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Psalm 147:5 (NLT)

5a How great is our Lord! **His power is absolute!**

Job 2:4-5 (NLT)

4 Satan replied to the LORD, “Skin for skin! A man will give up everything he has to save his life. **5** But reach out and take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!”

Job 3:1-16 (NLT)

3 “Let the day of my birth be erased, and the night I was conceived. **4** Let that day be turned to darkness. Let it be lost even to God on high, and let no light shine on it. **5** Let the darkness and utter gloom claim that day for its own. Let a black cloud overshadow it, and let the darkness terrify it. **6** Let that night be blotted off the calendar, never again to be counted among the days of the year, never again to appear among the months. **7** Let that night be childless. Let it have no joy. **8** Let those who are experts at cursing—whose cursing could rouse Leviathan curse that day. **9** Let its morning stars remain dark. Let it hope for light, but in vain; may it never see the morning light. **10** Curse that day for failing to shut my mother’s womb, for letting me be born to see all this trouble. **11** “Why wasn’t I born dead? Why didn’t I die as I came from the womb? **12** Why was I laid on my mother’s lap? Why did she nurse me at her breasts? **13** Had I died at

birth, I would now be at peace. I would be asleep and at rest. **14** I would rest with the world's kings and prime ministers, whose great buildings now lie in ruins. **15** I would rest with princes, rich in gold, whose palaces were filled with silver. **16** Why wasn't I buried like a stillborn child, like a baby who never lives to see the light?

Job 38:2-21 (NLT)

2 “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? **3** Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. **4** “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. **5** Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? **6** What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone **7** as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? **8** “Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, **9** and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness? **10** For I locked it behind barred gates, limiting its shores. **11** I said, ‘This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!’ **12** “Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east? **13** Have you made daylight spread to the ends of the earth, to bring an end to the night's wickedness? **14** As the light approaches, the earth takes shape like clay pressed beneath a seal; it is robed in brilliant colors. **15** The light disturbs the wicked and stops the arm that is raised in violence. **16** “Have you explored the springs from which the seas come? Have you explored their depths? **17** Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom? **18** Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know! **19** “Where does light come from, and where does darkness go? **20** Can you take each to its home? Do you know how to get there? **21** But of course you know all this! For you were born before it was all created, and you are so very experienced!

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