

# Praise Him or Curse Him

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**THEME or SCRIPTURE BASIS** - Making a choice to praise God - Job

**SYNOPSIS** - Job is a contestant on the game show "Praise Him or Curse Him" (a spoof on "Deal or No Deal.") Job picks cases that contain the trials he went through and the host prods him to choose "Praise Him or Curse Him." His panel of friends include his wife, Eliphaz and Bildad. In the end the Creator rewards him for his faithfulness.

## CAST

**HOST**, acts like Howie Mandel. He represents the Devil in the story of Job.

**JOB**, no explanation needed.

**WIFE**, Job's, that is.

**ELIPHAZ**, one of Job's friends

**BILDAD**, one of Job's friends

**CASE HOLDERS**, 5 ladies who hold the cases and open them when prompted

## PROPS

5 cases of different colors

3 signs for the cases:

"Lose Livestock & Crops"

"Children & Servants Be Dead"

"You Have Boils"

a small table

a phone

## SOUND EFFECTS

phone ring

*There is a game show atmosphere. There are five ladies holding different color cases. There is a phone on a small table at center stage. The WIFE, ELIPHAZ & BILDAD are sit in a row stage left and the HOST and JOB are center stage. One case is open and a sign inside reveals: "Lose Livestock & Crops" We pick up the scene as if the show has come back from a commercial.*

**HOST** Welcome back. If you are just joining us we are in the middle of an exciting game here at “Praise Him, Curse Him.”

Before we took our break, Job was about to make his decision. Let’s recap.

Job, you have lost your livestock and your crops. Now if you choose to “Praise Him,” you’ll have a chance to open another case but if you choose to “Curse Him,” we’ll give you back your livestock and crops but you give up the chance for the Grand Prize.

**JOB** That’s easy. I choose “Praise Him.”

**HOST** “Praise Him?” Are you craz... *(he catches his breath)* “Praise Him.” Okay Job, pick another case.

**JOB** I’ll take the red one.

**HOST** Job picked the red case. Can you... open the case.

*Candy opens the case and everyone reacts. In the case is a card with the words. “Children & Servants are Dead.”*

**HOST** *(almost laughing and then he stops himself)* Oh, what a blow! I have never seen anyone with such terrible luck. I don’t think you’ve gotten one thing good from our cases yet.

*(out to the audience)* This is the time where we bring in some people to help our contestants. Who did you bring with you today, Job?

**JOB** Well, first there’s my lovely wife.

**WIFE** *(she is loud and brash)* Curse God and die!

**HOST** Oh,... yes... lovely.

**JOB** Next is my friend, Eliphaz.

**HOST** Who?

**JOB** Eliphaz. And finally, my friend, Bildad.

**HOST** Nice to meet, folks. Okay, Job, you know how this works. You can consult with team to help decide whether you want to “Praise Him or Curse Him.” Let’s find out what they have to say.

**WIFE** Curse God and die!

**HOST** Well, that about sums it up from your wife. How about you, Bilbo?

**BILDAD** It’s Bildad. Job, are you sure you haven’t done anything to bring on all this terrible luck?

**ELIPHAZ** I’m with Kilroy, here.

**BILDAD** Bildad.

**ELIPHAZ** It seems like you’re being punished for something you’ve done. Is there something you feel you need to confess?

**WIFE** Curse God and die!

**HOST** I’m getting the general consensus that maybe you should “Curse Him” and walk away while you still can. Remember if you choose to “Curse Him” now you give up the Grand Prize but you still have your health.

**JOB** First I would like to say there is nothing I need to confess and even though my wife and friends are suggesting I “Curse Him” and be done... (pause) I’m... going to... “Praise Him.”

**HOST** I knew you would “Curse... Wait a minute did you say “Praise Him?”

**JOB** Yes, yes, I’m going to “Praise Him.”

**HOST** (aside) This is tougher than I thought. (to Job) Okay, Job... you have one more case to open. Pick a case.

**JOB** I’ll take the green one.

**HOST** Betty, open the case.

*The case is opened and there is a sign inside that reads, “You Have Boils.” The HOST can’t contain it anymore, he lets out a boisterous laugh. There is commotion from the friends.*

**WIFE** Curse God and die, will ya?

**HOST** Tough break, Job. It seems there's no mercy for you. Somebody up there really has it out for you. I'm sorry but I have to ask you... "Praise Him or Curse Him?"

**JOB** You can do what you want to me. It may not be easy, it may cost me everything and I may not understand how this all fits into God's plan but I do have a choice and I choose...

*Everyone waits in anticipation for Job's answer.*

**JOB** "Praise Him." I choose to "Praise Him" no matter what!

*The phone on the table rings and the HOST answers it.*

**HOST** Yes. Uh, huh. Yeah, I know. *(he is getting more and more discouraged)* Yes. Are you sure? ... You've got to be kidding me.... But that's not.... Okay, okay, I'll tell him. *(he hangs up the phone)*

That was the Creator and he wanted me to tell you something.

**JOB** Yes.

**HOST** Since you picked "Praise Him" you are not only getting everything back but it will be multiplied by 10. The Creator is going to reward you for your faithfulness

**JOB** Well folks that's all for today and remember... you always have a choice to *(he gets the audience to say it with him)* "Praise Him or Curse Him."

*The End*