









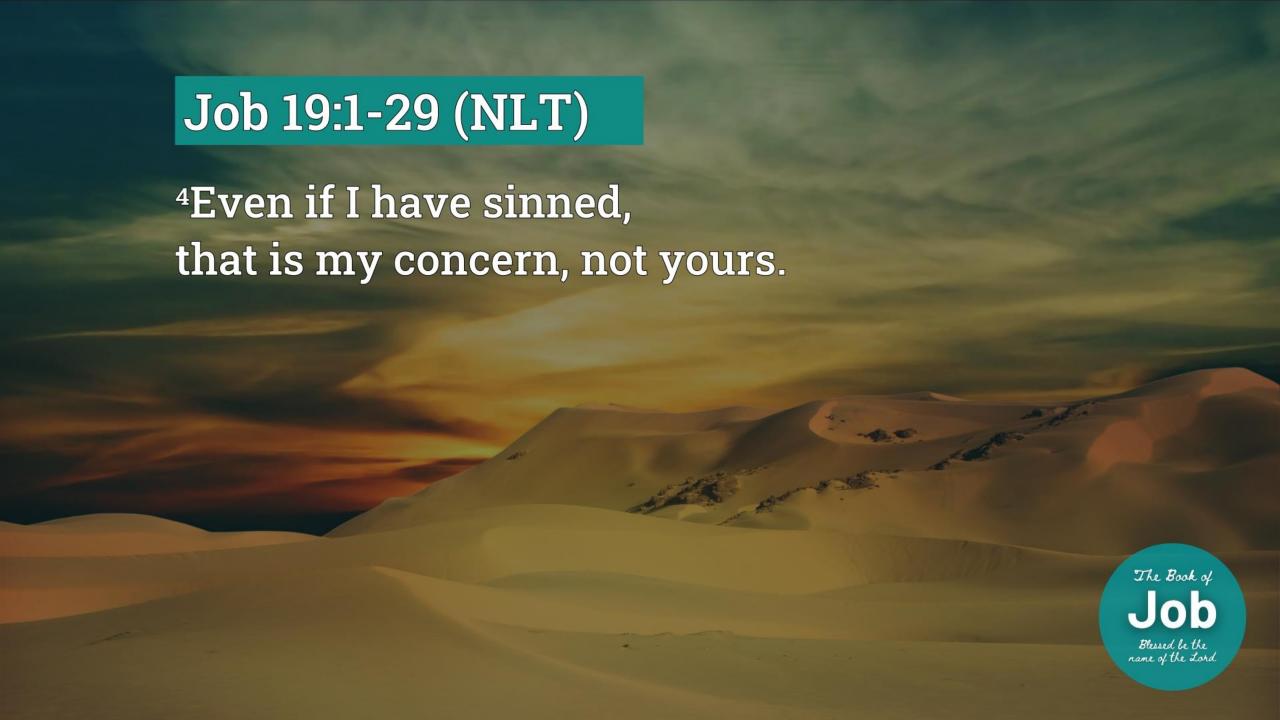
²"How long will you torture me?
How long will you try to crush me with your words?





³You have already insulted me ten times. You should be ashamed of treating me so badly.



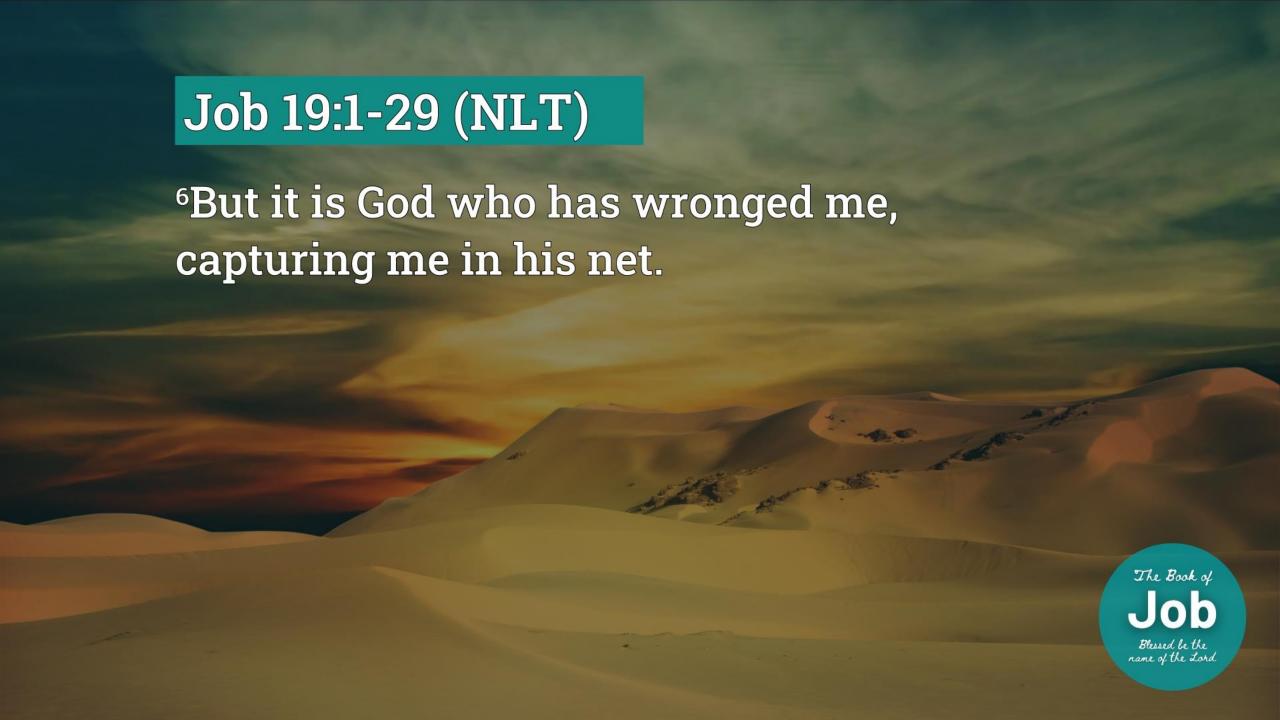






⁵You think you're better than I am, using my humiliation as evidence of my sin.







⁷"I cry out, 'Help!' but no one answers me. I protest, but there is no justice.





⁸God has blocked my way so I cannot move. He has plunged my path into darkness.





⁹He has stripped me of my honor and removed the crown from my head.





¹⁰He has demolished me on every side, and I am finished.

He has uprooted my hope like a fallen tree.







¹²His troops advance.

They build up roads to attack me.

They camp all around my tent.







¹³"My relatives stay far away, and my friends have turned against me.



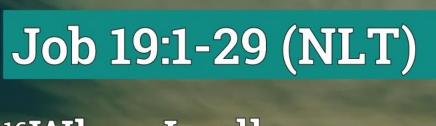




¹⁵My servants and maids consider me a stranger.

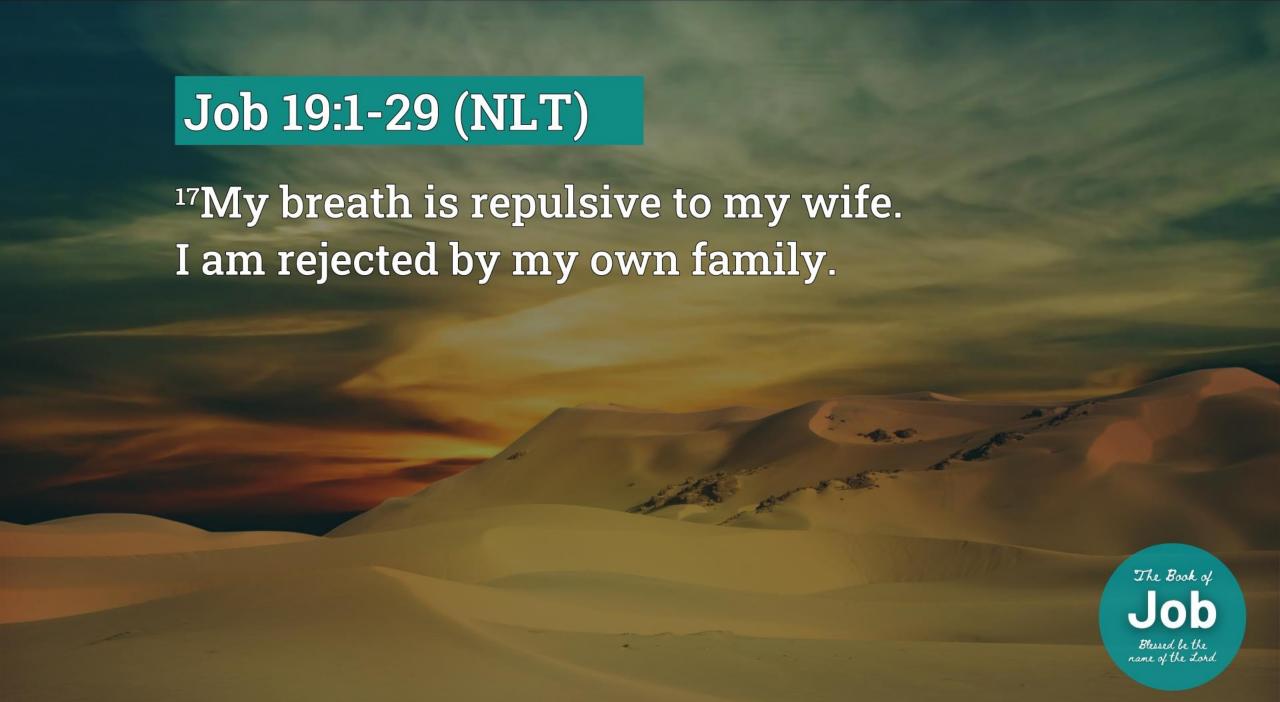
I am like a foreigner to them.





¹⁶When I call my servant, he doesn't come; I have to plead with him!







¹⁸Even young children despise me. When I stand to speak, they turn their backs on me.





²⁰I have been reduced to skin and bones and have escaped death by the skin of my teeth.



21"Have mercy on me, my friends, have mercy, for the hand of God has struck me.





²²Must you also persecute me, like God does? Haven't you chewed me up enough?





²³"Oh, that my words could be recorded. Oh, that they could be inscribed on a monument,

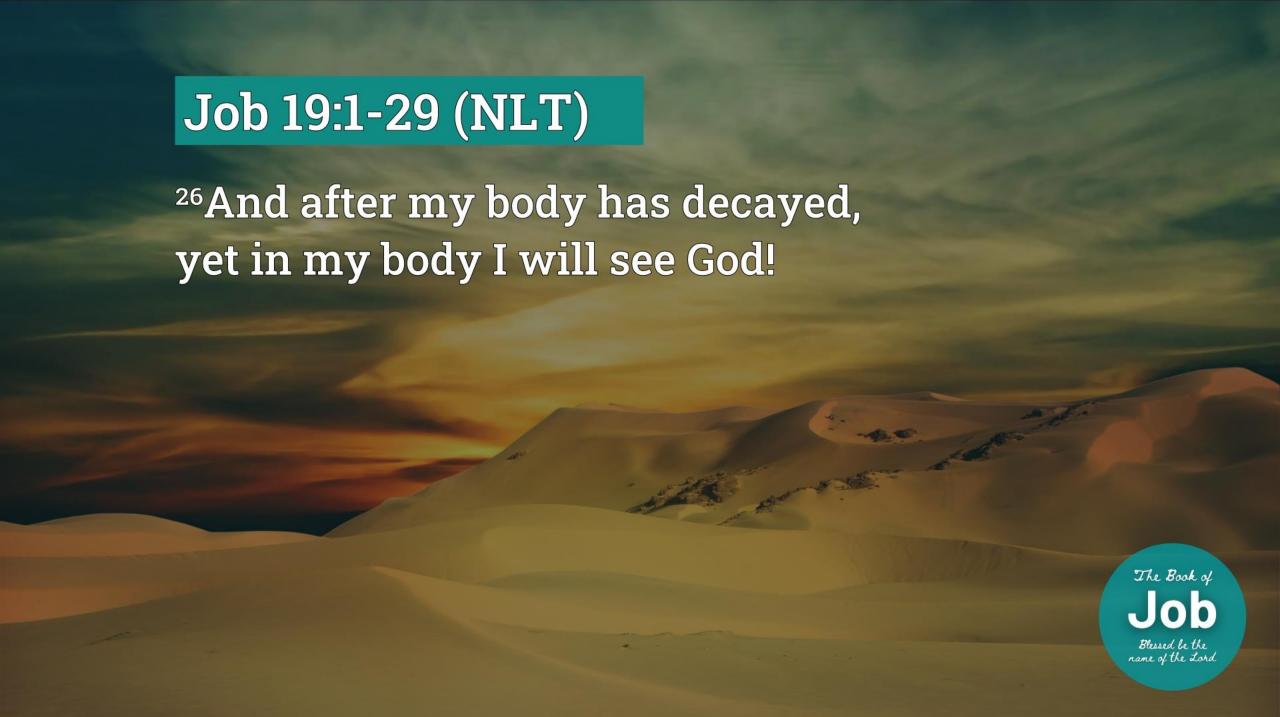


²⁴carved with an iron chisel and filled with lead, engraved forever in the rock.



²⁵"But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last.







²⁷I will see him for myself.

Yes, I will see him with my own eyes.

I am overwhelmed at the thought!





²⁸"How dare you go on persecuting me, saying, 'It's his own fault'?



²⁹You should fear punishment yourselves, for your attitude deserves punishment. Then you will know that there is indeed a judgment."



