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Praying Beyond Yourself

Introduction:

After Job had endured a severe trial of his faith and love for God, he prayed for his friends. That prayer seems to have released a flood of blessings in his life!

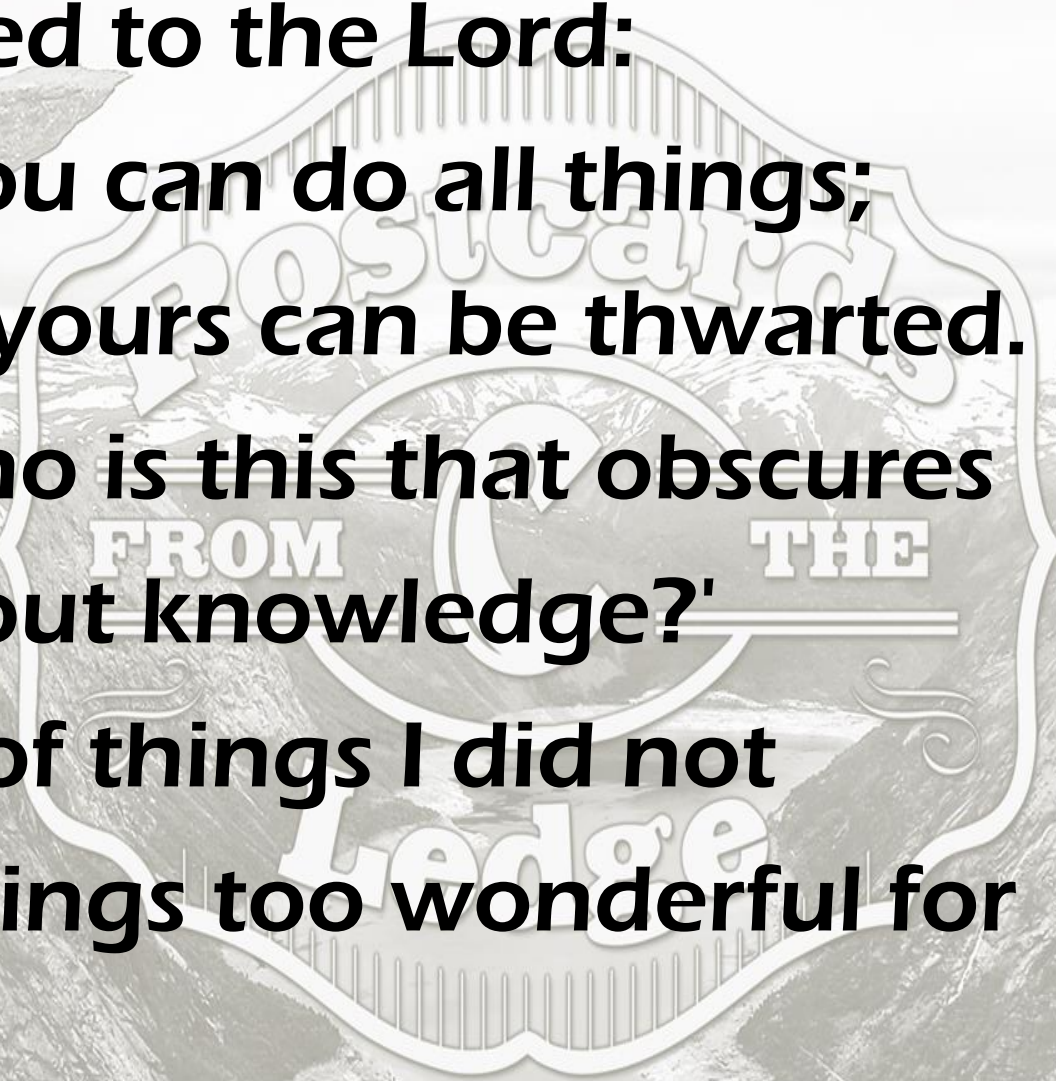
Text: Job 42:1-17 

Then Job replied to the Lord:

**“I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.**

**You asked, 'Who is this that obscures
my plans without knowledge?'**

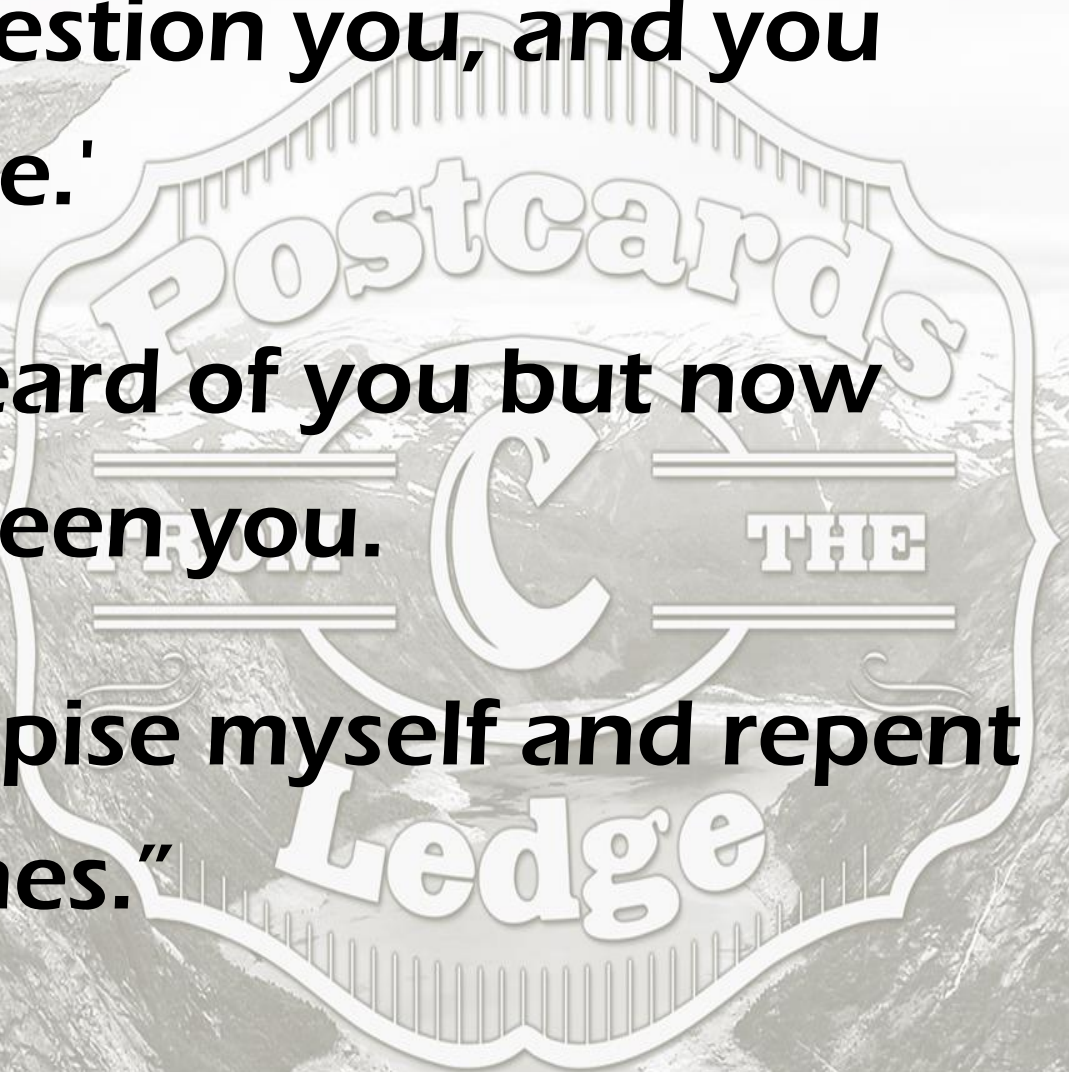
**Surely I spoke of things I did not
understand, things too wonderful for
me to know.**



“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’

My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”



After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.

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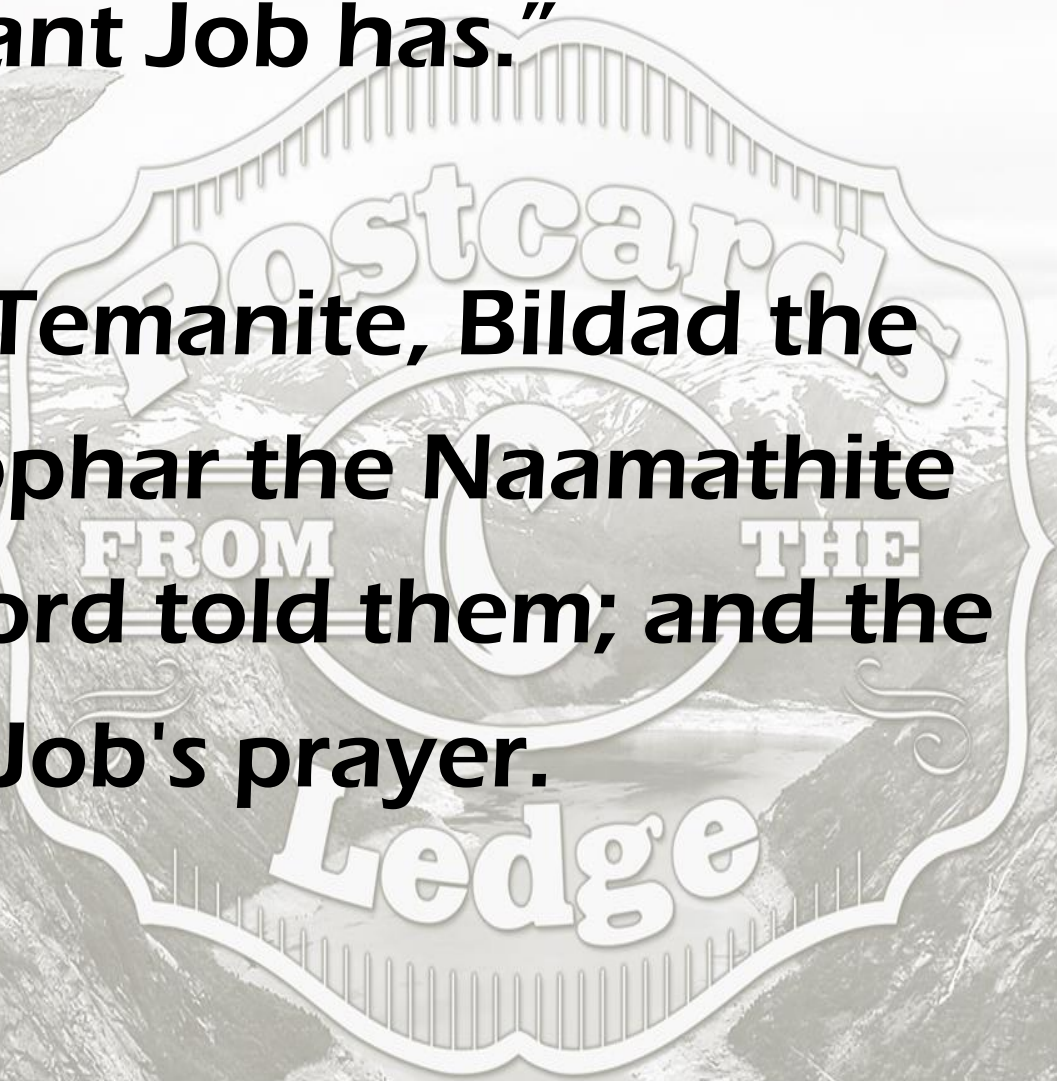
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So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves.

My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly.

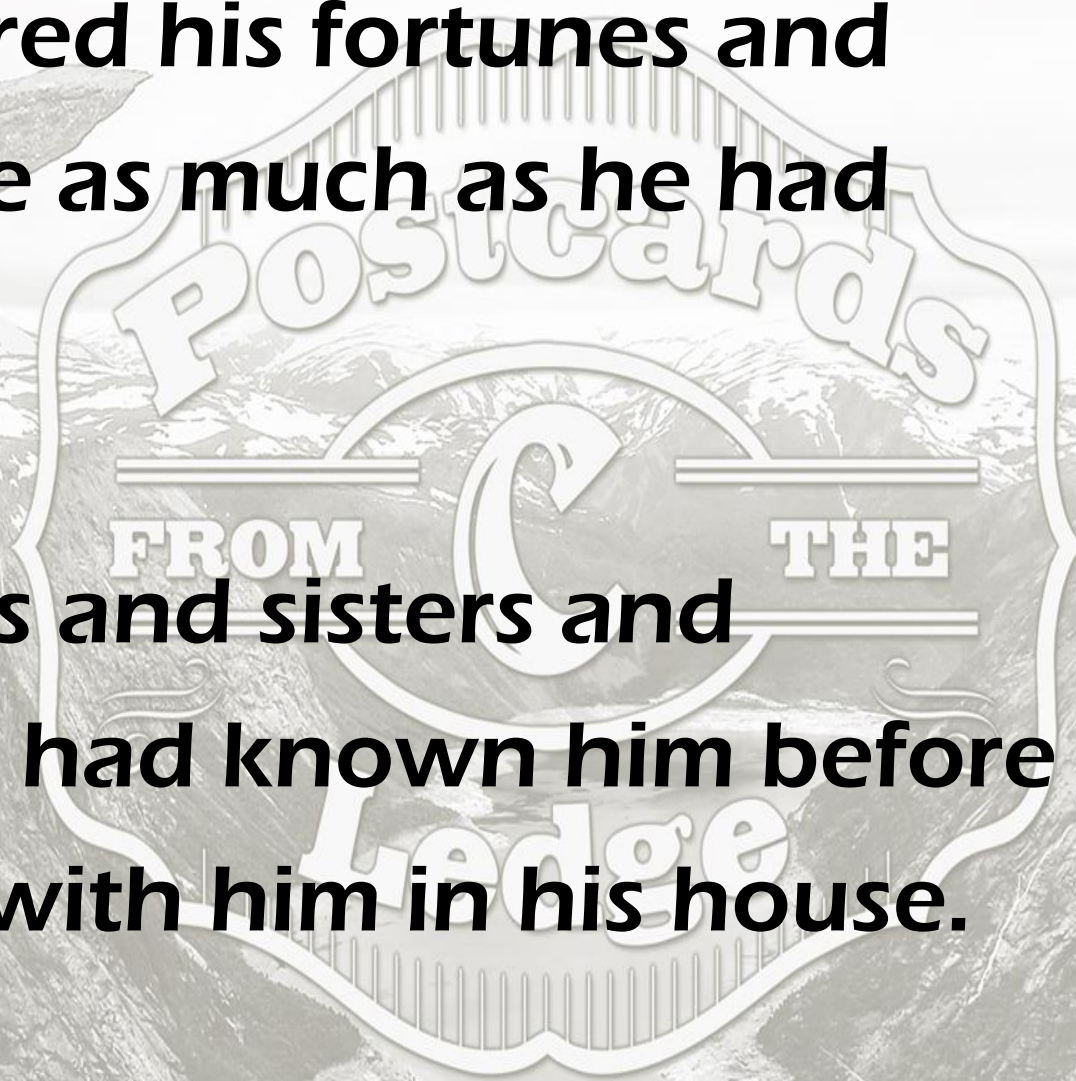
You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has."

So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.



**After Job had prayed for his friends,
the Lord restored his fortunes and
gave him twice as much as he had
before.**

**All his brothers and sisters and
everyone who had known him before
came and ate with him in his house.**



They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring.

The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part.

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He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.

And he also had seven sons and three daughters.

The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch.

Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

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After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation.

And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

Job 42:1-17

Job:



HUMBLED himself and acknowledged
the **SOVEREIGNTY** of God.

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Job:



REPENTED as he gained a powerful
new **UNDERSTANDING** of the
true **NATURE** of God.

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*Much of our spiritual growth
comes when we recognize that
we have misunderstood God.*

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God **REBUKED** Job's friends because
their **ACCUSATIONS** of Job were
actually rooted in a failure to acknowledge
God's **LOVE** and **MERCY**.

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A small silhouette of a person climbing a rock face is positioned above the word "God" in the first line of text.

Most of the time that God is

MISREPRESENTED, it's because

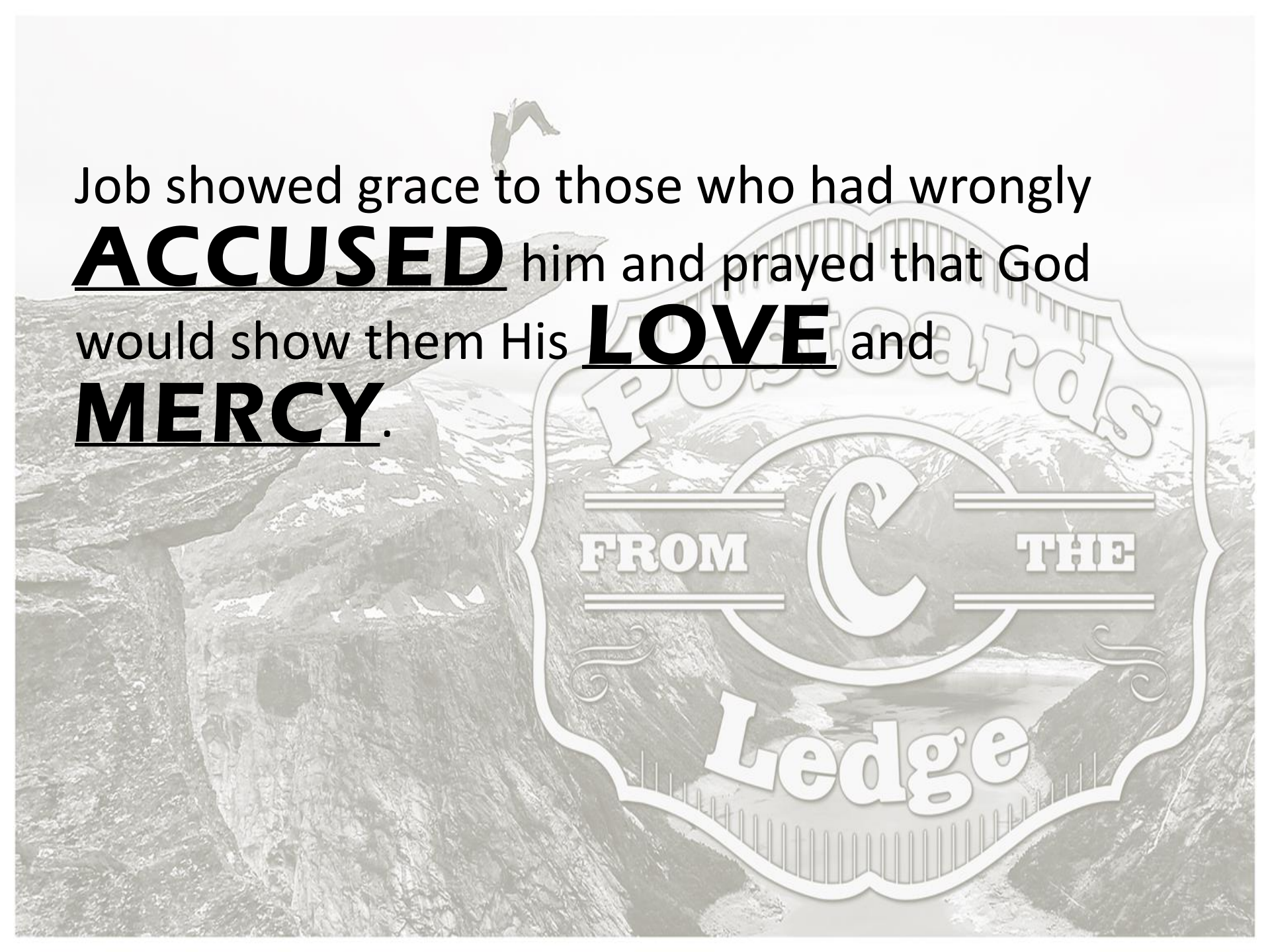
He is being **MISUNDERSTOOD**.

The background of the entire image is a grayscale photograph of a rugged, rocky landscape. In the foreground, there are large, dark rock formations. In the middle ground, a small lake is visible, surrounded by more rocks and some snow. The sky is light and hazy. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a large, decorative logo. The logo is a shield-like shape with a scalloped bottom edge. It contains the text "FROM THE Ledge" in a stylized font. The word "FROM" is on the left, "THE" is on the right, and "Ledge" is at the bottom. A large, stylized letter "C" is in the center, flanked by horizontal lines. The logo has a white outline and a drop shadow effect.

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Job showed grace to those who had wrongly
ACCUSED him and prayed that God
would show them His **LOVE** and
MERCY.

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God honored Job greatly for faithfully

REPRESENTING Him to others!



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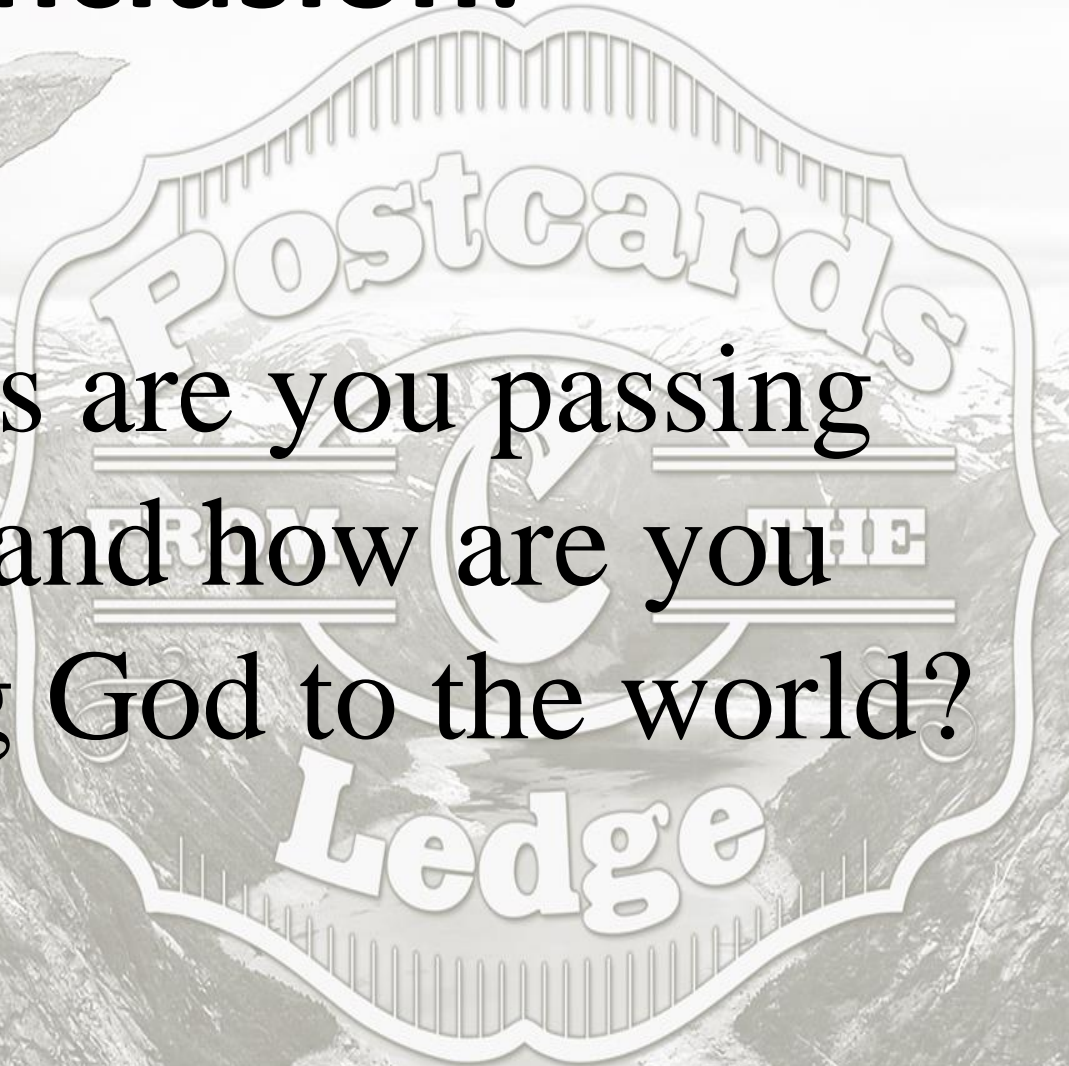
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Conclusion:

What trials are you passing through, and how are you representing God to the world?





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