

n the land of Uz lived a good and honest man named Job. He honored God and kept away from evil. He had seven sons and three daughters; and he owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yokes of oxen and 500 donkeys, in addition to having many servants. He was the most important man in the East.

His sons used to celebrated their birthdays with feasts in their homes and they invited their sisters to eat and drink with them. After those feasts, Job arranged for them to be purified. Rising early in the morning, he offered burnt offerings for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and they have cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

One day the angels presented themselves before God, and Satan was with them. And God asked Satan: "Where have you come from?"

"From roaming throughout the earth." Satan replied.

"What do you think of Job, my faithful servant? There is no one on earth like him. He is a blameless and honorable man, who always obeys me and avoids doing evil," said the Lord.