

when God comes



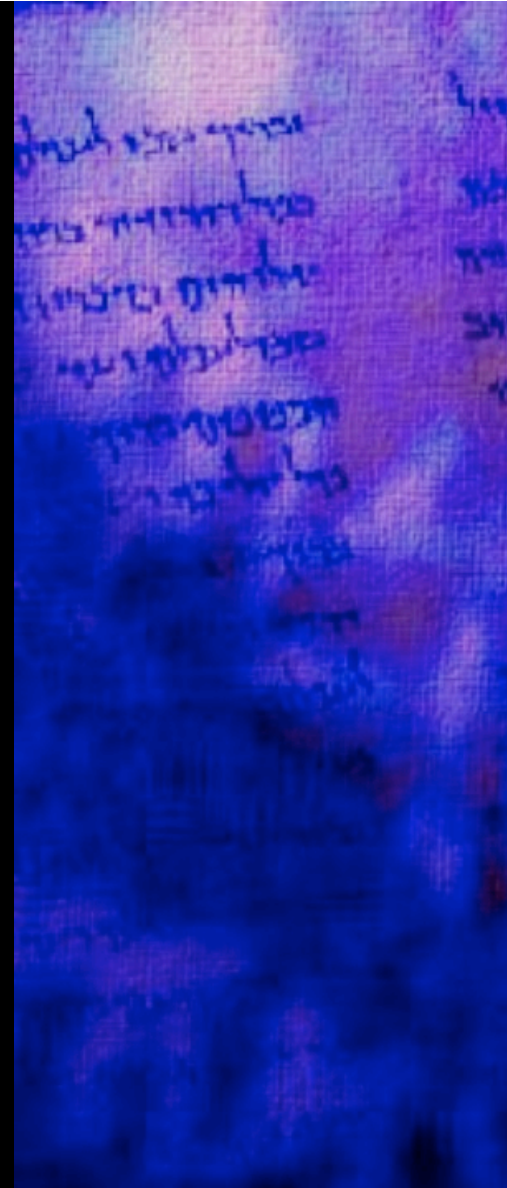
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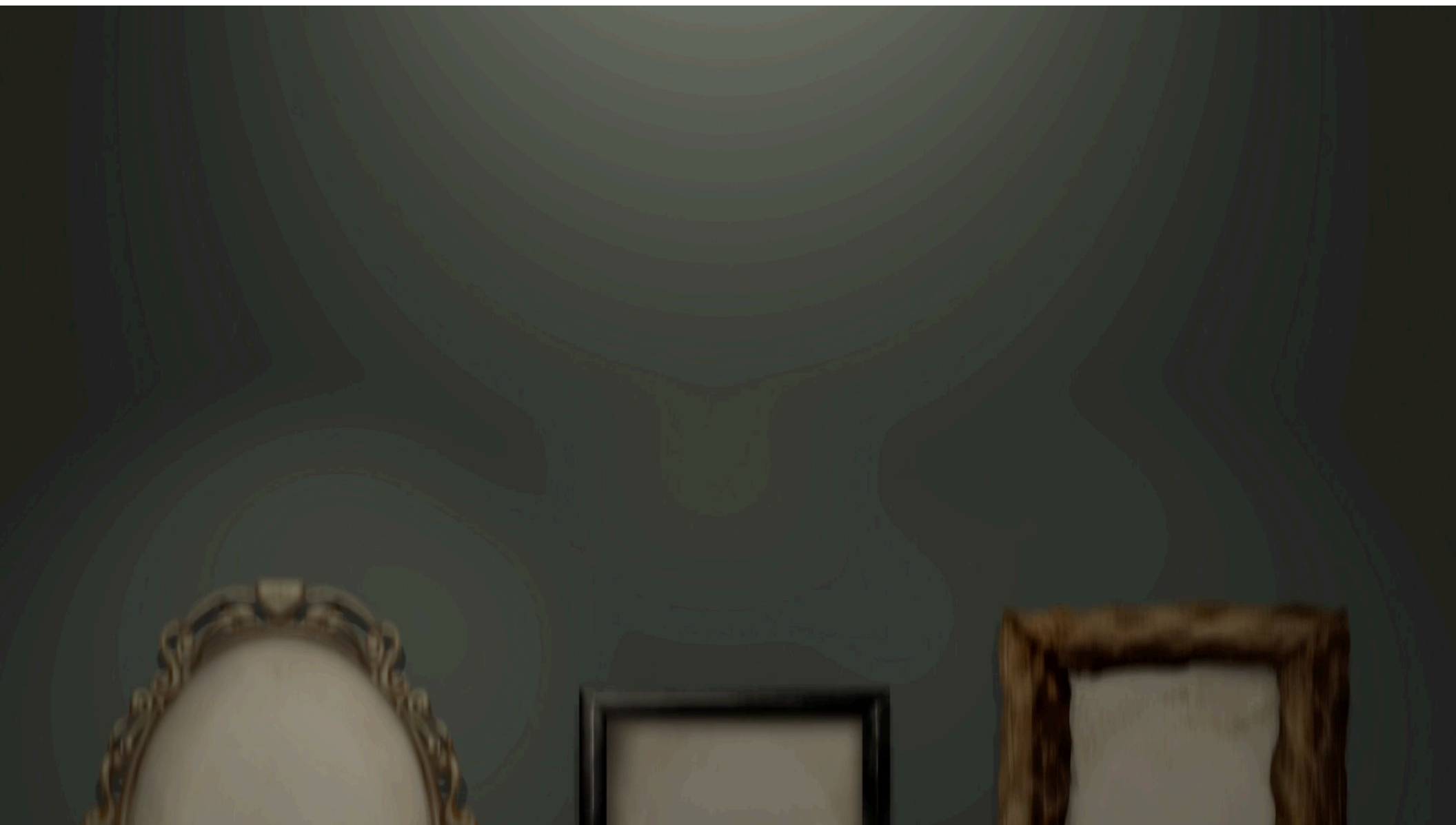
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"My ears had heard of  
you but now my eyes  
have seen you." Job 42:5





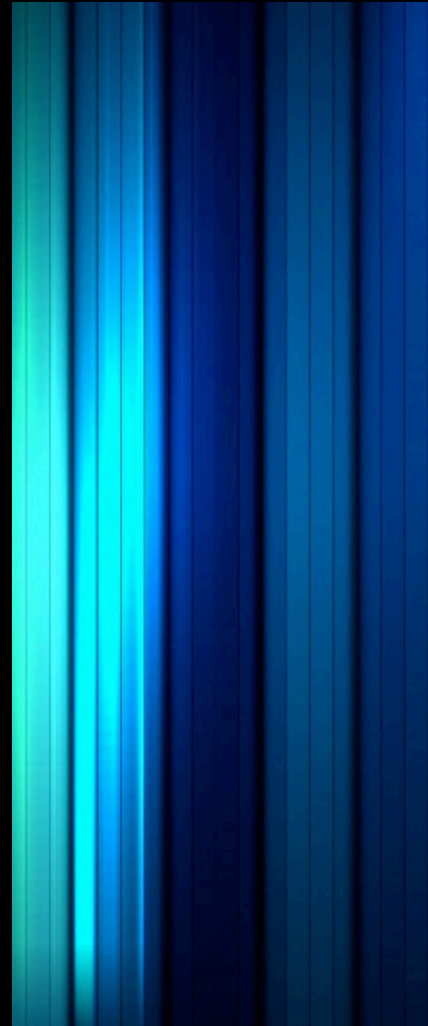




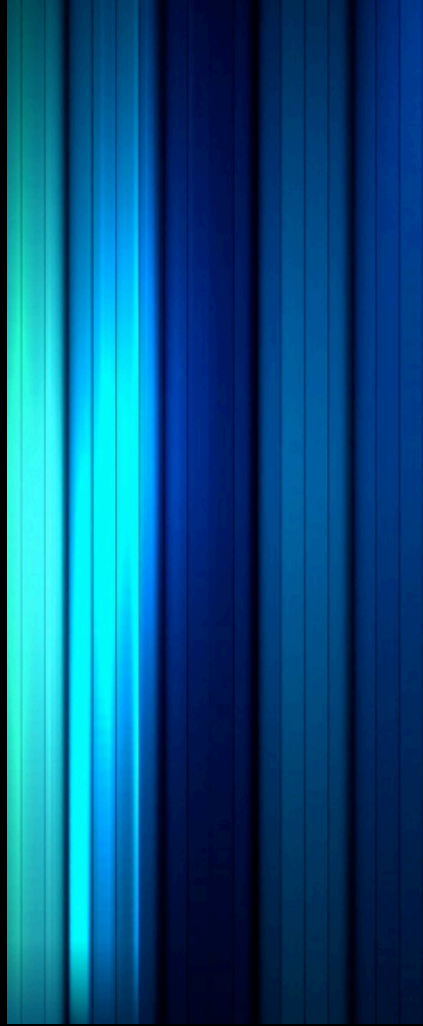
**The real questions God asks in this book are:**

**Is God just?**

**And does He order the world  
according to justice?**



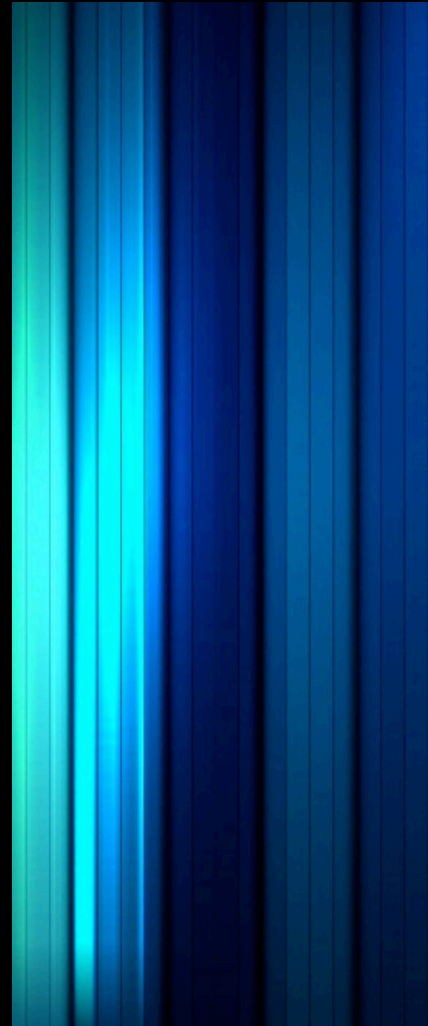
**How is Job's suffering  
to be explained?**



**Here's Job and his friends assumption.**

**Wise and good people get blessed**

**Evil and stupid people get punished**

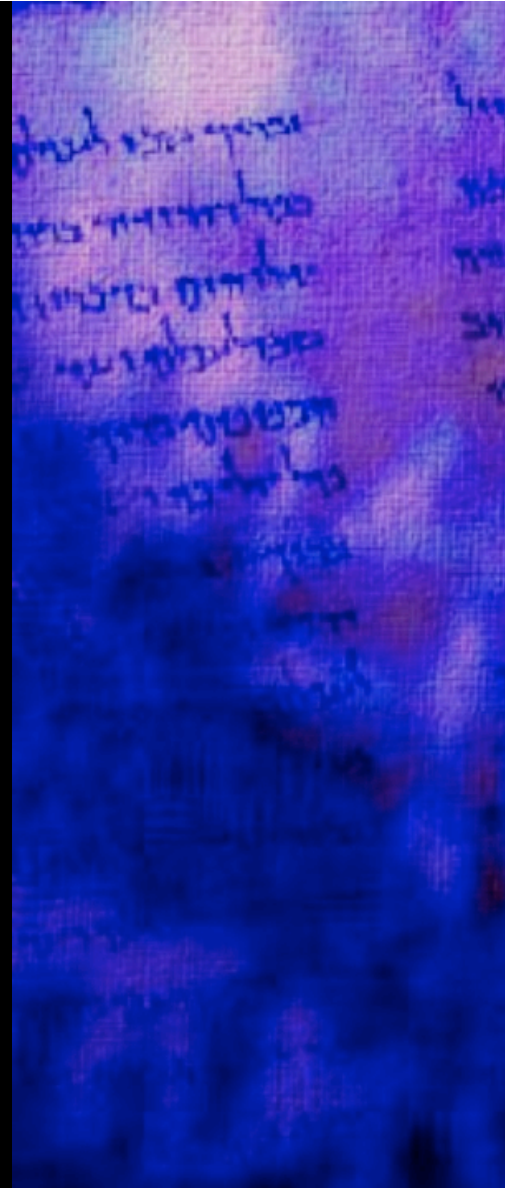






*"I'm innocent therefore "my suffering isn't divine justice."*

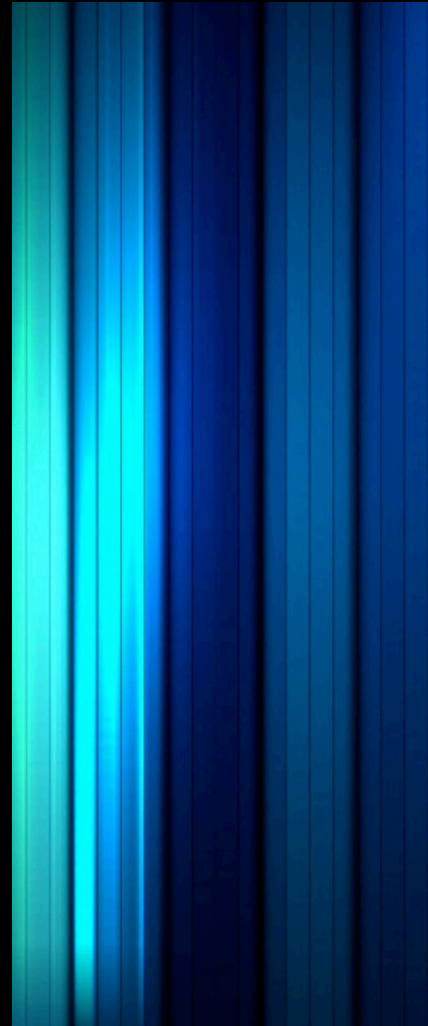
"Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and turns away from evil." Job 1:8



**So Job Concludes Either:**

**God doesn't run the world with justice  
or worse**

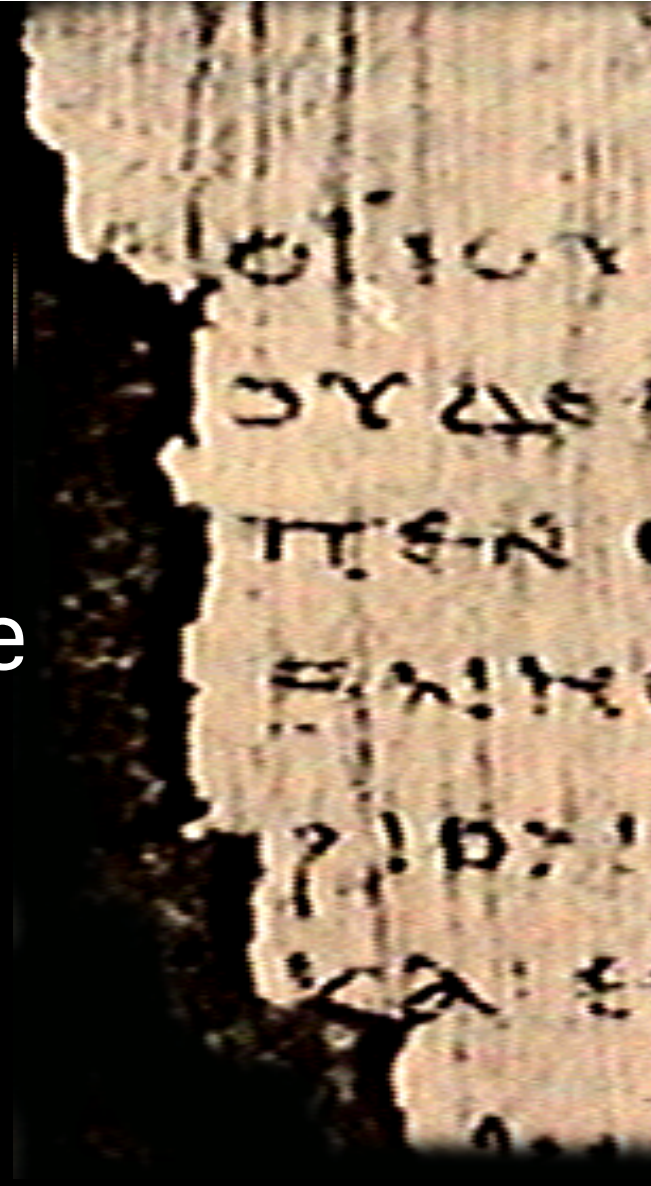
**God is simply unjust!**







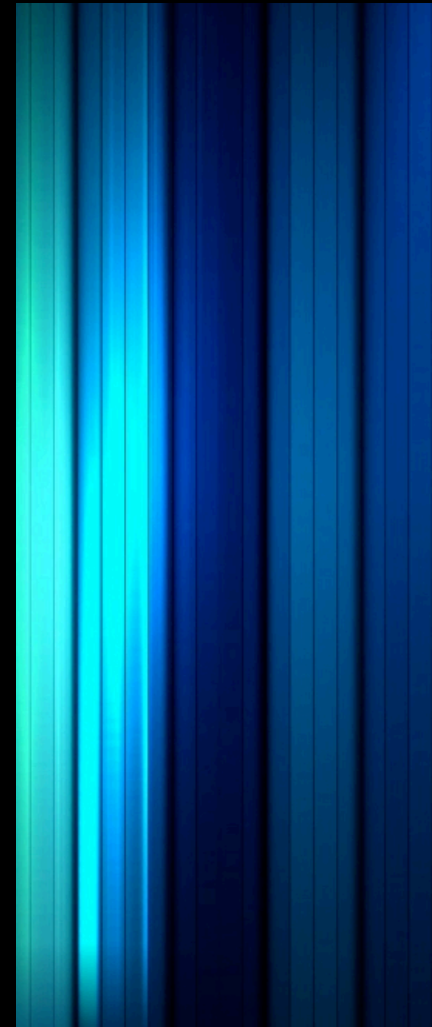
“How I wish a court would hear  
my case! Here I sign my name  
to show I have told the truth.  
Now let the Almighty answer  
me; let the one who accuses me  
write it down. Job 31:35



**Elihu the 4th friend concludes:**

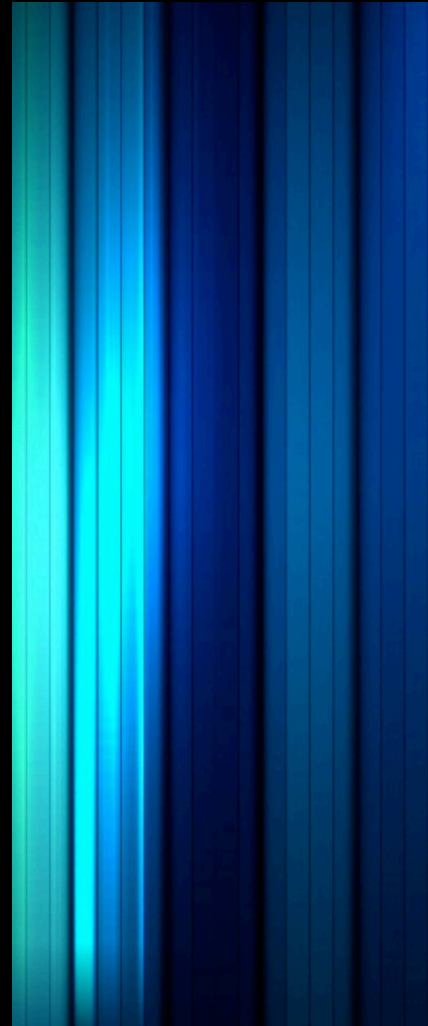
**God may use suffering to  
help others avoid future sin or**

**God might use suffering to build character  
and to teach people valuable lessons.**



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concludes:**

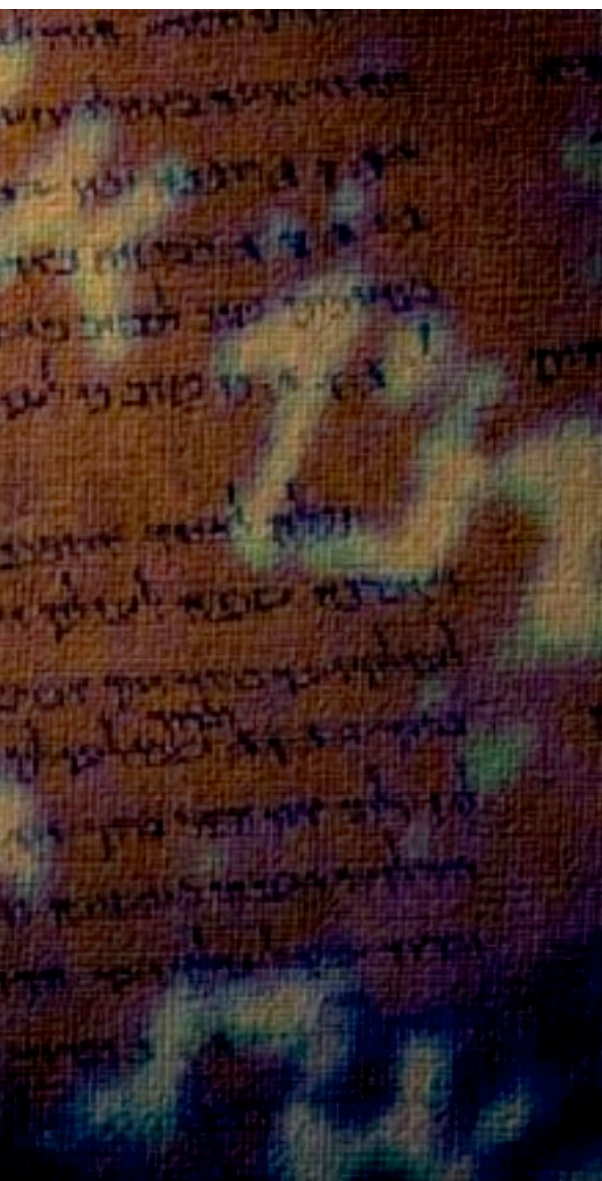
**Job is wrong to think  
God is unjust.**



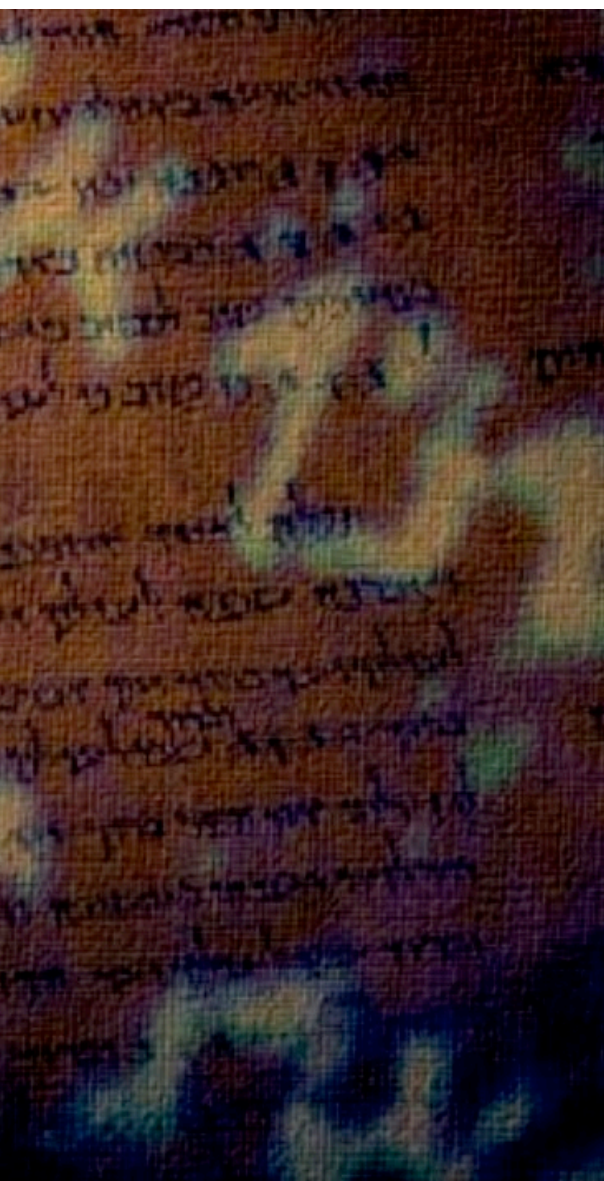
**WHEN DEALING WITH  
SUFFERING, LISTEN TO GOD.**



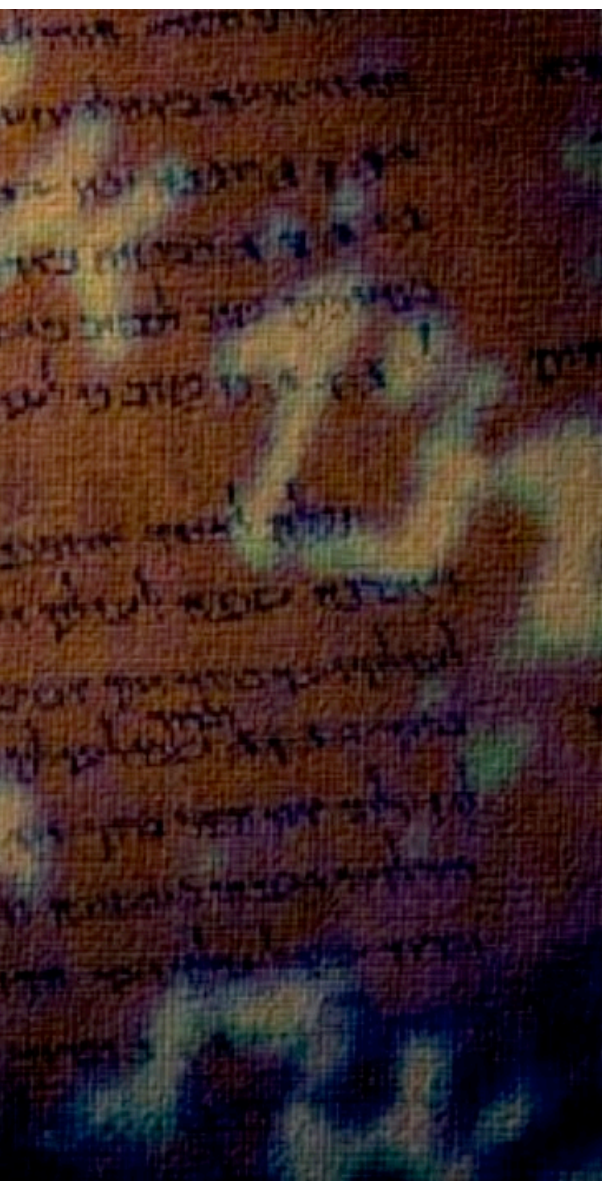




“Job where were you when  
I laid the foundations of  
the earth? ...Tell me, if you  
know so much. Job 38:4



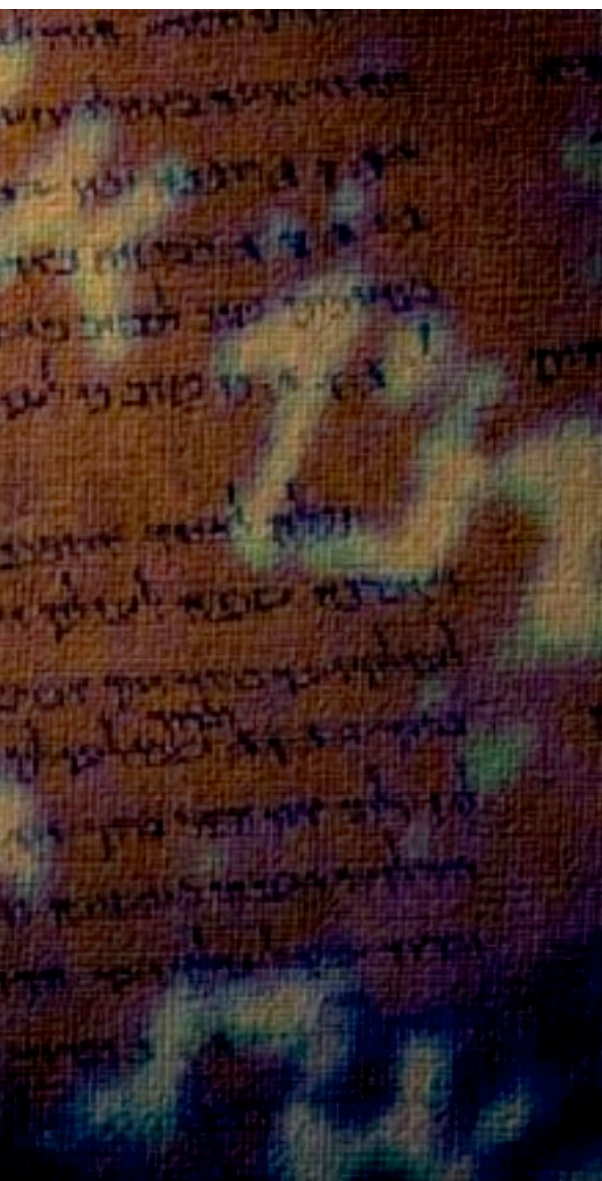
"Have you ever commanded  
the morning to appear and  
caused the dawn to rise in  
the east? Surely, you were  
there. ... Job 38:12



“But of course you know all this! For you were born before it was all created, and you are so very experienced!

Job 38:21





“Who is this that obscures my  
counsel without knowledge?”

Job 42:3



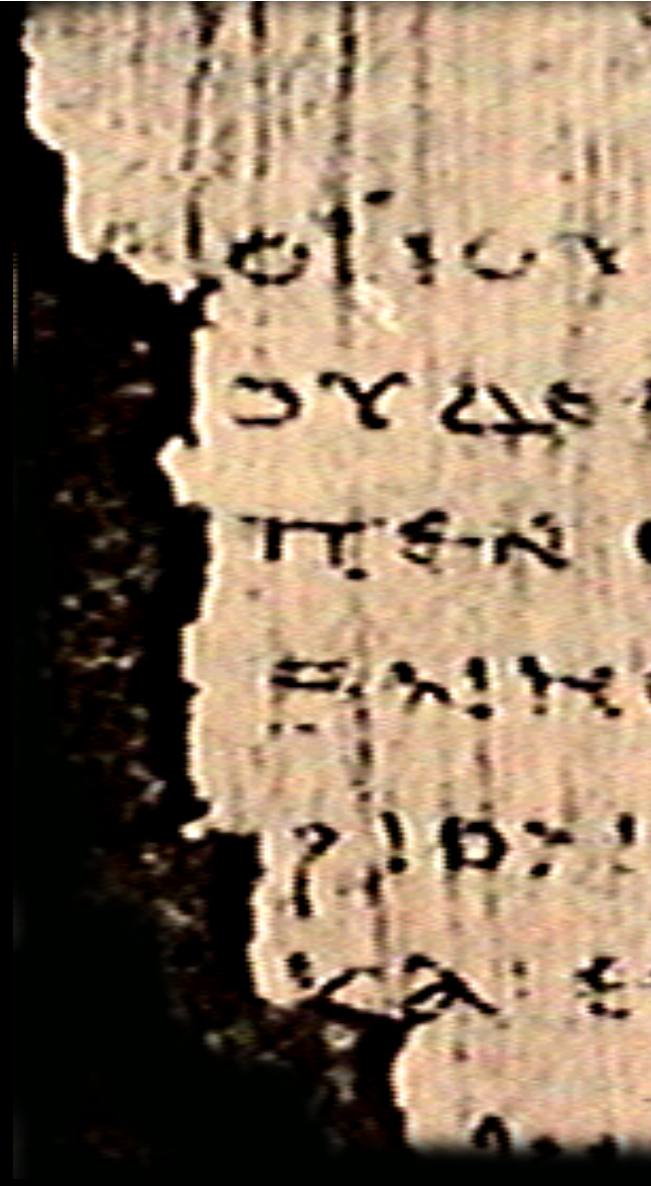


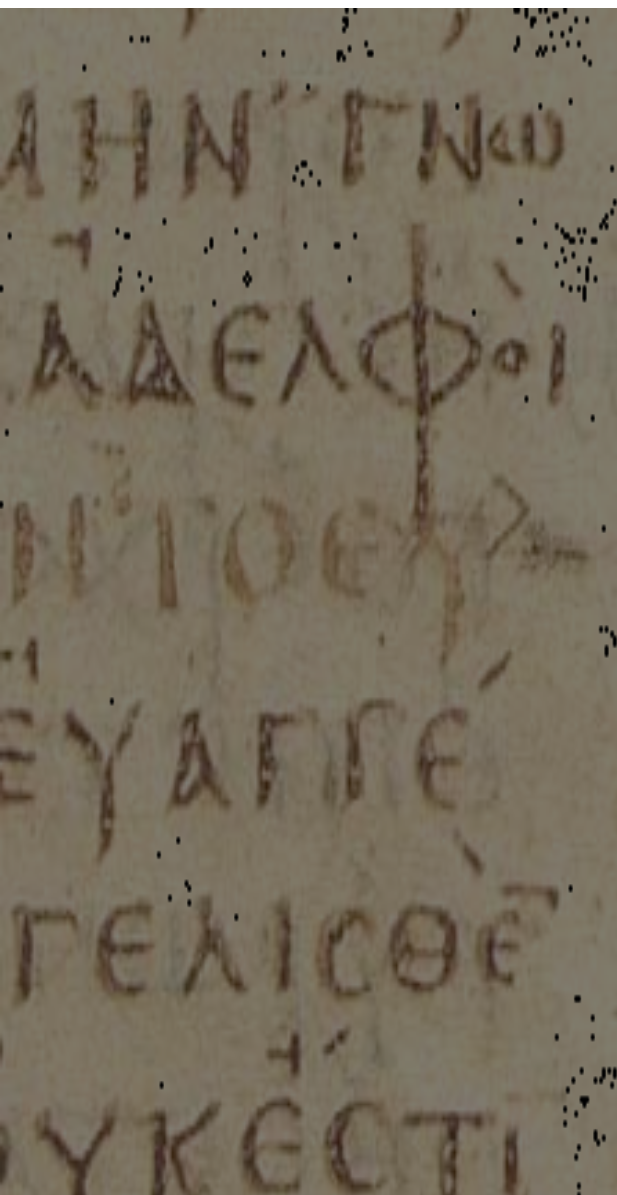
*Either you are competent to judge God's knowledge and you can sit in judgment on him, or else he is superior and competent to sit on you, but there's nothing in the middle.*

Pastor Tim Keller



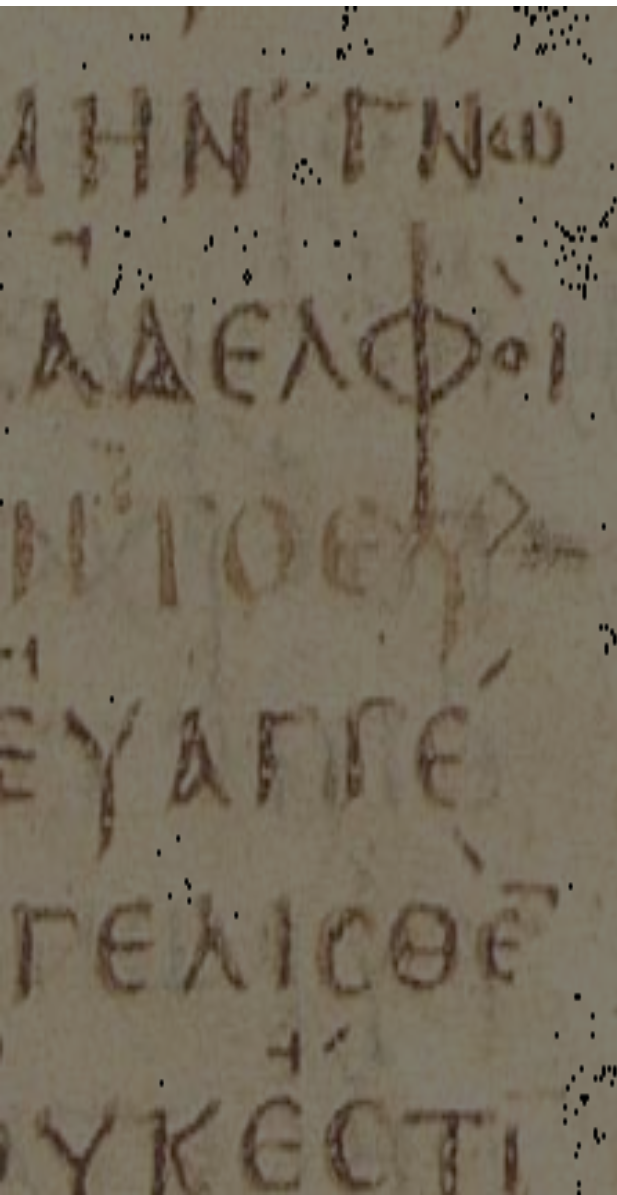
“I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.” Job 42:5,6





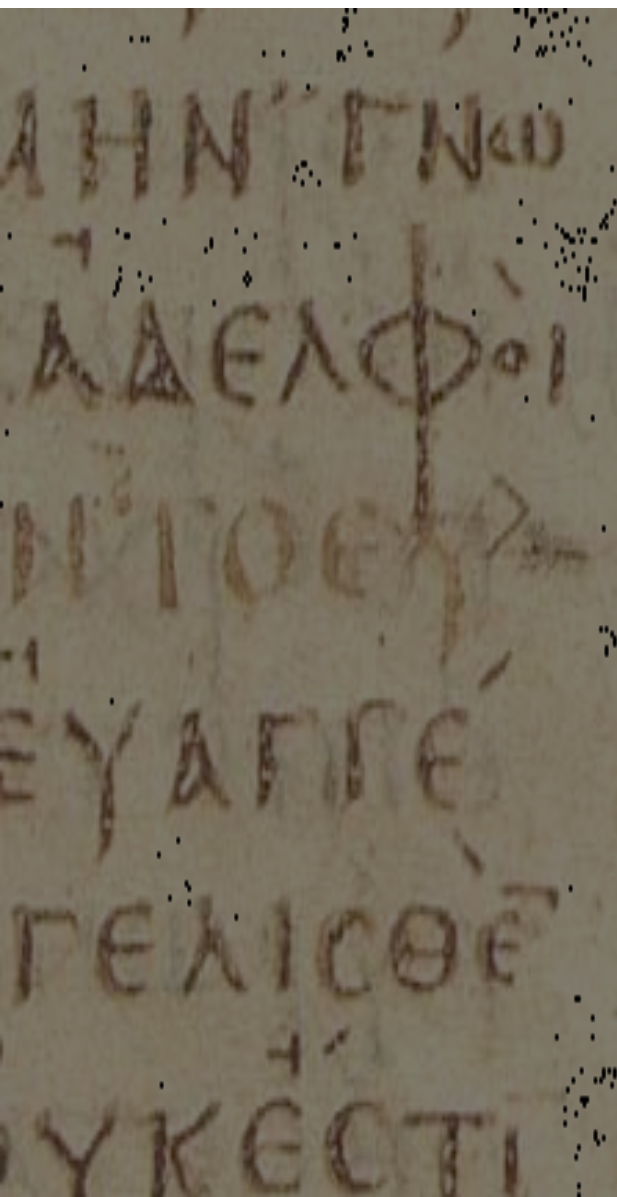
The other followers kept telling Thomas, "We saw the Lord." But Thomas said, "I will not believe it until I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side."

John 20:25



A week later the followers were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came in and stood right in the middle of them. He said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop being an unbeliever and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:26-28

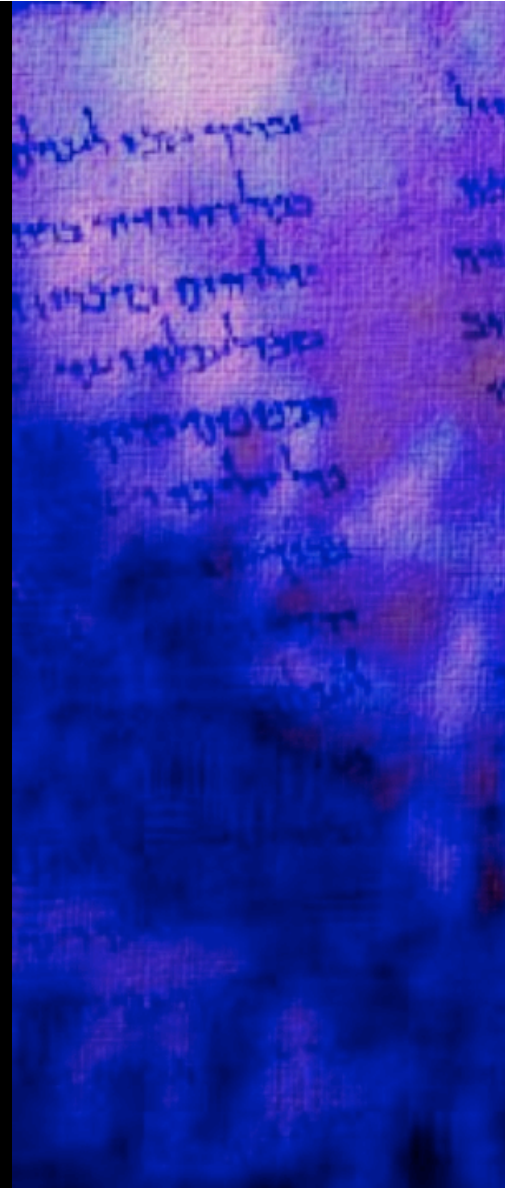


Then Jesus told him, "You believe  
because you have seen me. Blessed  
are those who believe without seeing  
me."

John 20:29



The fear of the Lord is the  
beginning of knowledge, but  
fools despise wisdom and  
instruction. Proverbs 1:7

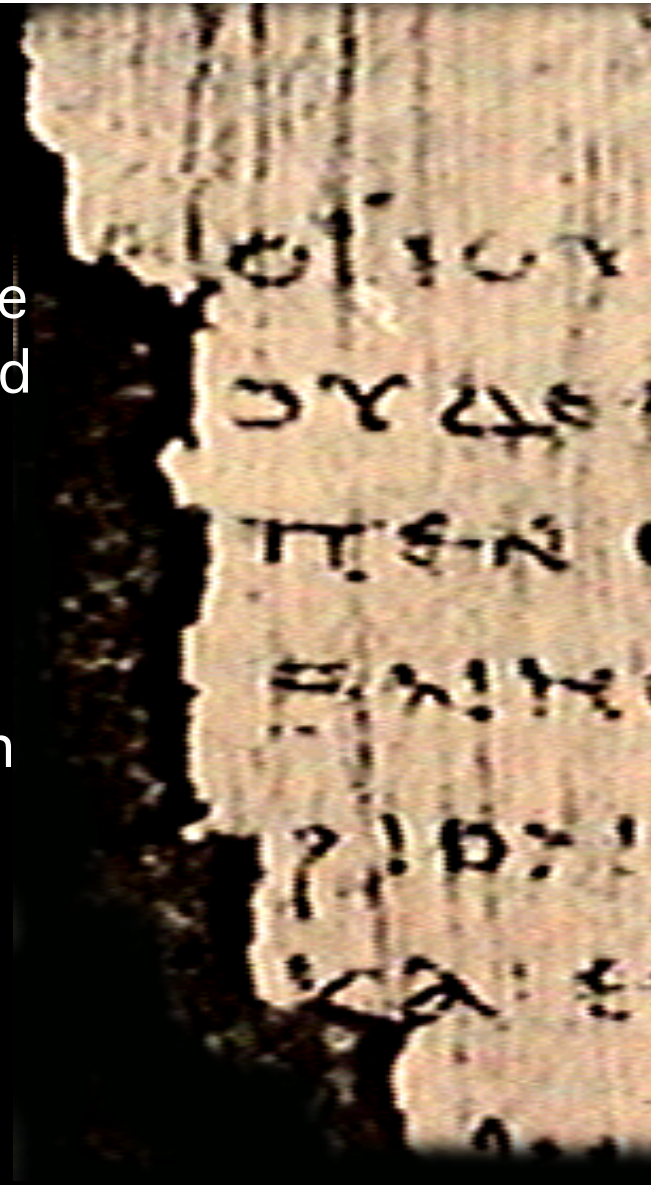




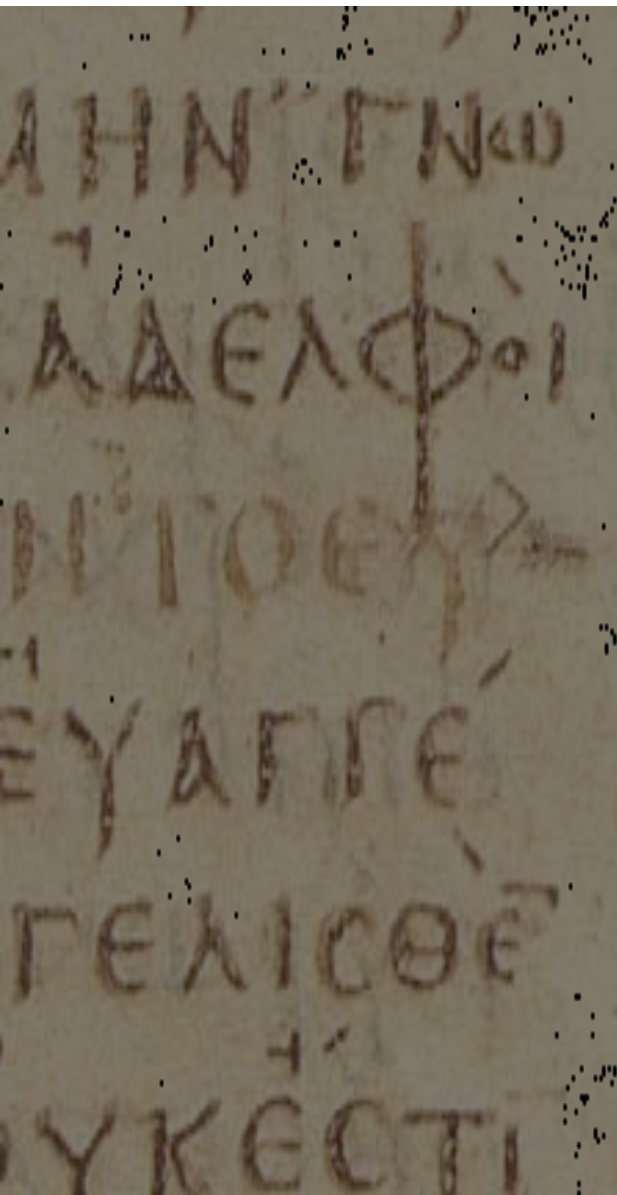


“Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. <sup>10</sup> “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. <sup>11</sup> But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.” <sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.”

Job 1:9-12



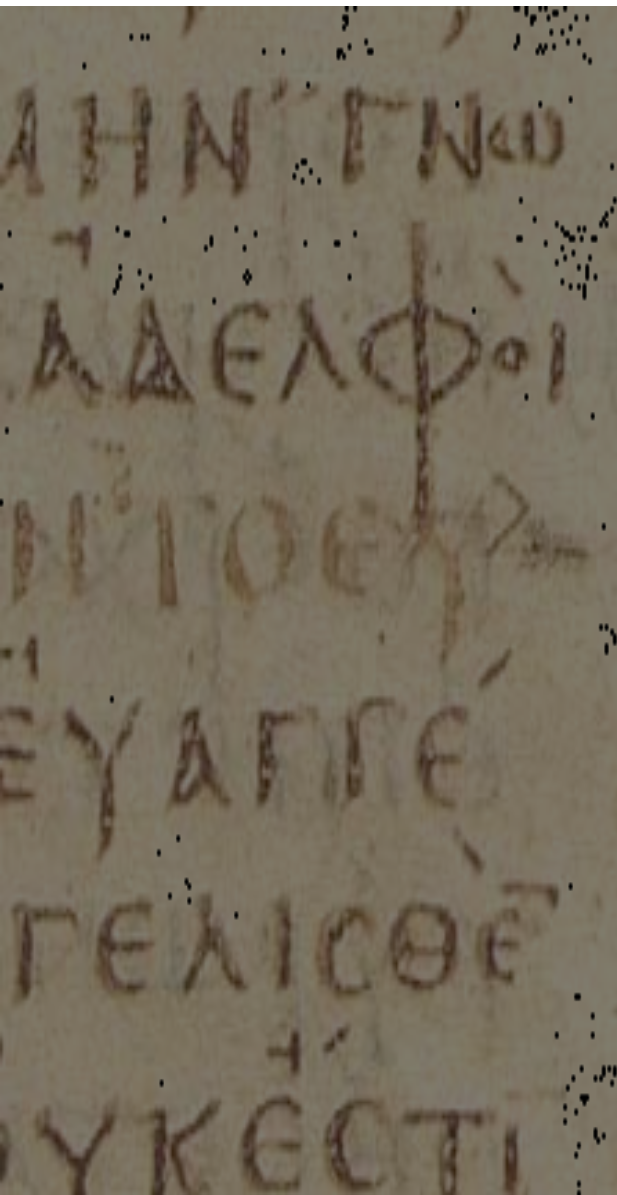




Romans 8:28

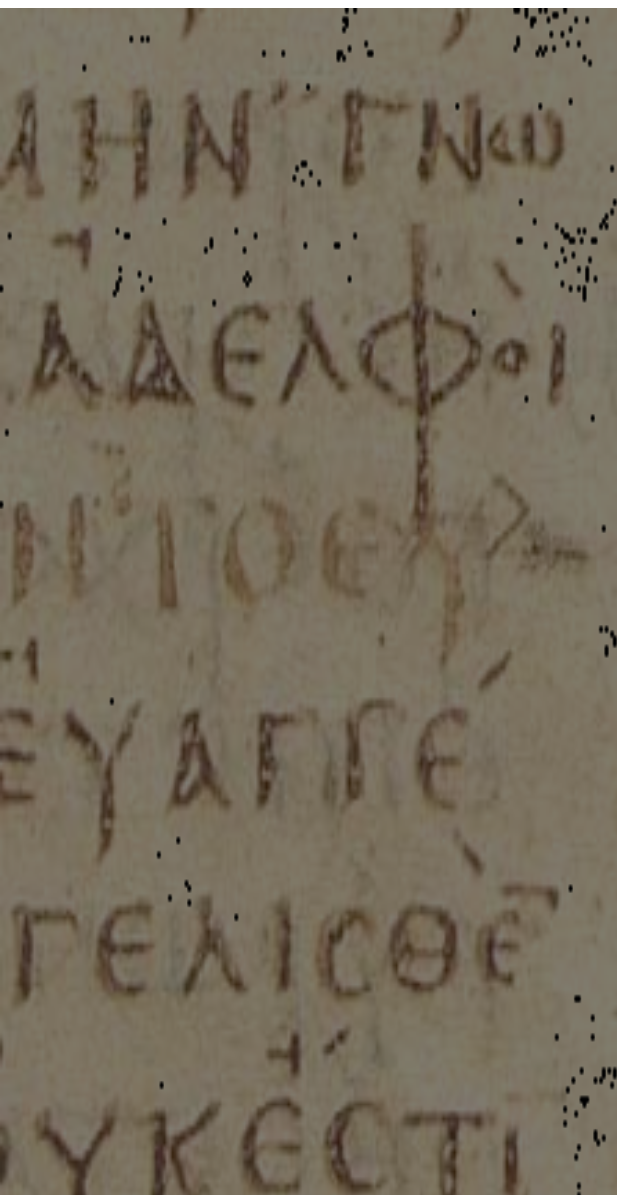
We know that all things  
work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according  
to his purpose.





Blessed are those who  
believe without  
seeing me."

John 20:29



Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. 1 Corinthians 13:12



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