The image features a close-up, textured view of a person's face, likely Job, with a dark, wavy background. The face is rendered in a dark, almost black color, with visible lines and creases, suggesting a weathered or aged appearance. The background consists of dark, wavy lines that create a sense of depth and movement. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

**THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO JOB**

Job 19:1-27

“Then Job answered and said: ²’How long will you torment me and break me in pieces with words? ³ These ten times you have cast reproach upon me; are you not ashamed to wrong me? ⁴ And even if it be true that I have erred, my error remains with myself.

⁵ If indeed you magnify yourselves against me and make my disgrace an argument against me, ⁶ know then that God has put me in the wrong and closed his net about me. ⁷ Behold, I cry out, ‘Violence!’ but I am not answered; I call for help, but there is no justice. ⁸ He has walled up my way, so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness upon my paths.

⁹ He has stripped from me my glory and taken the crown from my head. ¹⁰ He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone, and my hope has he pulled up like a tree. ¹¹ He has kindled his wrath against me and counts me as his adversary. ¹² His troops come on together; they have cast up their siege ramp against me and

encamp around my tent. ¹³ He has put my brothers far from me, and those who knew me are wholly estranged from me. ¹⁴ My relatives have failed me, my close friends have forgotten me. ¹⁵ The guests in my house and my maidservants count me as a stranger; I have become a foreigner in their eyes.

I must plead with him with my mouth
for mercy. ¹⁷ My breath is strange to
my wife, and I am a stench to the
children of my own mother. ¹⁸ Even
young children despise me; when I rise
they talk against me. ¹⁹ All my intimate
friends abhor me, and those whom I
loved have turned against me. ²⁰ My

bones stick to my skin and to my flesh,
and I have escaped by the skin of my
teeth. ²¹ Have mercy on me, have mercy
on me, O you my friends, for the hand of
God has touched me! ²² Why do you, like
God, pursue me? Why are you not
satisfied with my flesh? ²³ 'Oh that my
words were written! Oh that they were
inscribed in a book!

²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”



It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart.

Ecclesiastes 7:2



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1) The Pursuit of God in our misery and pain.

Behold, I cry out, 'Violence!' but I am not answered; I call for help, but there is no justice. He has walled up my way, so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness upon my paths.

Job 19:7,8

The lamp of the wicked is snuffed out; the flame of his fire stops burning.

The light in his tent becomes dark; the lamp beside him goes out.

The vigour of his step is weakened; his own schemes throw him down.

His feet thrust him into a net and he wanders into its mesh.

A trap seizes him by the heel; a snare holds him fast.

Job 18:5-9 (Bildad)

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He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone, and my hope has he pulled up like a tree.

Job 19:7-10 (Job)

2) The longing for justice.

Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! Vs 23,24

You fall out of your mother's womb, you crawl across open country under fire, and drop into your grave. ~ Quentin Crisp

Life is a whim of several billion cells to be you for a while.
~Author Unknown

We are born wet, naked, and hungry. Then things get worse.
~Author Unknown

"What is man that you make so much of him, that you give him so much attention, that you examine him every morning and test him every moment? Will you never look away from me, or let me alone even for an instant?"

Job 7:17-19

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Luke 12: 6,7

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labour for their deeds will follow them.

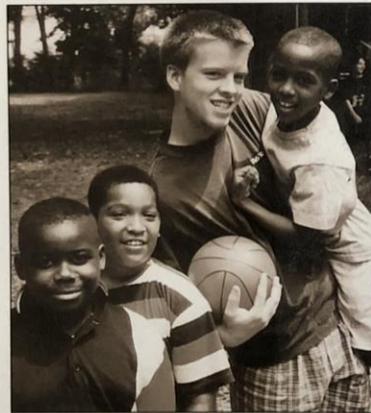
Revelation 14:13

3) The confession of hope.

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Job 19:25-27

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Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high. My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God; on behalf of a man he pleads with God as a man pleads for his friend.

Job 16:19

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Job 19:25-27

