Job 1:20-22 *Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. [21] He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." [22] Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God. (NASB95)*

****When we face difficulties and hardships in our lives we have a the same choice which Job faced. Job could have cursed God that was the advice from his wife. But instead Job chose to Worship God in and through the painful trials. *"Will we worship or will we curse the One who rules the World? Shall sinners dictate who should live and who should die? ...Should we not then face the wind and stand on the waves of affliction and sing with Katharian von Schlegel,*

> *Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake*
> *To guide the future as He has the past;*
> *Your hop, your confidence let nothing shake;*
> *All now mysterious shall be bright at last.*
> *Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know*
> *His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below."*
> (Piper - Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ pg. 47)

PRAYER: "Keep us in peace, O Lord, and forbid that we murmur and complain. Grant us humble and submissive hearts under your mighty hand. Teach us to wait and watch for your final and holy purposes in all things." Piper - Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ pg. 48)

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