

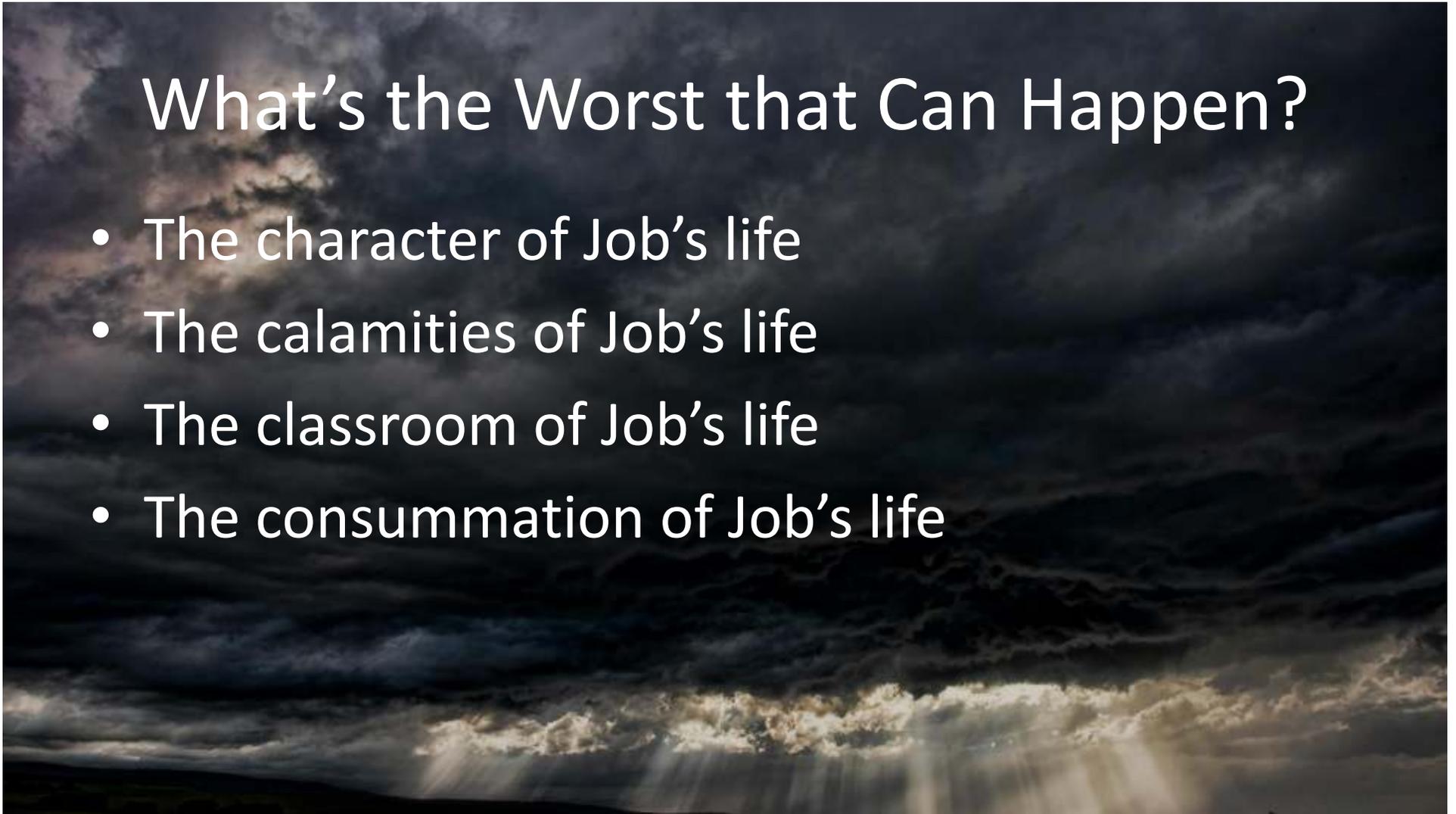
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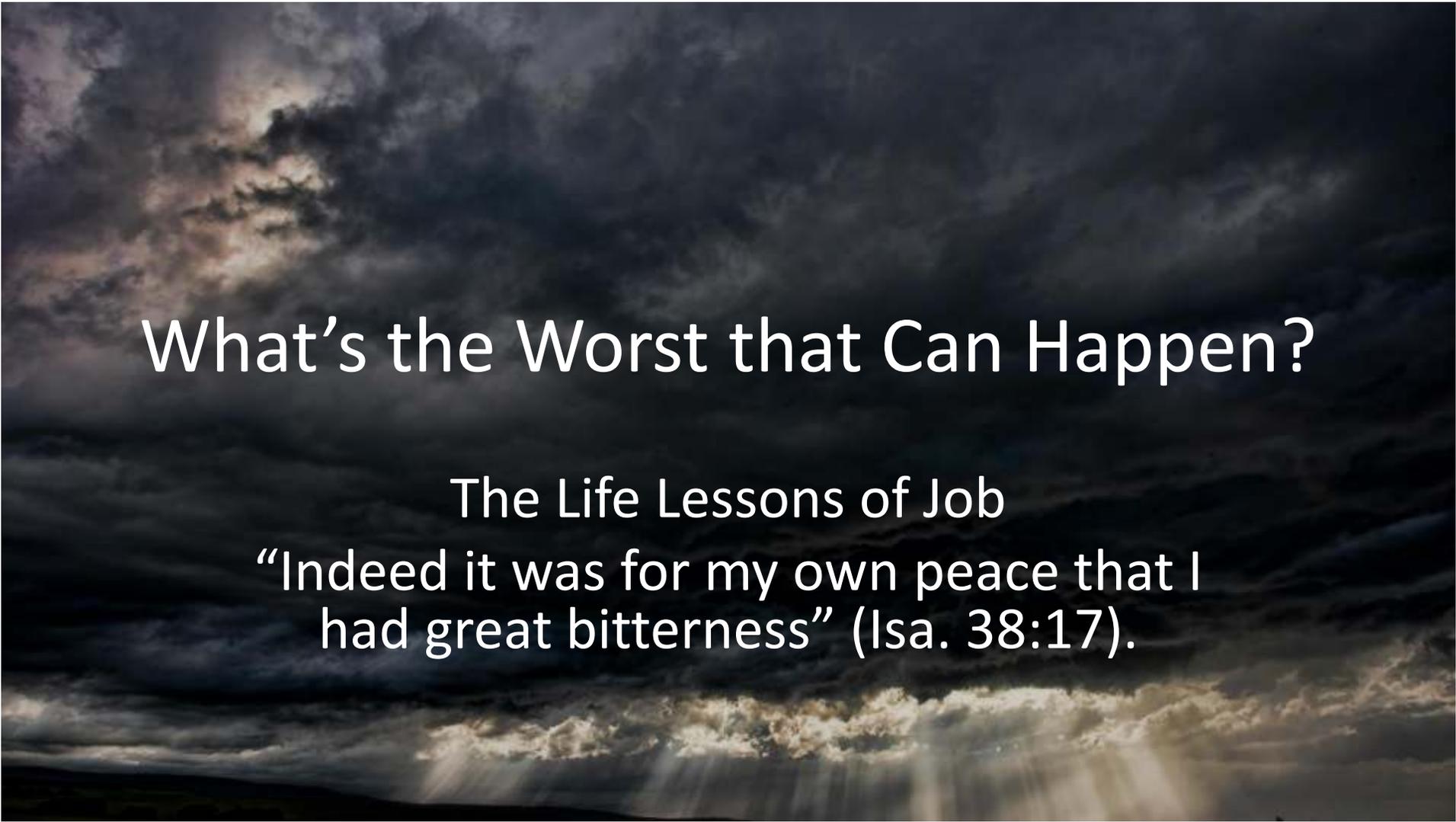
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- The character of Job's life
- The calamities of Job's life
- The classroom of Job's life
- The consummation of Job's life



The Character Of Job's Life

- He lived a godly life
 - Job 1:1, 5, 8, 20-22, 2:3, 10
- He lived a good life
 - Job 1:2-3
- He lived a graced life
 - Job 1:9-11, 2:4-5



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The Calamities Of Job's Life

- His calamities touched his fortune
 - Job 1:14-17
- His calamities touched his family
 - Job 1:18-19, 2:9
- His calamities touched his fitness
 - Job 2:1-8

The Calamities Of Job's Life

- Some of God's most precious saints endured great affliction
 - Paul - 2Cor. 11:23-28
 - Daniel - Dan. 6
 - The three Hebrews - Dan. 3
 - David and all the trials of his life - Psalms
 - Jesus was called “a man of sorrows” - Isa. 53:3

The Calamities Of Job's Life

- What does the Bible say about this?
 - Job 14:1 - “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.”
 - Job 5:7 - “Yet man is born to trouble, As the sparks fly upward.”
 - John 16:33 - “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

The Calamities Of Job's Life

- 1Peter 4:12-14 - “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.”
- Acts 5:41 - “So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.”

The Classroom Of Job's Life

- He learned lessons about the person of God
 - Job 38-41
- He learned lessons about the purposes of God
 - Job 3-37, 42:1-5
- He learned lessons about the power of God
 - Job 38-41, 42:10-12

The Classroom Of Job's Life

- He learned that nothing in life is safe from difficulty or disruption.
- God alone must be our object of love
 - Matt. 6:19-21 - “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Classroom Of Job's Life

- He learned that God's purpose in trial is not to punish us, but to perfect us.
- We will never fully know our own strength and endurance, and we will never know the fullness of the power of God, until we find ourselves in the extremes of trial

The Classroom Of Job's Life

- He learned that God's purposes and plans for our lives are often beyond our comprehension
 - Isa. 55:8-9 - "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

The Classroom Of Job's Life

- He learned that God is absolutely sovereign in all of life
 - Rom. 8:28 - “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”
 - 2Cor. 4:17 - “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”
 - Psalm 37:23 - “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.”

The Classroom Of Job's Life

- He learned that all things work out in the end
 - Rom. 8:18 - “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”
 - 1Cor. 2:9 - “But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

The Consummation Of Job's Life

- It was a time of personal repentance
 - Job 42:6
- It was a time of piercing revival
 - Job 42:7-10
- It was a time of powerful restoration
 - Job 42:10-17
- It was a time of profound reflection
 - Job 42:14

The Consummation Of Job's Life

- The names Job gave his daughters reveal the condition of his heart.
 - Jemima - Daylight dove - God gave Job enlightenment in place of his darkness and peace in place of his turmoil.
 - Kezia - Joyful fragrance - God replaced Job's sorrow and loss with the sweet savor of His blessings.
 - Keren-Happuch - Eyes that glow - God replaced Job's pained expressions and downcast eyes with a shining face and bright eyes

The Consummation Of Job's Life

- Regardless of how dark the valley, God is always there with us as we travel through
 - Heb. 13:5 - "...For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you."
 - Matt. 28:20 - "...Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
 - Psalm 23:4 - "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me..."
 - 1Peter 5:7 - "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

The Consummation Of Job's Life

- No matter how bad things become, they will not last forever. As you travel through your dark valley, remember that just as there was an entrance into it, there will be an exit from it
 - Ecc. 3:1, 4, 6 - “To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven... 4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance... 6 A time to gain, And a time to lose...”

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- Lam. 3:31-33 - “For the Lord will not cast off forever. 32 Though He causes grief, Yet He will show compassion According to the multitude of His mercies. 33 For He does not afflict willingly, Nor grieve the children of men.”