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8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

9 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. 10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

12 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

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### The scene in heaven...1:6-8

What is specifically described in 1:6? 2:1; see Josh.24:1 (same word, present themselves)

**The 'sons of God', that is angels, came to present themselves (for review) before the Lord.**

Combining 1:6 and 2:1, what do we deduce about this event?

**It appears it was a regularly scheduled event! The angels, holy and fallen, are reviewed.**

And what is one task of the Holy angels? For what purpose then, is this 'review'? Heb.1:14

**The holy angels are ministering spirits, sent to render service to believers. Review works.**

What does the Lord ask of Satan? 1:7a What's the reply? 1:7b see IPet.5:8

**Where have you come from? Ans: From roaming through the earth. Like IPet.5:8.**

Who starts the whole discussion about Job? 1:8 How does the Lord feel about Job? Heb.11:6

**The Lord challenges Satan with Job! The Lord is pleased with Job. What a testimony!**

### Now the slander begins...1:9-12

What is Satan's opening slander? 1:9 That is, regarding Job, what's Satan's argument?

**Job is simply 'investing'! He's only 'fearing' You because of what he gets back!**

What's Satan's complaint to the Lord? 1:10; Ps.5:12, 34:7, 128:1-4; IPet.1:5

**You have a 'hedge' around Job and all he has! You're blessing him. I can't get at him!**

What is the subtle, but very real accusation *against the Lord*?

**You have to 'buy' people to worship you! They only fear You to get the blessings!**

What is Satan's challenge to the Lord? 1:11 see Lu.22:31

**Strike down everything he has and he will surely curse You to Your face! No more hedge!**

And what happens in 1:12? see Lu.22:32 compare to Jn.3:35-36

**The Lord takes down part of the hedge! Everything he has, but not him, to Satan's hands.**

What do we learn here about Satan's authority? Eph.2:2, 6:10-12; IIThess.2:6; Col.1:16

**Satan is the prince and power of the air, but he is 'restrained' by the Lord.**

What is one thing we learn here about the Lord's authority? 2:4-6; ICor.10:13

**He is absolutely sovereign. Nothing happens to believers apart from His approval/grace!**

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