

# Job 1:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

## Analysis

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Satan predicts that Job will 'curse' (Hebrew 'barak,' literally 'bless,' used euphemistically) God to His face if prosperity is removed. This reveals Satan's fundamental error: he judges by external observance rather than heart regeneration. True faith, wrought by the Spirit, perseveres through affliction (1 Peter 1:6-7). Satan's challenge unwittingly becomes the occasion for demonstrating that genuine godliness transcends circumstantial blessing.

## Historical Context

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In ancient covenantal contexts, cursing God represented the ultimate covenant violation, worthy of death by stoning (Leviticus 24:15-16). Satan assumes prosperity is the only bond holding Job to God.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. Has your faith been tested by sudden loss? How did you respond?

2. What does Satan's prediction reveal about the world's understanding of true faith?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵלֶּם	שָׁלַח	נָ א	יָדְךָ	וְגַ ע	בְּכָל	אֲשֶׁר	לֹ	אִם
But	put forth	H4994	thine hand	now and touch	H3605	H834	H0	H518
H199	H7971		H3027	H5060				

אֵל לֹ	עַל	פָּנֶי יְ	יְבָרְכֶךָ:
H3808	H5921	thee to thy face	all that he hath and he will curse
		H6440	H1288

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 2:5** (Curse): But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

**Job 19:21** (Parallel theme): Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

**Revelation 16:11** (Parallel theme): And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

**Revelation 16:21** (Parallel theme): And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

**Revelation 16:9** (Parallel theme): And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.