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# Session Eleven

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## CHALLENGES OF FAITH

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#### OBJECTIVE

Children will understand Job's ultimate challenge of faith through extreme adversity, suffering, and loss. They will also learn about how he was blessed by the Lord for His continuous faith.

#### PREPARATION

It is recommended that the session leader review the book of Job prior to leading the session. It is important in order to summarize the story of Job in words that are meaningful to JOY children. The message is a strong one, and with the proper explanation the children can take the message of "perseverance" home with them.

Use the following passages from the book of Job, which can be found on [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) (NKJV), to familiarize yourself with the key story points that are read during our Holy Week Services:

Job 1:1-12

Job 1:32-22

Job 2:1-10

Job 38:1-25

Job 42:1-5

Job 42:12-17

#### MATERIAL NEEDED<sup>1</sup>

Bibles with the Old Testament– Same version for every child.

Copy of the Opening and Closing Prayers found at the end of this session (1 per child)

Copy of Family Notes for each child

A large backpack (to get more kids involved, you can use more backpacks)

Heavy objects such as large books, rocks, athletic equipment, a chair etc. These objects are needed for the simulation of getting closer to your goal even when bogged down in life. The more cumbersome these objects are to hold the better.

A prize or privilege of some sort. This could be anything from a pack of gum to a bottle of soda. A prize that can be shared with the whole group is better, like pizza.

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Copies of the Apolytikion and Kontakion of the Prophet Job

8 x 10 Cardstock (1 piece per person) Cut in half

3 Hole Punch (More than one is best)

Glue sticks (1 per person)

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Markers and pencils for everyone to share  
Paper icon of Job (1 per person)

### **OPENING PRAYER** *Trisagion (Trice Holy)*

*In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Glory to You our God, glory to You!*

*Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and abide in us and purify us from every stain and of Your goodness, save our souls O gracious Lord.*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)*

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever to the ages of ages. Amen.*

*All Holy Trinity have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for the glory of your name.*

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, to the ages of ages. Amen.*

*Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.*

*For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen*

### **STATE** *(paraphrase in your own words)*

Today we are going to explore the idea of Challenges of Faith by talking about things that challenge us in our lives. We will learn about the Prophet Job who lost everything he had, including his family and still remained faithful to God. As Orthodox Christians we know that every aspect of our lives ought to be focused on Christ, yet things keep weighing us down from our ultimate goal.

### **DISCUSS**

What sort of things keep you away from something you love or want really badly? *(friends, illness, too hard to keep trying, giving up is easier, even your parents, etc...)*

A lot of times we find ourselves making excuses as to why we miss church on Sunday or even a Joy meeting. What are the types of **temptations** that keep us from

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where we should be? (*other commitments, friends, too tired, woke up late, etc...*)  
What kind of challenges have you faced that seemed nearly impossible?

### ACTIVITY

Just for fun, we will show what we mean by this. Here is a big bag of bubble gum. There is enough for each of you to get several pieces. Now, we will put this gum way over yonder. Can you see it from where you are from?

Well, I want you to get it, (name) and share it with everyone here. So, strap this bag on your back and let's begin.

### STATE (*to the volunteer*)

I am only going to allow you to take one step at a time. Each time I will ask you if you still want the gum badly enough to go on. You will be presented with great challenges and some could easily be obstacles of your faithfulness.

You begin with these items that you will need for your journey in this world. I will load them. (Load it pretty heavily—big books and whatever else you can find.) After all, things are good to have, right?

### STATE

Job was a man who had everything that a human being at that time could want, a large family, plenty of land and lots of livestock. Job was happy and healthy due to his favor with God because of faithfulness and righteousness. God looked at Job as the ultimate faithful servant because Job was always praising God and thanking Him for the blessings given to him.

Job was so Godward facing that even the Devil took notice and plotted evils against him to test His faith in God. So, one day, the Devil approached God and said that if Job were to lose all of his family and material wealth surely he would not be the faithful servant that God thought he was. Knowing the strength of Job, God allowed the Devil to not only take away all of Job's material possessions such as his land and livestock. Job's entire family was also killed. But the Devil was proven wrong!

Even though all was taken away from Job, the Lord God made sure to allow Job to keep his health. Job remained faithful to God even in this great loss and prayed to God without stopping.

The Devil saw Job's **devotion** to God and so he went again to God, this time saying if he were allowed to take away Job's health, surely Job would curse God to His face. Understanding how much Job was prepared for, God again allowed the Devil

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to increase Job's **suffering** but made sure the Devil didn't kill Job. Covered in sores and boils all over his body, Job was so sick that when people who knew him visited him, they stood in shock once they saw what had become of him. Through all that he had suffered, he remained faithful and continued to gratefully pray to God.

**ASK** (*Speaking to volunteer*)

Do you want to keep going to get the gum? Here, you may need more for your journey. (Load the bag even more, and the arms!)

**STATE**

Job **persevered** and kept living a life centered on God. Seeing how devoted Job was to Him, God restored everything to Job, even in greater abundance.

**DISCUSS** (*with the entire group*)

What was Job always striving towards as his first priority? (*A relationship with God*)  
After Job loses his children and property, in Job 1:21 he says "the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. What does this statement say about all of our possessions, relationships, our health, and our lives? (*That all is from God and depends on Him for its creation, its sustenance, and its death and renewal. For example: the four seasons and the cycle of life.*)

**ASK** (*To the volunteer*)

Do you still want to continue? You must **persevere** like Job!

**STATE** (*paraphrase in your own words*)

All things are in God's hands, and He is at work for our growth and salvation in all things. God does not cause evil but He allows it as to not take away our free will. However, when evil happens God is also there to rescue us like He did Job.

Just as precious gold is purified in the fire so, too, we are purified in our **suffering**. And if, like Job, we remain faithful throughout our suffering, then our Lord promises us renewal in this life and resurrection in the next. Our Lord's **perseverance** on the cross is our best example.

**DISCUSS** (*with the entire group*)

What can a person who is suffering learn from Job's suffering? (*That when we are suffering, God is still there for us. That we must trust in God's reasons for allowing us to be suffering and trust that God will rescue us if and when He sees fit*)

What makes this easier said than done? (*Because we care about other people we don't want to see them hurting, we also see that other people do not have such problems and we envy their fortune*)

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### ASK *(To volunteer)*

Do you think God wants you to get to that gum? You will have a greater challenge to get there now. I need two people to act as anchors, and cling to the legs of the volunteer. Whatever you do, don't let go!

### STATE

In times of suffering, this truth about God's saving us is not so easy to see or believe. Many times people quit believing in the truth and buy into what the Devil wants you to believe: "God leaves you to suffer. He can rescue you but won't. He leaves you and abandons you in suffering." Just like the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Job's trials teaches us that **patience** and faith in God leads us to even greater things!

### ASK *(To Volunteer)*

Have you gotten any gum yet? You really deserve it because you have not yet given up.

### STATE

Job's perseverance, his unending persistence in remaining faithful to God through all of his suffering gave him courage, comfort, and fulfillment. His faith was tested, and God allowed great burdens to come upon him for an entire season. *(To the volunteers)* Your season is now complete. By virtue of your willingness to push forward with the weight, you have already proven it weightless. What is becomes what is not, and you will have your reward. I shall grant you the gum, and more where that came from!

What did some of the items that weighed down the backpack represent to you? *(Stress, bad grades, family problems, a bully at school, etc)*

What are some of the ways the Devil gets us to keep our eyes off of Christ in order to challenge our faith? *(feeling sorry for ourselves, comparing ourselves to others, envy, etc.)*

When we are faced with a tough challenge and we are losing faith that our load will be lifted, what can we do? Who can we turn to? *(We can receive the Sacraments such as Holy Unction, Communion, and Confession. We can read scripture, writings of holy people, and also pray as a community in services such as the Paraklesis)*

### BIBLE READING - Job 42:1-5 (Orthodox Study Bible 2008)

*(Distribute Bibles with Old Testament)* We are going to read about what Job tells God at the end of his many trials and challenges when he repents before God. Please turn to Job 42:1-5. If you get there before us please read it silently before we discuss it. *(Explain the verses as you read)*

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“Then Job answered the Lord and said: ‘I know You can do all things, And nothing is impossible for You. For who is he who hides counsel from You? Who keeps back his words And thinks to hide them from You? Who will tell me what I know not, Things too great and wonderful, which I did not know? But hear me, O Lord, that I also may speak. I will ask You, and please teach Me. I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.’”

### DISCUSS

What does this passage teach us that Job learned while losing his family, his property and his health? (*Everything is possible with God. Through his challenges he gained spiritual knowledge which comes not from hearing about God, but through opening your heart to Him in order to see Him*)

What does Job say about holding back things from God? (*We need to open up our concerns to God so that he can teach us what direction to go in*)

After hearing the story of the life of Job and learning about the prophets a few months ago, can you explain why Job is called a prophet? (*Job’s trials are a foretelling or prophecy of the suffering of Christ and His resurrection*)

### ARTS AND CRAFTS – Mini Books of Job

Since we are now more familiar with the book of Job we are going to put together a mini book of Job that we can share with someone who may be going through a challenge of faith and could use some inspiration. (*See expanded ideas*) Before doing anything I will give the directions.

### STATE

Just as the winter’s cold and bitterness eventually find spring’s renewal, so too did Job’s meeting the challenges of faith result in a restoration and renewal of life. If we have patience and faith God will reveal to us great blessings. Your challenge today is to live faithfully like the Prophet Job, to try to follow God’s will no matter what the sacrifice, and to remember “Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

### Closing Prayer

*O Lord, grant to me that with Your peace I may greet all that this day is to bring.  
Grant to me grace to surrender myself completely to Your holy will.  
In every hour of this day instruct and guide me in all things.  
Whatever tidings I may receive during this day,  
Teach me to accept tranquilly in the firm belief that Your holy will governs all.  
Govern my thoughts and feelings in all I do and say.  
When unforeseen things occur, let me not forget that all is sent by You.  
Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonably toward everyone,  
That I may bring confusion and sorrow to no one.  
Bestow on me, O Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day*

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*And to bear my part in its events.*

*Guide my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive and to love.*

*Prayer of the Optima Elders*

### EXPANDED IDEAS

As this is the last meeting of the year, include a field trip to visit shut-ins, hospitals, and assisted living facilities. Bring the mini books of Job as a gift. You may want to have the kids read them during the visit. Make sure to call ahead before visiting. Get the kids together in groups of three or four and pass out newspapers to each group. Have them search for stories that show people who are going through tough challenges. Talk about how they would handle these challenges. Pray for the health and strength of the people in the stories as a group.<sup>2</sup>

Go into the church and have the parish priest read the prayers for healing or a Paraklesis service where all of the JOY family is invited to read and participate. Offer us names for the group to pray for during the service.

Laminate icon/prayer cards for the priest and parishioners to take on visitations. Check with your priest on all of the information needed. These cards are a great way for families to know that their loved one was visited and for people who are not feeling well to know that their church is close to them.

### GLOSSARY

**Perseverance** – The act of persisting in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counterinfluences, opposition, or discouragement

**Devotion** – Religious fervor - piety

**Patience** – Bearing pains and trials calmly without complaint

**Temptation** – to entice to do wrong by promise of pleasure or gain

**Suffering** – To endure death, pain or distress, to sustain loss or damage, and to be subject to disability or handicap

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<http://www.theologic.com/oflweb/raise-em/badthings.htm>

### ARTS AND CRAFTS - Mini Books of Job

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Cardstock ( 1 piece per person) Use 8 1/2 x 11 cut in half

3 Hole Punch

Glue sticks (1 per person)

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Markers and pencils for everyone to share  
Paper icon of Job (1 per person)

### **DIRECTIONS**

Pass out supplies and show participants a sample  
Have them put the pages with the passages in order according to the verse numbers  
Instruct the kids to assemble the front cover, inner pages, and back page  
Punch holes if not already punched  
Tie together with brads  
Glue the icon of Job on the front cover, they may want to paste the Apolytikion and Kontakion on the front or on the inside cover  
Decorate the front cover and illustrate on the opposite page of the writing  
Sign the back cover as a publisher would

### **FEAST OF THE PROPHET JOB IS CELEBRATED ON MAY 6**

#### **Apolytikion in the First Tone**

On beholding the riches of Job's virtues, the enemy of the righteous contrived to despoil them; and though he cast down the tower of the Saint's body, he could not plunder the wealth of his spirit, for he found the soul of that blameless one to be fully armed; but as for me, he hath stripped me and led me captive away. Hasten, then, before the end, rescue me from the wily one, O Saviour, and save me.

#### **Kontakion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone**

Thou wast shown forth as blameless, true, God-fearing, just, and sanctified, O thou much-suffering Prophet, all-glorious servant of God, most righteous Job; by thy valiant endurance and thy patience thou gavest instruction to the world. For this cause we all honour and praise thine all-holy memory.

Apolytikion courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery  
Kontakion courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

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### **FAMILY NOTES - Challenges of Faith**

Today your child(ren) learned how People of Faith often have **Challenges of Faith**. They learned about the suffering and temptation of the Prophet Job and how he was rewarded for his faithfulness by God. They made Mini Books of Job to give to someone who is going through their own challenges of faith. To find out

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a little more about what they learned, ask the following questions:  
What are some of the ways that the Devil tempted Job?  
What temptations keep us from God?  
What can we do when we are going through a tough time?

### MODELS OF CHALLENGES OF FAITH IN:

July  
Sts. Cosmas and Damian the Unmercenaries  
Prophet Elias (20)  
St. Mary Magdalene (22)  
August  
Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus (4)  
Dormition of the Theotokos (15)  
Beheading of John the Baptist (29)

### ACTIVITIES

One of the greatest challenges to our faith is when we envy what others have. It is easy to forget our blessings when we are looking at someone else's. Create a family "Envy-lope." When someone catches themselves or someone else comparing what they have to someone else, they will make a donation to the "envy-lope." Collect money give to a local children's hospital, VA hospital, or other charity where people are in need of blessings.

Prayer is a great way to combat challenges of faith. As a family, fast for the Dormition of the Theotokos, if you don't already and attend Paraklesis services. Prepare names of those loved ones who need healing and bring them to church for their names to be read during the service.

Read the story of the Three Holy Youths (Daniel 3:1-23). You will need 12" pipe cleaners, rolls of yellow/orange/ red cellophane, permanent markers and pipe cleaners. Have each person cut pieces of plastic and write on them things that seem to be bothering them or hurting them. Wind the pipe cleaner around it to make a flame-like form. Pile them all together. Have each family member pick one randomly, read it aloud and offer a way not to be bothered by the problem, rubbing the "flame" on the person he/she thinks that is bothered by it – symbolizing that it cannot hurt them if they believe that Christ is with them.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

A book to read that really exemplifies challenges of faith is FATHER ARSENY 1893-1973: Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father, translated by Vera Bouteneff. For children, check out Silent as a Stone by Jim Forest. These titles are both available at [www.svspress.com](http://www.svspress.com).

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### **OPENING PRAYER** *Trisagion (Trice Holy)*

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### **CLOSING PRAYER**

*O Lord, grant to me that with Your peace I may greet all that this day is to bring.*

*Grant to me grace to surrender myself completely to Your holy will.*

*In every hour of this day instruct and guide me in all things.*

*Whatever tidings I may receive during this day,*

*Teach me to accept tranquilly in the firm belief that Your holy will governs all.*

*Govern my thoughts and feelings in all I do and say.*

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*Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonably toward everyone,*

*That I may bring confusion and sorrow to no one.*

*Bestow on me, O Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day*

*And to bear my part in its events.*

*Guide my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive and to love.*

*Prayer of the Optina Elders*

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Growing Close: Activities for Building Friendships and Unity in Youth Groups*, Group Publishing, p. 111.

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### Job 1:1-12

#### Job and His Family in Uz

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. 2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. 3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

4 And his sons would go and feast *in their* houses, each on his *appointed* day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed<sup>[a]</sup> God in their hearts.” Thus Job did regularly.

#### Satan Attacks Job’s Character

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan<sup>[b]</sup> also came among them. 7 And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” 8 Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” 9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!” 12 And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person*.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

### Job 2:1-10

#### Satan Attacks Job’s Health

1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” 3 Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity,

although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.”  
4 So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!” 6 And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he *is* in your hand, but spare his life.” 7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. 8 And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes. 9 Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!” 10 But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

### **Job 38**

#### **The LORD Reveals His Omnipotence to Job**

- 1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:  
2 “Who *is* this who darkens counsel  
    By words without knowledge?  
3 Now prepare yourself like a man;  
    I will question you, and you shall answer Me.  
4 “ Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?  
    Tell *Me*, if you have understanding.  
5 Who determined its measurements?  
    Surely you know!  
    Or who stretched the line upon it?  
6 To what were its foundations fastened?  
    Or who laid its cornerstone,  
7 When the morning stars sang together,  
    And all the sons of God shouted for joy?  
8 “Or *who* shut in the sea with doors,  
    When it burst forth *and* issued from the womb;  
9 When I made the clouds its garment,  
    And thick darkness its swaddling band;  
10 When I fixed My limit for it,  
    And set bars and doors;

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11 When I said,

‘This far you may come, but no farther,  
And here your proud waves must stop!’

12 “Have you commanded the morning since your days *began*,

*And* caused the dawn to know its place,

13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,  
And the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It takes on form like clay *under* a seal,  
And stands out like a garment.

15 From the wicked their light is withheld,  
And the upraised arm is broken.

16 “Have you entered the springs of the sea?  
Or have you walked in search of the depths?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you?  
Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth?  
Tell *Me*, if you know all this.

19 “Where *is* the way *to* the dwelling of light?  
And darkness, where *is* its place,

20 That you may take it to its territory,  
That you may know the paths *to* its home?

21 Do you know *it*, because you were born then,  
Or *because* the number of your days *is* great?

22 “Have you entered the treasury of snow,  
Or have you seen the treasury of hail,

23 Which I have reserved for the time of trouble,  
For the day of battle and war?

24 By what way is light diffused,  
Or the east wind scattered over the earth?

25 “Who has divided a channel for the overflowing *water*,  
Or a path for the thunderbolt,

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### Job 42:1-5

#### Job's Repentance and Restoration

- 1 Then Job answered the LORD and said:
- 2 “I know that You can do everything,  
And that no purpose *of Yours* can be withheld from You.
- 3 *You asked*, ‘Who *is* this who hides counsel without knowledge?’  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
- 4 Listen, please, and let me speak;  
*You said*, ‘I will question you, and you shall answer Me.’
- 5 “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,  
But now my eye sees You.

### Job 42:12-17

12 Now the LORD blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. 13 He also had seven sons and three daughters. 14 And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. 15 In all the land were found no women *so* beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. 16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren *for* four generations. 17 So Job died, old and full of days.