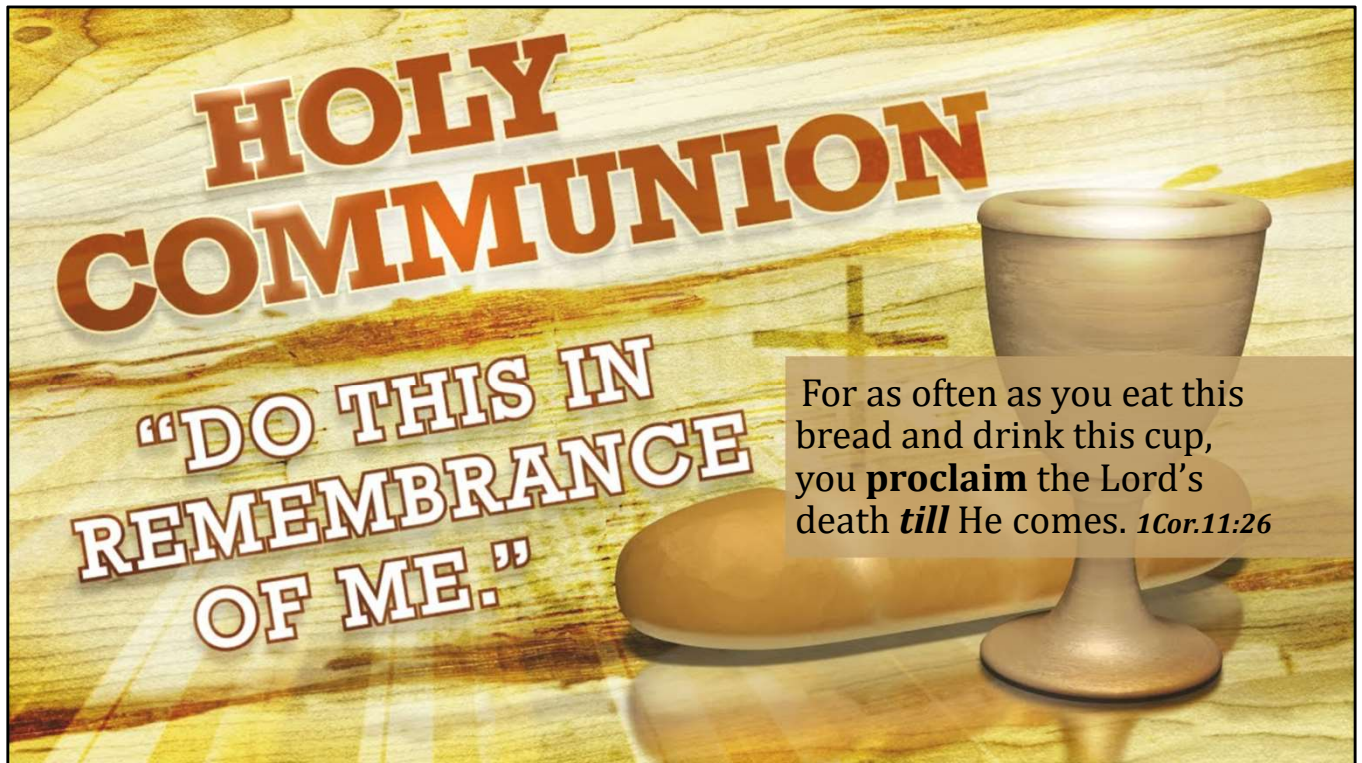
## ISAIAH 43

<sup>4</sup> Since **you are precious** and **honoured in my sight**, and because **I love you**, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.



Can we say it together!



Holy Communion is only for those who already baptised in the water. If there is anyone want to commit their life in Jesus, receiving Jesus as the Saviour in their life, please feel free to call us the pastoral team so that we can help you with that commitment and go together with you in that journey of faith and prepare for the water baptism.

## 1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **"Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

**John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17**

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

***The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?***

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

***The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?***



# **GOD BLESS YOU!**

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK WITH JESUS***

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