**Job, A Shadow of Christ**

Christ is seen in the people of the Old Testament. “You examine the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is those very Scriptures that testify about Me” (John 5:39). Moses is a type of Christ (Deut. 18:15-19). There are several others, who in some way resemble Christ. Job also shares many of the character traits of Christ, and worth considering.

1. “There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil” (Job 1:1). This obviously reflects the holiness of Christ.

2. Job was tempted personally by Satan. “Then Satan answered the LORD, “Does Job fear God for nothing?” (Job 1:91). Then Satan will personally tempt Job with the loss of everything, and painful boils all over him to the point that Job’s three friends didn’t recognize him (Job 2:12). Jesus also was personally tested by Satan many times, “so when the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time” (Luke 4:13). So when Job was faced with two great temptations in the first two chapters of the book, “Job did not sin, nor did he blame God.” (Job 1:22). Job defeated Satan, and Christ all the more!

3. Job trusted God, much like Jesus did. Even though Job was struck with, “severe boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head.” he would not give in to sin despite the severe pain. Jesus was whipped by the Romans before being crucified (John 19:1). Pain did not stop either one to quit.

4. Job’s trust in God seems superhuman. “Though He slay me,

I will hope in Him. Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him.” (Job 13:15). Job was willing to be put to death, but this would not diminish his trust in God. Then obviously, Jesus did such an act on the cross.

5. Job spoke the truth about God, as God said, “… you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as My servant Job has. ” (Job 42:7). So also Jesus spoke exactly what the Father said (John. 12:47-50).

6. Job prayed for his 3 friends, who wrongfully accused him. “The LORD also restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased double all that Job had.” (Job 42:10). Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies (Matt. 5:44). Then Jesus did what he taught us to do, “But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” as he was hanging on the cross (Luke 23:34). Job proclaimed, “I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last, He will take His stand on the earth.” (Job 19:25). Amen! This is none other than our Jesus in the New Testament. Dan Peters