

Here are my reflections on Job 2

From the text

- I. Everything is under submission to God. The heavenly beings and the accusers all have to answer to God. vs 1-6
- II. God takes note of our respect and character. Notice how God speaks of Job it describes not just his intention but his actions. vs 3
- III. Make space to lament after tragedy. Job doesn't rush to move past his pain, but he sits with in even in a public space. vs 7-8
- IV. Sometimes it hard to hide your pain. Vs 7-8
- V. Real friends are willing to empathize with you vs 11-13

Behind the text

- I. This is chapter is apart of the narrative prologue
- II. Not originally a Hebrew story
- III. IDIOM with Pragmatic Inversion... In Job 2:9, Job's wife tells him to "bless God and die," but most modern translations say "curse God and die." The Hebrew text literally uses the word "bless," but this is an **idiom with pragmatic inversion** a phrase that only makes sense when read with its context. The writers used "bless" on purpose, maybe to show respect for God's name. So even though the word says "bless," it really means the opposite

IV. Job friends name meaning: 1. Eliphaz- God is like pure gold
God is strong 2. Bildad- God is loved and Son of argument 3.
Zophar- chirper or someone who talks quickly

Questions to consider:

1. Do we make enough space to lament after we experience pain or do we rush to solutions
2. From behind the text : If the writers of this story respected God so much that they were unwilling to even write the phrase “cruse God” , have we become so lax in relationship that it is void of that level of respect and honor? How much to de reverence or respect God ?