

*What type of skin disease did Job have?*

Job was under trials due to a confrontation between God and Satan (Jb 1:6–12; 2:1–6). Satan was able to curse Job with a skin ailment (2:4-8). After his first trials, God reminded Satan that Job was faithful (2:1–3).

Satan responded, “But take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!” 2:4-5.

Regarding Job 2:7-8, John MacArthur wrote:

...Although the nature of Job’s affliction cannot be diagnosed exactly, it produced extreme physical trauma (cf. 2:13; 3:24; 7:5, 14; 13:28; 16:8; 19:17; 30:17, 30; 33:21). One cannot fully understand Job’s conversations throughout the book without considering the extraordinary physical distress he endured in a day without medicine or pain relief. His boils would have been similar to those of the Egyptians (Ex. 9:8–11) and Hezekiah (2 Kin. 20:7).

...Suffering terribly, Job took himself to where the lepers go: the ash heap outside the city where he scraped at his sores with a piece of broken pottery, perhaps breaking them open to release the infection.<sup>1</sup>

Thought we suffer trials, God will sustain us.

The apostle Paul wrote:

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. 1 Co 10:13

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<sup>1</sup> MacArthur, J., Jr. (Ed.). (1997). The MacArthur Study Bible (electronic ed.). Nashville, TN: Word Pub.