

The Complexity of Suffering

Job 3 and Selected Verses

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Job's Physical Suffering

Painful Sores (2:7-8)

Erupting Sores (7:5)

Peeling Black Skin (30:30)

Intense Pain (30:17)

Fever (30:30)

Putrid Breath (19:17)

Unrecognizable (2:17)

Sleeplessness (7:4)

Nightmares (7:14)

Lasted months (7:3)

Job's Emotional Darkness

3:1-10

Job's Spiritual Ambiguity

Does not know why God is contending with him (10:2)

He's rejected while God looks favorably upon the wicked (10:3)

God seems to ignore wickedness (24:12)

He wonders 'what's the point' (35:3)

He's not guilty yet God will not deliver him (10:7)

God is silent (13:24)

He is deprived of justice (27:2).

He is God's enemy; He has turned on him (13:24; 30:21)