

A close-up photograph of a person's face, focusing on the eye area. A small fly is perched on the person's eye. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

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Job overview

The Fly-Over

Job 1:21 “Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
and naked I will depart.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
may the name of the Lord be praised.”

A close-up, soft-focus photograph of a person's face, focusing on the eye and nose. The person's eye is closed, and a single tear is visible on the lower eyelid. The background is a plain, light grey color.

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2:12 When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. ¹³ Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, ...



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Job 40:2 Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him?"

Job 42:3-6 "Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ... My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

A close-up, soft-focus photograph of a person's face, focusing on the eye and nose. The person's eye is closed, and a single tear is visible on the cheek. The lighting is warm and intimate, creating a somber and reflective mood. The background is a plain, light gray.

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Mountain Peak Highlights

- “Who can bring what is pure from the impure? No one!” (14:4)
- “But man dies and lies prostrate; Man expires, and where is he?” (14:10)
- “If a man dies, will he live again?” (14:14)



*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that
in the end he will stand upon the earth.*

- Job 19:25 -

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Take-Aways from Job

- We don't have all the answers
- How to comfort those who suffer
- The primary purpose of suffering is to make God known to us



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“He always knew that my temple was a house of cards. His only way of making me realize the fact was to knock it down...My idea of God was not a divine idea. It has to be shattered time after time. ... And only suffering could do it.” – C.S. Lewis