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SESSION 5

**BIBLICAL VIEW  
OF SICKNESS**



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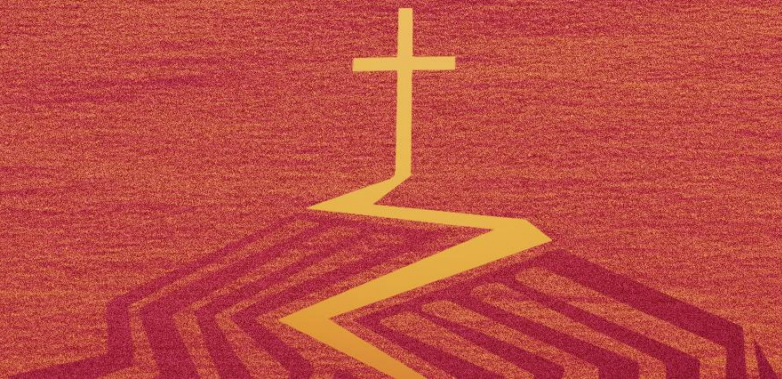
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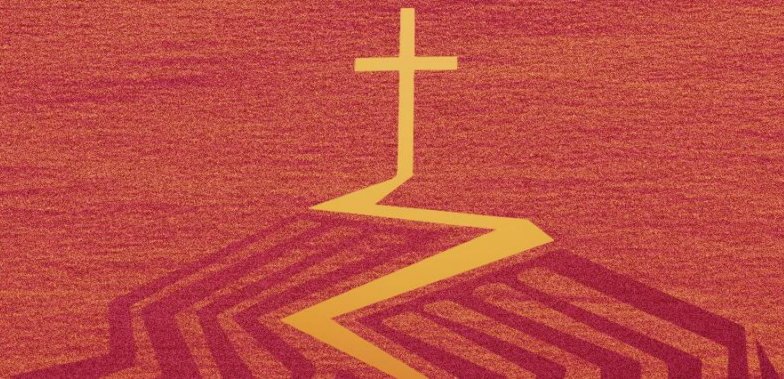


**Are you shaping your reality of suffering or is suffering shaping your reality?**





# The Saint Sifted by Suffering: JOB





# Outline of Job

1. Chapters 1 and 2 we see a conversation between God and Satan
2. Chapters 3-38 we see conversations between Job and his friends.
3. Chapters 39-42 we see a conversation between God and Job.





# Suffering from three perspectives.

1. First, from the perspective of man.
2. Second, from the perspective of Satan.
3. Third, from the perspective of God.





Man misused suffering  
by twisting the truth.





# Misuse # 1: God is Holy

- Suggested by Eliaphaz.
- Job 4:17 *“Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his maker?”*





# Misuse # 2: God is Just

- Suggested by Bildad.
- Job 8:3 *“Does God subvert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice?”*





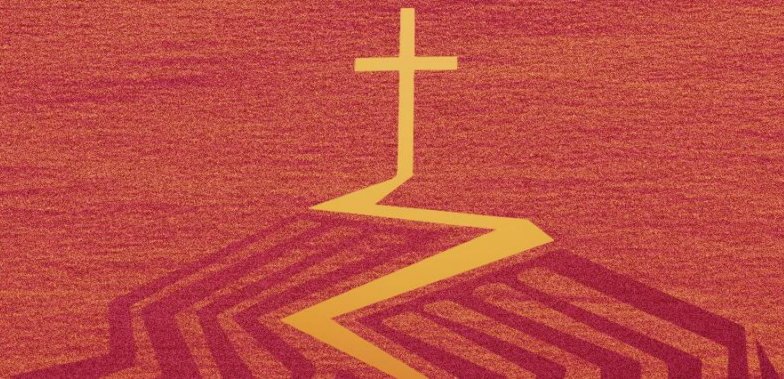
# Misuse # 3: God is all-wise

- Suggested by Zophar.
- Job 11:7 *“Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than heaven- What can you do?”*





**Satan abused suffering by  
tempting Job.**





# The plan of Satan

- What was he trying to do? Tempt Job to curse God.
- How was he going to do it?
  - Take away his protection. 1:10 “Hedge around him”
  - Take away his prosperity 1:10 “the work of his hands”
  - Take away his possessions. 1:10 “possessions”
  - Take away his property. 1:10 “his land”
  - Take away his physical well being. 2:7





# The power of Satan

- Power over people (Job 1:14,15, 17).
- Power over elements (1:16).
- Power over weather (1:19).
- Power over disease (2:7).





# The peril of Satan

- Satan has limited knowledge.
- Satan has limited power.
- Satan has an unlimited ego.





God used suffering by  
testing Job.





**How did God use suffering in Jobs life?**





# 3 Reasons for suffering in the book of Job.

- First, to show God is doing wonderful things through our sickness that we don't even know about.

42: 3 There fore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.”





# 3 Reasons for suffering in the book of Job.

- Second, to remove confidence in ourselves.

42: 6 “But now my eye sees you. Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”





# 3 Reasons for suffering in the book of Job.

- Third, to provide an opportunity to minister.

42: 11 “all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him.”





**How does God want you to  
respond to suffering?**



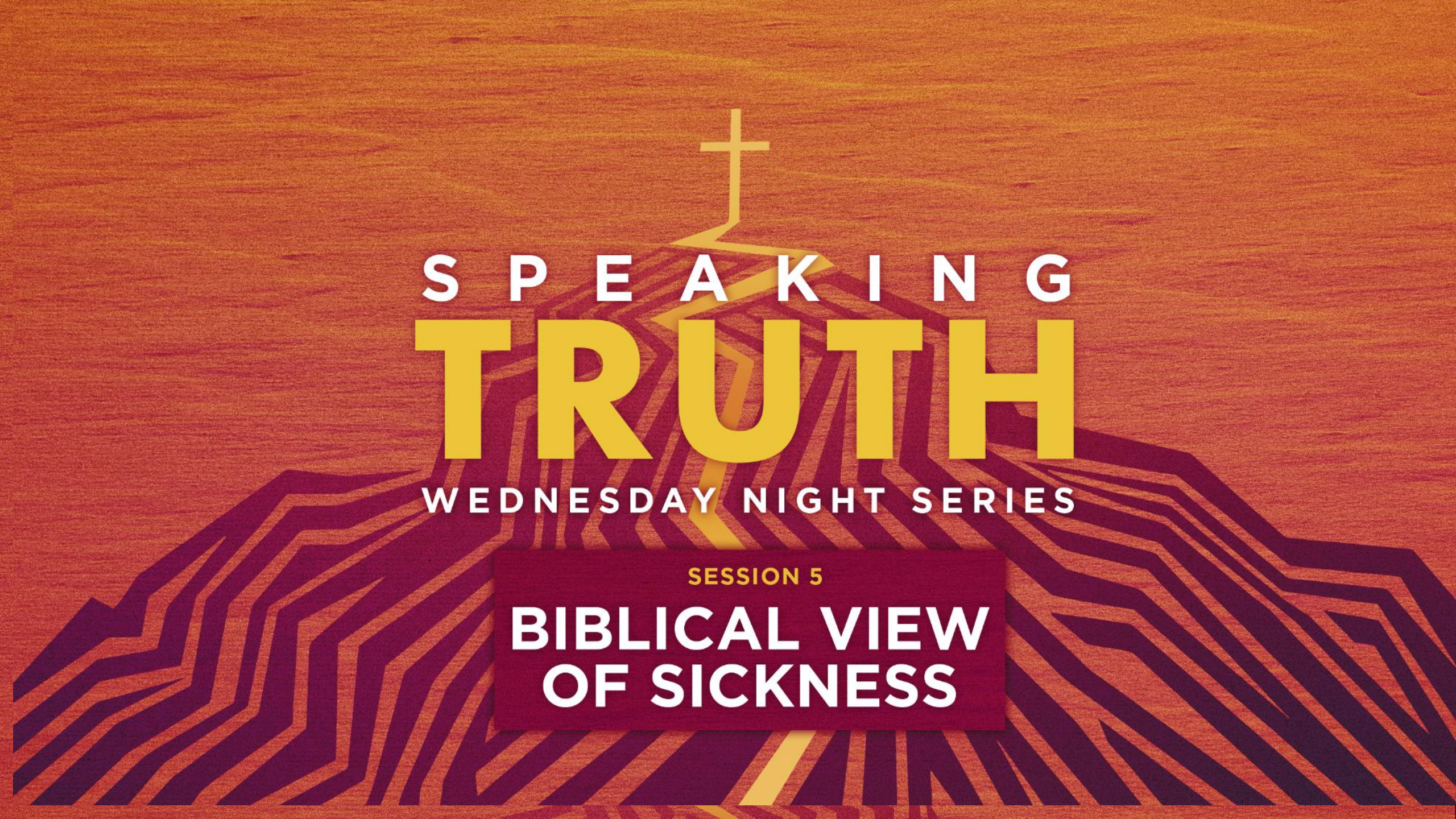


# 5 Scriptural reminders in regards to suffering.

- First, have an attitude of thanks in seasons of health (Phil 4:11,12).
- Second, have an attitude of trust in seasons of sickness (1 Pet 4:18).
- Third, look to Gods promises for comfort (2 Cor 4:16-18)
- Fourth, anticipate God's reward (Lk 6:23; Jm 1:..
- Fifth, lighten the load through prayer (Phil 4:6-8)..







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