

# Divine Providence



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**1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job.**

**And that man was blameless and upright, fearing God and turning away from evil.**

**2 Seven sons and three daughters were born to him.**

**3 His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and a very large number of servants.**

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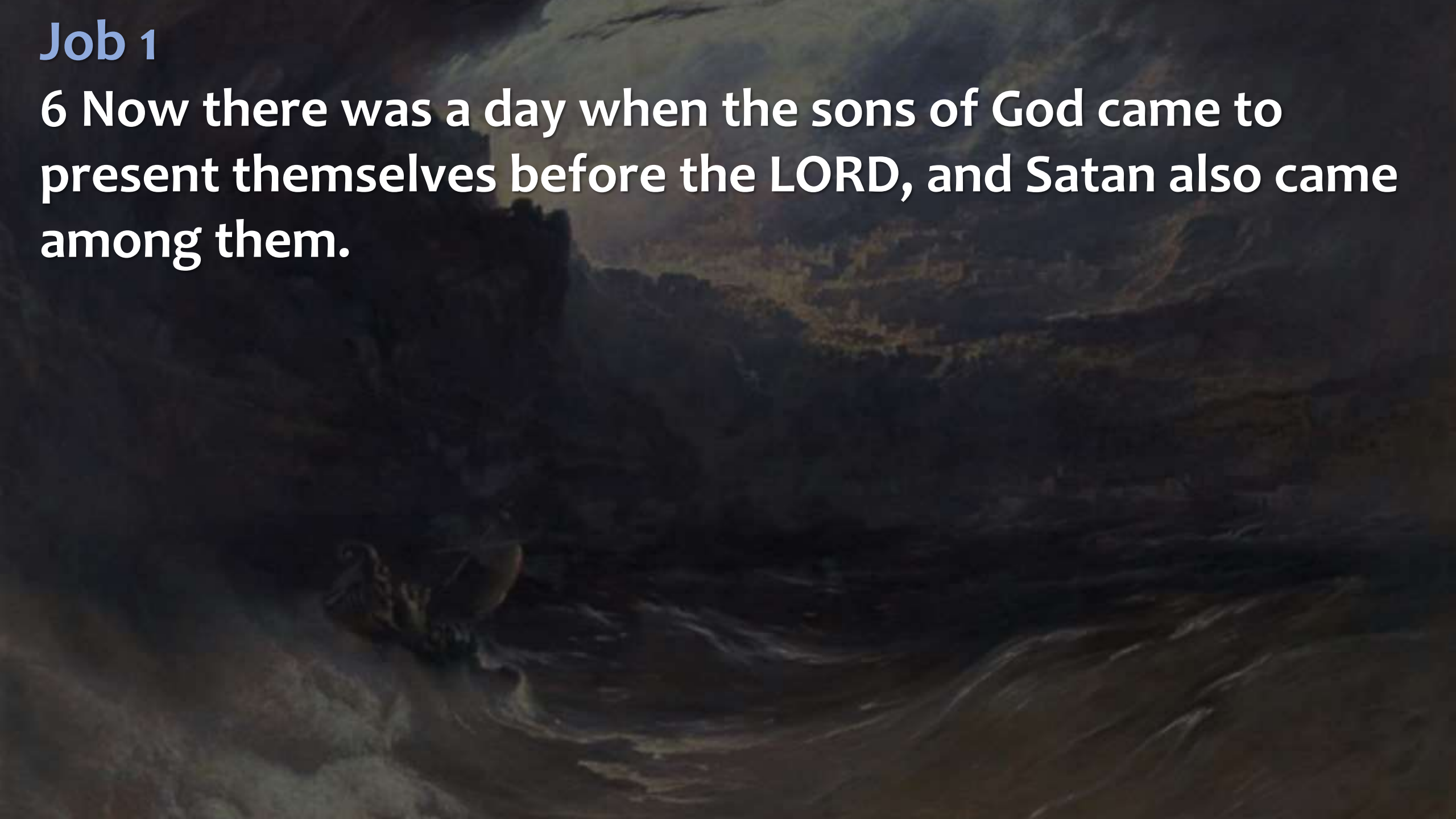
**4 Job's sons would take turns holding feasts in their homes, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.**

**5 And when the days of feasting were over, Job would send for his children to consecrate them, rising early in the morning to offer burnt offerings for all of them. For Job thought, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts."  
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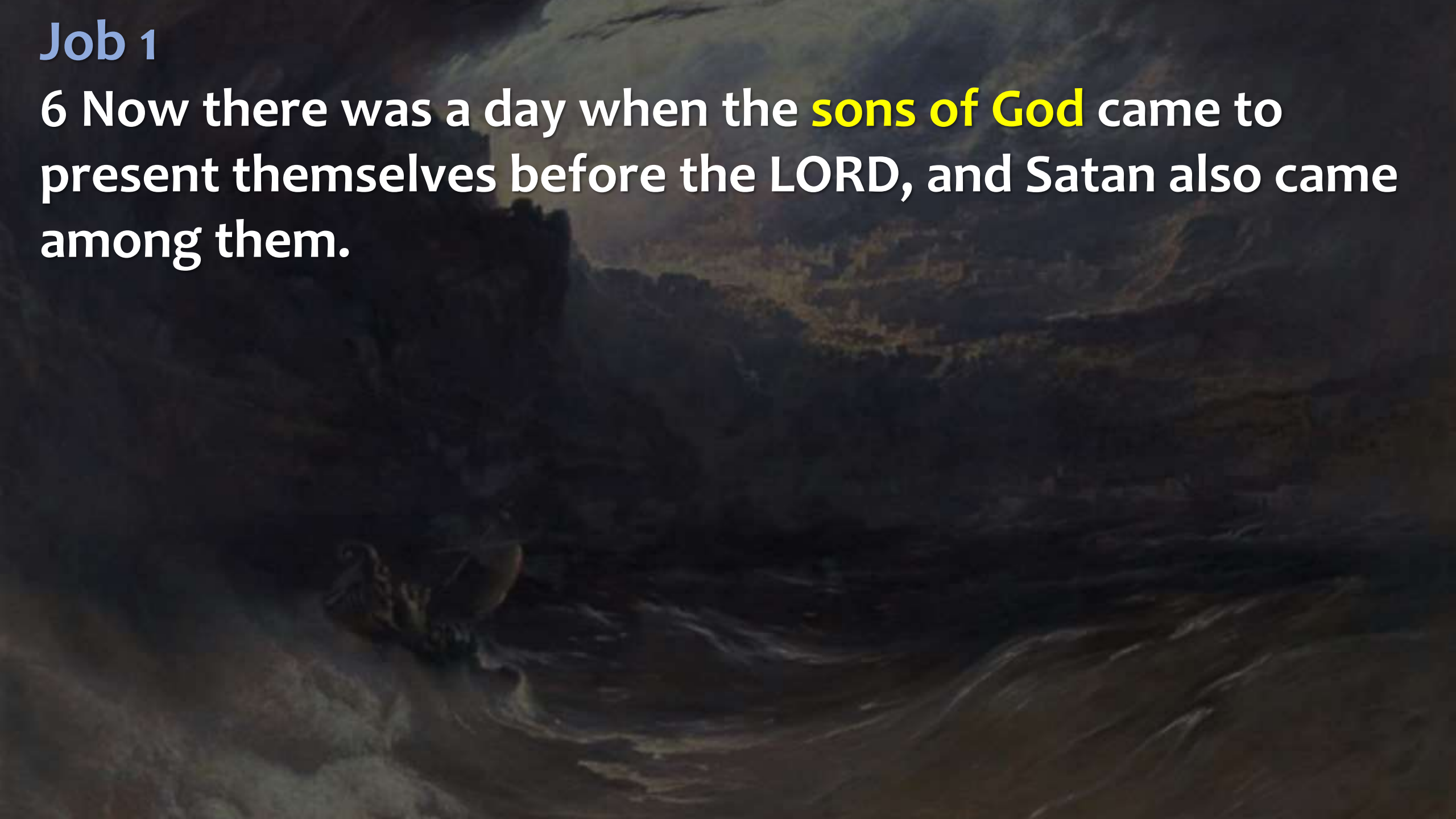
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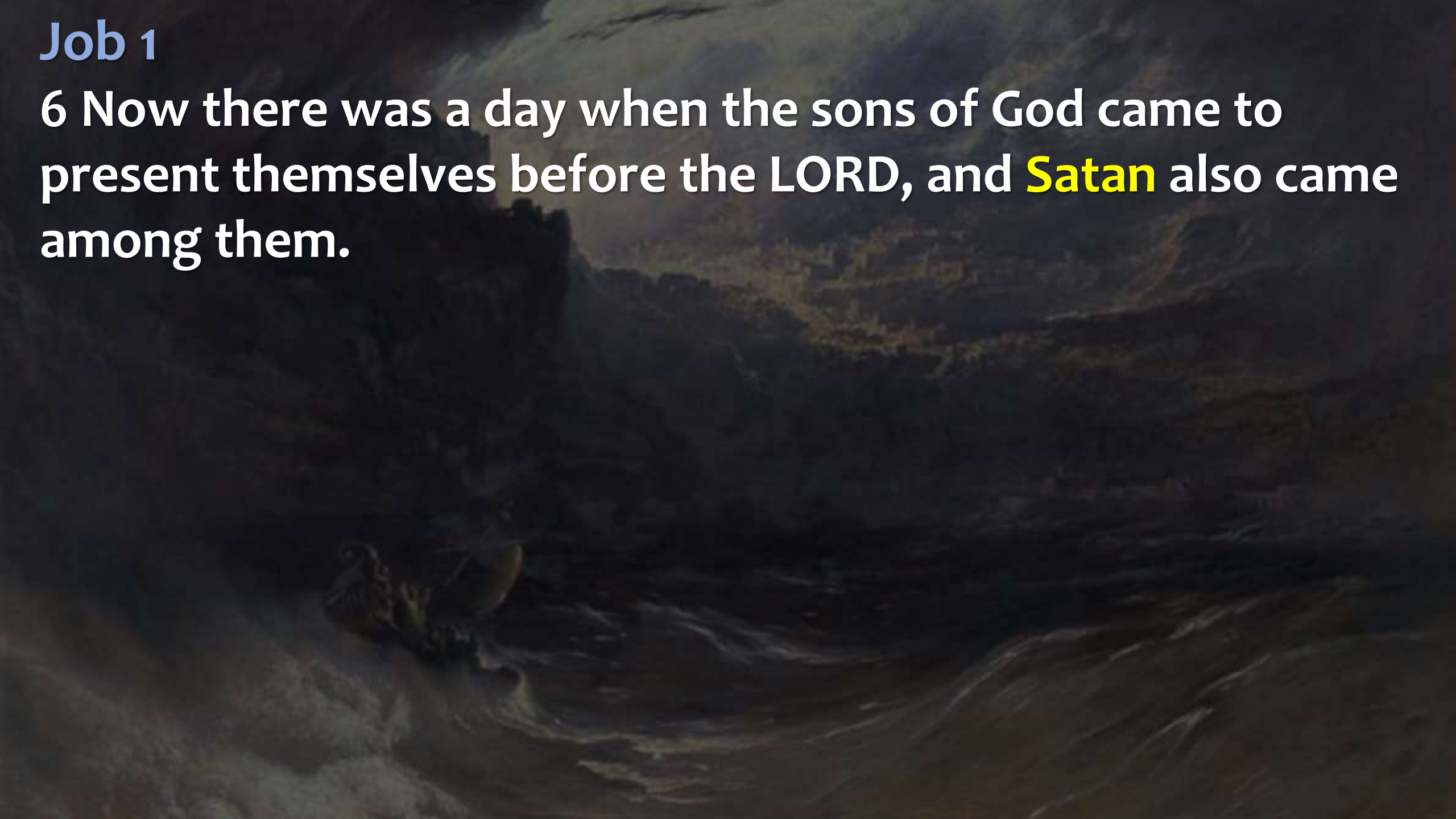
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8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

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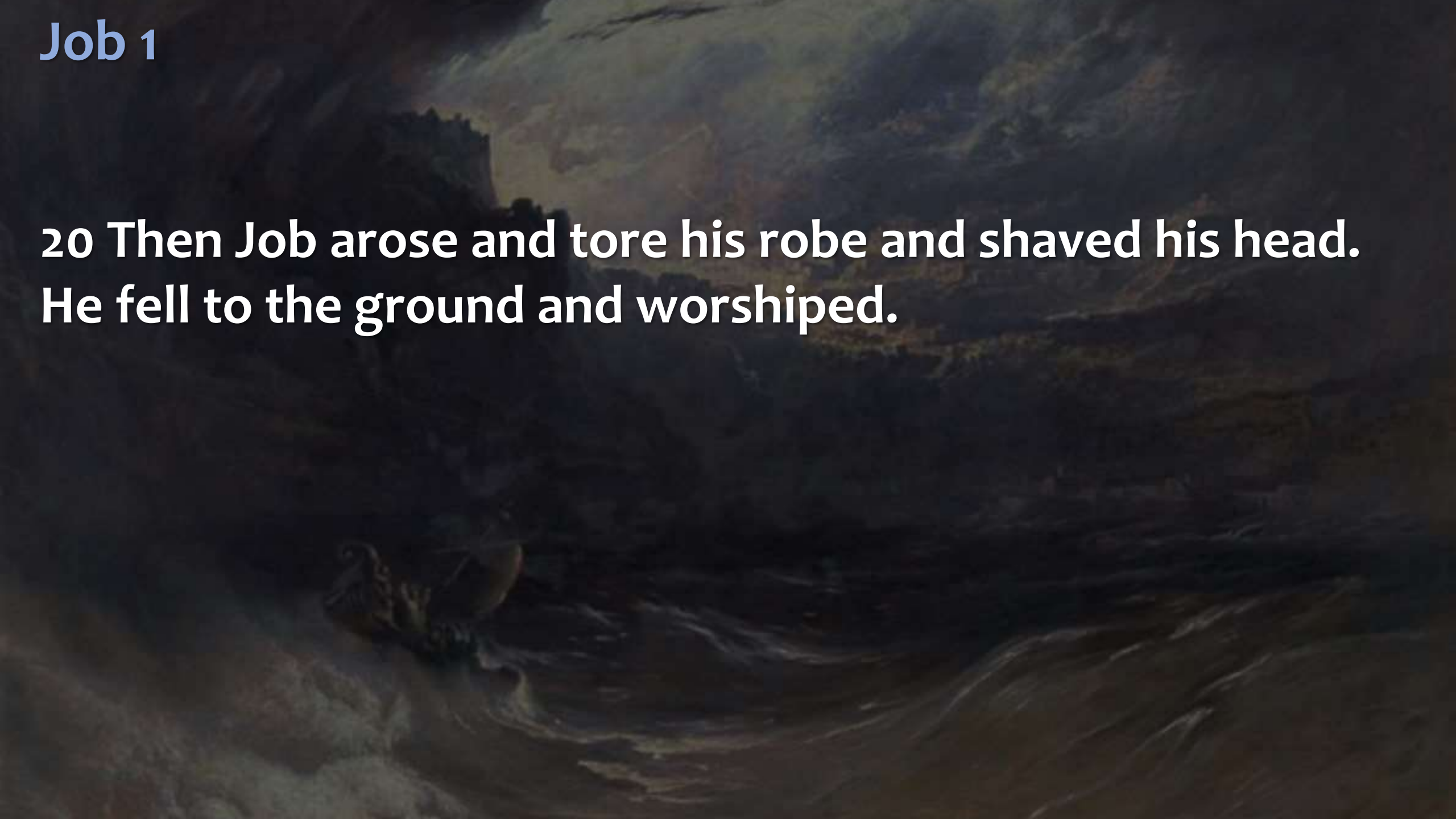
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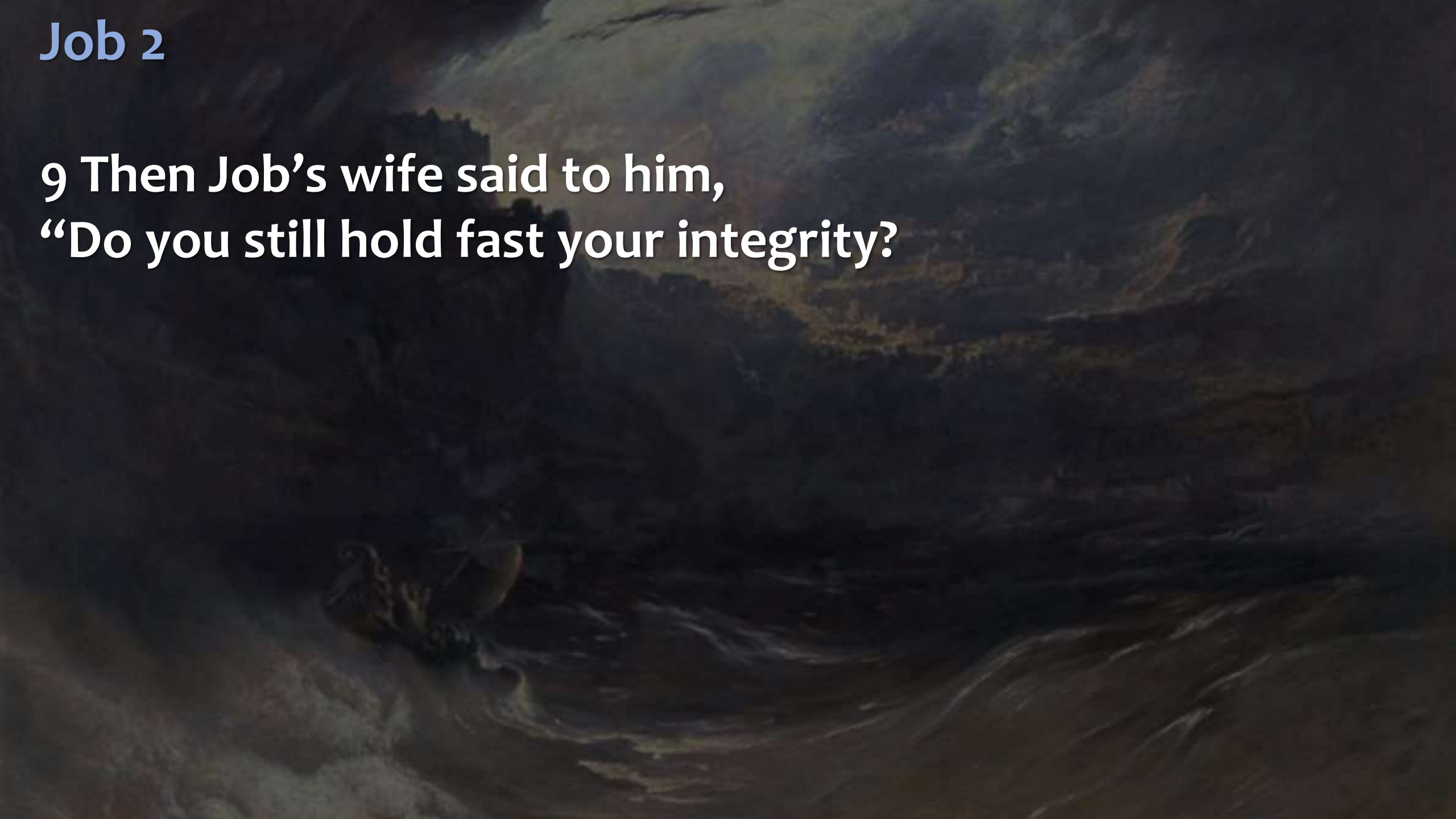
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**7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with terrible boils from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head.**

**8 And Job took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself as he sat among the ashes.**

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12 I was at ease, but He shattered me;  
He seized me by the neck and crushed me.  
He has set me up as His target;

13 His archers surround me.  
He pierces my kidneys without mercy  
and spills my gall on the ground.

14 He breaks me with wound upon wound;  
He rushes me like a mighty warrior.

## Job 23

13 But He is unchangeable, and who can oppose Him?  
He does what He desires.

14 For He carries out His decree against me,  
and He has many such plans.

15 Therefore I am terrified in His presence;  
when I consider this, I fear Him.

16 God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me.



## Job 42

10 And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends.

And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house.

And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him.

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The Lord has promised to bless immeasurably, those whom He loves yet causes to suffer.



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