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## Perseverance according to the Book of Job 2:1-13 and implications for people today

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### ABSTRACT

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Human understanding today is always presented with the concept that those who obey and are faithful to God will be blessed and those who do evil will suffer. On the other hand, humans always want to have something obtained *instantly*. The book of Job struggles with that understanding and attempts to decipher the concept of recompense. Because of the reality of life in this world, humans are always faced with two sides of life, namely difficult and happy. Researchers use qualitative methods with a literature approach (library Research) for this paper. Job's struggles, as the book of Job testifies, are evidence of his perseverance in facing everything in life. Contrary to the concept in Israel that obedience and faithfulness bring blessings. The concept of Job in the face of hardship and pleasure is a character that every human or believer must possess. It turns out that the concept of God as the giver of blessings and punishments based on human works was renewed into a God far beyond human thought and wisdom. Man has limitations to experience God's work in this world. Man's tendency to frame God in man's limited thinking makes it difficult for man to understand what God has done. Olh is therefore in chapters 2:1-13 (are we willing to receive good from God, but not bad? Here comes Job's perseverance.)

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### INTRODUCTION

The term perseverance comes from the adjective perseverance with the addition of prefixes and suffixes to – an. The word "diligent" means diligent, hard-hearted and earnest. According to Indonesian great dictionary, "perseverance" became a noun because it has definitions, namely perseverance, violence and sincerity (work, etc.) and preoccupation. For example, with great perseverance he worked to earn a living so that the needs of children and wives were met. Diligent nature is always associated with hard-heartedness (distinguish "hard-heartedness" from "Hard heart" and "stubbornness". Hard-heartedness means not getting discouraged quickly and will not stop working before what you aspire to achieve. People who persevere are not easily ambiguous and are always focused and consistent.

Diligent nature also contains the meaning of sincerity, hard-heartedness, not easily discouraged, not stopping before the goal is achieved, and there is a preoccupation when working on that perseverance. Diligent nature makes people want to learn or do something, even if something is difficult or just known. Perseverance also goes hand in hand with consistency. Consistency means determination and steadiness (in action) and also does not change.

Nothing of value can be achieved without the encouragement to start. For this reason, perseverance is the main requirement. It is not uncommon for those with high intellectual intelligence and talent to have failed to achieve high performance due to lack of tenacity. On the contrary, those who become winners are generally ordinary people but with extraordinary perseverance. They have a strong desire to do anything as long as they are able to achieve their goals. This is where the position of perseverance is important.

Speaking of perseverance is very broad, some things in the Bible about persevering are persevering to seek God, hoping in God, persevering in prayer, persevering in fellowship, persevering in faith, diligently reading the Bible and doing good. We as God's creations, created according to His khalik, and redeemed by Christ Jesus, we must persevere in Him (Hebrews 10:19-39). God's commandments, all things that are at the command of the God of heaven, must be carried out diligently for the purposes of the house of the God of heaven, lest the reign of the king and his sons be wrathed (Ezra 7:23).

There are several examples of perseverance in the Bible, namely:

He did evil, because he did not **diligently** seek the LORD. (2Chr. 12:14, NIV-LAI). וַיַּעַשׂ הָרַע כִּי לֹא הִכִּין לַבּוֹרֵשׁ אֶת־יְהוָה

VAVA'ASHĀRĀ'KĪLO' **HĒKHĪN** LIBÔ LIDRÔSY 'ET YEHOVĀH, he literally does not (LO') provide, prepare, confirm (HĒKHĪN) his heart (LIBO) to seek (LIDRÔSY) GOD. The word **HĒKHĪN** comes from the word KŪN in the form HIF'ĪL (causative, active and perfect. The form HIF'ĪL expresses cause and effect, if the simple form (QĀL) writes it out, then in the form HIF'ĪL it means it brings something out.

I love people who love me, and people who **diligent** I will get my daku. (Proverbs 8:17, NIV-LAI).

אֲנִי [אֶהְבֶּיָהּ כ] (אֶהְבֶּי ק) אֶהְבּוּ אֶמְשַׁחֲרֵי יִמְצְאֵנִי

'An'ohawai'hv **mesyakharai** yimts' yunen.

**umesyakharay** yimtsā'unení, literally and from the early hours of the morning looking for me, he will find me. The word **umesyakharay** is from the word syākar, seeking from the early hours of the morning, always looking, carefully, plus the conjunction prefix vāv (and) sounded Ū or long u in front of the consonant mem, and also affixed with the first person pronoun suffix yŌd (-ku), written in the form of participle pi'el.

So Peter was imprisoned in prison. But the congregation with **diligent** pray it to God. (Acts 12:5, NIV). The word perseverance here uses the word **ektenês** (adjective) means earnest, not ceasing and constantly serving. Another word used to persevere is HUPOMONĒN (..... to those with **diligent** do good, seek glory, honor and indestruction, Romans 2:7 NIV – LAI). It is this Greek word HUPOMONĒN that is more correctly associated with perseverance, perseverance; People are diligent, not discouraged, but rather steadfast when experiencing surprises or heavy burdens. The word HUPOMONĒN relates to defensiveness, it almost always relates to trials, suffering, persecution, all of which need to be restrained.

The Greek verb hy'po'me'no, which literally means "to abide below," is translated "to abide" in Luke 2:43 and "to abide" in Acts 17:14. The word also means "to hold on to position; endure; remain firm or steadfast", and therefore translated "persevere". The noun hy'po'mo'ne usually means courage, determination, or "perseverance" accompanied by patience and not losing hope in the face of obstacles, oppression, trials or temptations. It is not easy to waver in the face of any situation in this world. The meaning of "stay below" and "remain" is that he sticks to his statutes and commitment to God as the ruler of life.

## METHOD

The researchers set this research to be a descriptive qualitative study. The approach used in this study is documentation. In this study, Book of Job and several supporting documents.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Text Analysis of Job 2:1-13

The LORD said to Satan, "Do you pay attention to My servant Job? For there is no man on earth like him, so righteous and honest, who fears God and shuns evil. He **remained diligent** in his righteousness, even though you had persuaded Me against him to harm him without reason." (Job 2:3, NIV-LAI).

The word diligent is used **makhaziq betumātō**, the literal meaning is to hold fast to truth, piety, perfection. The word **makhaziq** is the participle form of **hif'il** of the word khazaq which means to strengthen, harden, hold tight or consistent. Synonymous with the Greek word **hupomonēn** which means not discouraged, but steadfast when experiencing shock or heavy burdens or related to defensiveness, almost always related to trials, suffering, persecution, all need patience/perseverance.

The word perseverance used in this verse is an acknowledgment from the LORD (Hebrew Elohim) Himself that Job was a diligent man and no one on earth was like Him. The same word is used in Chapter 2:9: So his wife said to him, "Are you still **diligent** in your righteousness? Curse your God and die!" (LAI – TB). The Hebrew word used in this verse is **betumatoda**, the same as chapter 2:3.

Understanding Satan in the Hebrew Text as "The Satan". haa-sah tahn. (Whenever the name Satan appears in the first two chapters of the book of Job, it is haa-sah tahn, "devil," a Hebrew verb. Often Hebrew words are of the verb form. sahtahn means, "to be an enemy, to resist", therefore, in its noun form, it is often changed to, the enemy, the accuser or the tempter and Satan's preferred method is to work behind the scenes.

Most of the information about demons is sourced in the New Testament, where this monstrous evil being is called satanas or ho diabolos without distinction of meaning and certain things are called Beelzebub (Matthew 10:25; 12:24, 27). Other phrases include ruler of the world (John 14:30) or "prince of the kingdom of the air" (Eph. 2:2). Satan has always been portrayed as being against God, and working to thwart God's purposes. Satan constantly tempts man (1 Cor. 7:5). It can be said that Satan is an evil reality, always hostile to God and man.

### **Findings of Descriptive Critical Analysis Results**

This scholarly work on perseverance in Job 2:1-13 is an attempt to understand, to explore perseverance and its meaning for the church. Job's perseverance according to the book of Job is very unique and interesting to dig deeper. Various understandings emerged coloring the imagination of thinking about this theme. Therefore, in this section the researcher will present some views of Christian theologians on the theme of "Perseverance".

#### ***Charles R. Swindol***

Dr. Charles R. Swindol is senior pastor at Stonebriar Community Church and Rector of Dallas Theological Seminary. He is also the host of Insight for Living, a radio program that joins national shows. He has written more than 30 bestselling books, including *Grace Awakening*, *Laugh Again* and *Seri of greatest figures*, including Paul.

In his book "The greatest series of men, the man of heroic fortitude Job": He elaborates that perseverance is a person's integrity towards a problem or problem he faces, consistent with beliefs, distancing himself from evil things and sensitive to situations that occur. Swindol is about to say that a person's acumen in acting and reacting to a problem requires a mature and well-organized strategy that will result in a mature decision and that is through a process like that experienced by Job in the face of suffering. That is called perseverance.

Diligent is related to fortitude, meaning that one who has a strong character toward God, one who has a "perfect" perspective or who is always oriented toward new and good things and one who is able to position oneself to the truth or life must be subordinate to the reality of God.

This idea of perseverance has a close relationship with fortitude and patience in running life. The center of life is God. So man's orientation in living this life is always based on God's will. For perseverance and patience are the keys to getting answers, for those who obey the Lord will not be ashamed (Psalm 25:3a). Patience means restraint and slow anger, which is an attitude that is able to control yourself (long suffering) or able to endure waiting for something expected / fought for in life. All these characters are shared by Job as the book of Job testifies.

#### ***Paul Anderson***

The definition of perseverance is to keep progressing towards one goal despite many obstacles. People who persevere will continue to stick to their commitments until they are fulfilled even though it is not easy to do so. Perseverance is a continuous effort to achieve certain goals without giving up easily until achieving success. In other words, perseverance can take place despite the obstacles that come your way and you know what you are and you know that what you are doing is right. Perseverance is often also described as a person's success in doing something through trial or error he experienced or a kind of tenacity to work.

People who are diligent have a character that never gives up and always "try" new things for the future. This kind of person is the kind of hard worker, everything he does in life must succeed. This type of person, according to Anderson, is called a progressive person and always views the future as good. The consequence of all that is hard work.

#### ***Ellen G. White***

In his book "The Great Controversy Between Christ And Satan" translated by P.A. Siboro "Final Victory" he reveals that perseverance is related to self-control, self-sanctification, love and humility. And people who experience the sanctification of the biblical way will show humility. He gave the example that when Job heard God's voice from a storm, he cried out, "Therefore I withdrew my words and regretfully sat in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6), showing one's humility by acknowledging God's power and will lead one to godliness.

This work of sanctification can be accomplished only through faith and the power of God (Spirit) dwelling in the heart. The Bible clearly shows that the work of sanctification is progressive, continuous. And conform or conform to the principles or laws of God, which are revelations of the nature of his will, and which reveal what is his pleasure. The diligence associated with sanctification implies that this work is done continuously to renew oneself and keep or maintain the laws and decrees of God. One of the determining factors in it is faith. For faith cooperates with Works. Abraham was justified by his works, when he offered his son Isaac on the altar, by which faith was made perfect. So man is justified by his works and not by faith alone (James 2:14-24).

#### ***Ranjit Singh Malhi***

Ranjit Sing Malhi in his book "Enhancing Personal Quality" published in 2005 states perseverance is a continuous effort to achieve certain goals without giving up easily to achieve success. In other words, "perseverance persists despite the obstacles that come your way, and you know what you are doing is right".

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According to Ranjit, "there is no nature of this world that can equalize the position of perseverance. Not talent, not genius, and not education. Remember the success story of Thomas Alva Edison? Although his formal education was so short because his parents were poor, thanks to his perseverance he became the greatest innovator in history. There are 1,903 patents he produces including lamps and gramophones. But that does not mean that the three potentials mentioned earlier are ignored just like that, because the higher the potential coupled with extraordinary perseverance, the results are extraordinary.

To maintain perseverance, some of the things that can be done are to practice your own positive sayings as often as possible such as "if others can, I should be able to", then act in real action immediately; Always remind yourself of what you want to get out of your life; Carry out a daily activity plan, without delaying from top priorities. It is not easy to give up until you reach your goal; view failure as a valuable experience; be prepared for unexpected situations; And don't forget to read varied, references related to the stories of successful people because of their high work perseverance.

### **C. Bijl**

C. Bijl in his book "Job the conglomerate". He revealed that perseverance is a person who has integrity. Job had integrity, because he was sincere and loved God wholeheartedly, and resigned himself to relying only on God. In doing business, Job did not act authoritarily, but always acted honestly. He always puts God in life and glorifies God.

Job's integrity is reflected in his time of abundance and prosperity, while he continued to worship God. And on the other hand, in suffering and loss of property, he still worshiped God. This is said by Bijl that humans must be able to survive in the midst of the crisis that befalls them. Because it is God's perfect will about everything that man must believe in order to be saved and to place a praiseful testimony to God, he highlights the tremendous weight of Job's testimony and perhaps no man like Job has weathered the storms of life. The loss of property and family did not diminish the faith of Job's beliefs.

He persisted: *"By being naked I come out of my mother's womb, naked I will return to it. The LORD who gives, the LORD who takes, blessed be the name of the LORD. In all of these things Job did not sin and did not accuse God of impropriety."* (Job 1:21-22).

### **David Atkinson**

David Atkinson in his original book "The Message Of Job" translated by Gwyneth Jones, he expresses perseverance means faithfulness. Being faithful in suffering, even though suffering itself is indeed a serious problem. It means how one can persevere and trust God despite suffering. Diligent is inseparable from faith.

Suffering must be lived with perseverance, because suffering is meaningful because it has something to do with God's purpose for the world. Job's suffering was a manifestation of God temporarily manifesting His grace. Job's integrity was evident when he heeded his conscience, and was steadfast in adversity. Fellowship with God is a gift of God, profiting from even the most severe suffering.

Our perseverance in the face of life's sufferings or tribulations will bring joy and joy because there is grace to be revealed in our lives. Romans 5:3-4 says: *"And that's not all. We even boast in our afflictions, for we know that afflictions give rise to perseverance, and perseverance gives rise to endurance and endurance to hope."* (bnd. 1 Peterus 5:6-11).

This statement is to say that perseverance is closely related to suffering and that the key in it is our faith in God, that is, how humans respond to God's grace.

### **Wim Van der Weiden**

Wim van der Weiden was born in the Netherlands in 1936, after completing his studies in philosophy and theology at the MSF tariqa seminar in the Netherlands, continuing his theological studies in Rome, and then taking special studies in scripture at the Biblikum Institute in Rome, in Jerusalem and Paris. His doctorate in biblical interpretation was obtained in 1969, through his dissertation on the book of Proverbs.

According to Weiden, perseverance relates to suffering due to callings in prophetic and apostolic duties. Regarding the living of the vocation as a messenger of God in the midst of a people who almost always reject preaching. Rejection that causes physical and psychic suffering. The most obvious suffering for the sake of the people was expressed by Jeremiah. Faithfulness to God and to his people became a source of suffering so great

that Jeremiah drowned and had to be called back (Jeremiah 15) to continue his work on behalf of the people in the midst of great physical and psychological suffering (Jeremiah 32-34). The suffering endured by the prophets, the righteous, because of their diligence. All for the sake of loyalty to God, but also for the spiritual interest of the people.

In the human world, there are certain rules and laws. A wise person certainly adjusts his behavior based on those rules and laws. Because in that way, he can live peacefully, safely, happily and successfully. People who believe in God, acknowledge experiences and observations based on God's will. God is the source of all wisdom, which remains beyond the wisdom of man.

The one who diligently pertains to true Wisdom, for the Hebrews is not only the result of intellectual thought. But it has the deepest meaning, which is to be manifestly religious. "The Fear of God" is the origin of all wisdom. A wise person is one who views all life with reverence or submission to God.

Paul continues this reflection in his epistles, where much suffering he endures in close connection with the work of the work. It is precisely Paul's *ignorance in* the apostolic work that leads many to salvation in Christ. Therefore he dared to say that through suffering (apostolism) unto death, people gain life, "death is active in us, and lives vigorously in you" (2 Cor. 4:12). Apostolic suffering is really suffering for the sake of others. In that sense it should be understood Colossians 1:24, "now I rejoice that I may suffer for you, and fulfill in my flesh what Christ lacks for his body, which is the church." In this case perseverance in vocation and apostolate results in suffering for the righteous. Diligent and righteous people can be called by God to suffer for the sake of others, for the salvation of others: either indirectly (e.g. Moses, the Prophets and Apostles) and directly (Jesus Christ).

### Findings of Comparative Christian Analysis

For the sake of clarity and deepening of the findings about Perseverance in this scientific work, the descriptive data that have been described above will be explored through comparative Christian analysis presented in table form. This step is taken to further explore the concept of perseverance from experts with regard to what they talk about the idea or understanding of perseverance. It is hoped that in comparative critical analysis, it will help to achieve the goals of researchers and will be able to answer the formulation of problems that have been raised at the beginning of this scientific work.

No	Author Name	Opinions about perseverance
01	Charles R. SWINDOLL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perseverance is a person's integrity towards a problem or problems he faces, consistent with trust.</li> <li>Diligent is related to fortitude, meaning a person who has a strong character towards God and has a "perfect" perspective. The character of such a person is that he always thinks positively about the future and is always oriented towards the good and able to position himself in the reality of God.</li> <li>Perseverance relates to the attitude of a person who is able to control himself and is slow to anger. Swindoll wants to say that perseverance, patience and fortitude are closely related. All these characters were owned by Job.</li> </ul>
02	Paul Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The definition of perseverance is to keep progressing towards one goal despite many obstacles. A diligent person will continue to stick to his commitments until they are fulfilled even though it is not easy to do so.</li> <li>Perseverance is often also described as a person's success in doing something through trial or error or a kind of tenacity to work.</li> <li>The type of person who is diligent is called a progressive person and always looks for the future well.</li> </ul>
03	Ellen G. WHITE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perseverance is related to self-control, self-sanctification, love and humility. For a man who experiences biblical self-sanctification will show humility. The evidence was revealed by Job when he heard the voice of the Lord from the stormy wind, he cried out "therefore I took away my words, and regretfully sat down, and dust and ashes" (Job 42:6).</li> <li>The connection of diligence to this work of sanctification can only be achieved through faith and the power of God or the Spirit. The Bible clearly shows that the work of sanctification is progressive or progressive. This work is done continuously to renew oneself and keep or maintain the laws and decrees of God.</li> </ul>

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04	Ranjit Singh Malhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perseverance is a continuous effort to achieve certain goals without giving up easily until achieving success. Perseverance, a kind of tenacity to work. Achieving something requires perseverance, because not infrequently those who have high intellectual intelligence and talent fail to achieve high performance. "There is no nature of this world" that can level the playing field of perseverance.</li> <li>• In maintaining perseverance there are several things that can be done, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Practice positive speech.</li> <li>- Act in real and immediate terms.</li> <li>- Don't put off work that is a top priority.</li> <li>- It is not easy to give up and views failure as an experience.</li> <li>- Always be prepared for unexpected situations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
05	C. BIJL	<p>* Perseverance is a person of integrity. And a person's integrity is manifested in his sincerity and love for God. Job had that integrity. Suffering has always been understood as part of God's plan. And therein lies the weight of Job's testimony.</p> <p>* A person of integrity means one who always places God and glorifies God, both in "strength" and in "power", thus there is firmness of faith.</p>
06	David ATKINSON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To him to be diligent is faithful. Be faithful when experiencing suffering. Diligent is inseparable from faith.</li> <li>• Suffering must be lived with perseverance, because suffering is meaningful because it has something to do with God's purpose for the world.</li> <li>• Job's suffering was a manifestation of God temporarily manifesting His grace. It has something to do with grace. It can also be understood that perseverance is also part of God's grace or God's grace towards man (Solagrata).</li> </ul>
07	Wim Van der WEIDEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perseverance relates to callings due to prophetic and apostolic duties. This points to the faithfulness of prophets to God and to their people to be a source of great suffering (like the prophet Jeremiah). The suffering Paul endured in his apostolic work, where he suffered a lot because of his preaching of the Lord Jesus.</li> <li>• Perseverance in vocations and apostolate results in suffering for the righteous. Diligent and righteous people can be called by God to suffer for the sake of others, so it can be said that perseverance is complete sacrifice and self-giving for prophetic and apostolic duties.</li> </ul>

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### Interpretation

From the comparative christian analysis, it can be seen that there are mixed opinions about perseverance. It can be understood because everyone has a different point of view in seeing and understanding one thing. In this section, researchers will present the results of interpretation of these data.

Understanding of perseverance, it is seen that experts understand perseverance from the perspective of their respective fields of study or educational background and expertise. Charles R Swindol mentioned that perseverance is a person's integrity towards a problem faced and consistent with belief. Paul Anderson defines perseverance as continuing to progress towards one goal despite many obstacles. Ellen G. White revealed that perseverance is related to self-mastery, self-sanctification and humility. Ranjit Sing Mahli sees perseverance as a continuous effort to achieve certain goals without giving up easily to achieve success. C. Bijl expresses that perseverance is a person who has integrity, sincerity and loves God. David Atkinson said perseverance means faithfulness and perseverance is inseparable from faith. Wim van der Weiden added that perseverance is related to suffering due to vocations in prophetic and apostolic duties.

Most experts see perseverance as a person who is consistent, has high integrity in dealing with any situation (Prosperity or Lack) and has faith (consistent belief in God). This character is shared by Job as the book of Job testifies. This fits perfectly with the Hebrew term **Betumato** which means holding fast to truth, piety, "perfection" and holding fast to one's beliefs. The Greek **Hupumone** means not discouraged, patience and defensiveness, which relates to trials, suffering and persecution.

The opinions of the above scholars and the understanding of perseverance in Hebrew and Greek are proof of the fact of God's confession that Job was a diligent man: "The Word of God to Satan, Do you pay attention to Job's servant? For there is no one on earth like him, so righteous and honest, who fears God and

shuns evil. He remained **diligent** in his righteousness, even though you had persuaded Me against him to harm him without cause" (Job 2:3), and at the same time the proof that man said (represented by Job's wife that Job was indeed a diligent man: "And his wife said to Job, Do you still **persevere** in your righteousness? Curse your God and die!" (Job 2:9)

This fact is to say that Job's living character is extraordinary. He was consistent with his belief in God. The peculiarity of Job's perseverance was that his faith never wavered, his loyalty to God was extraordinary and in severe suffering he remained diligent.

While living in the prosperity of material possessions and the harmony of family life, he remained faithful to God manifested in the sacrificial offerings. Losing property and family and even the severe suffering he endured, he remained consistent, as he said: "..... Are we willing to receive good from God, but not bad? In all these things Job did not sin with his lips" (Job 2:10).

This fact of Job's perseverance reminds people that life must be lived with perseverance. Because with perseverance everything that is sought in life will succeed. Job's character encourages all people to look to the future optimistically and always based on God's will as the owner of life. Man is reminded again to give thanks and acknowledge God's almightiness in shortcomings as well as in advantages, difficulties and pleasures, happiness and suffering, because God is never wrong to do what He wants to man.

Perseverance is closely related to suffering because of prophetic vocations and karasulan. With this understanding, it gives a warning for people to be able to put themselves on the vocation of believing in God that is to declare truth and justice in the midst of the fellowship of the people. In fighting for this, the consequence is suffering. But it must be understood that prophetic and apostolic duties are the duties of all believers. Doing all that does require tenacity or perseverance.

The righteousness of life, sanctification of life and "perfection" can only be obtained through perseverance. Because perseverance is not talent, not education or genius, but a person's continuous effort to renew life and always be optimistic about the future. Thus, what is needed is integrity and consistency in maintaining faith in God.

Living people who live diligently in the Lord are surely blessed. For God almighty can do anything for man. Job understood that the Lord God was able to do everything. Because God is "omnipotent." Omni means very and Potent means powerful or effective. God is very powerful and cannot be limited by anything. Man's intelligence, intelligence, intelligence, and experience will not be able to limit God's power. that is what kept Job diligent in any situation. There is nothing that can be compared to God when it comes to blessings. As Job experienced, God received, restored, added and blessed in many ways by his grace.

### **Discussion (Relation to Phenomena)**

Today's instant Postmodern era tends to fade the meaning of perseverance. People want to tend to be successful quickly, get things quickly, quickly move up the ranks and quickly get positions without hard work. Not a few who justify all means to achieve what they want. People are no longer afraid to sin, because it is taken for granted, the important thing is that the goal is achieved. That reality occurs in various institutions even to ecclesiastical institutions.

Corruption cases are much talked about in our country today and have been referred to as a vicious circle. And these actions were mostly carried out by state officials, both central and regional (Many central and regional councillors were imprisoned, regents, mayors and governors were imprisoned). Many murders and thefts because they want to get more treasure.

From this common phenomenon in this country, Job's perseverance according to Job 2:1-13 becomes very relevant. Previously it has been discussed that perseverance is a person who is consistent, has integrity, is hardworking, tenacious and keeps going. Therefore, in dealing with these phenomena there are things that must be considered or followed up, namely:

First, Perseverance will motivate to have a deeper knowledge of God's work, manifested in the form of acts of holiness and faithfulness, respectful attitudes toward God's sovereign actions. This understanding of perseverance will enable church citizens to do God's will. Hebrews 10:36 "for you need perseverance, that when you have done the will of God, you may have the things of the promise."

Second, perseverance motivates to build a quality life, not original, not cheap, meaning that perseverance becomes the basis and encouragement to display the quality of faith even though you have to experience various sufferings. A diligent person will continue to hold on to his faith commitment until it is fulfilled what he expects even though it is not easy to achieve it. He will not cut corners or justify any means to achieve goals and a diligent person will always maintain a good name. The book of Job has proven how Job had many and abundant possessions because of his diligence with God.

Third, The consequence of perseverance is suffering. In reaching the morning sun, there is no other way, but to go through the darkness of the night. A person's success can only be achieved if he works hard and definitely has to go through suffering. Success is not something that just drops. If man believes in the goal and the path to take, then he must have perseverance to keep trying. Perseverance is the ability to persevere in the

midst of pressure and adversity. Believers keep taking the next step, don't just stop at the first step. Indeed, the farther the journey, the more obstacles that come your way. Here is the importance of perseverance as endurance in the face of difficult situations. Romans 5:4 "and perseverance brings forth endurance and endurance begets hope."

According to Claus Westerman, Job as a man had exemplary perseverance. Basically, Job's practice of life provides a prime example of humility and obedience to God, as well as an example of man being tested by God through grievous suffering and passing through it. This is both a challenge and an invitation for readers and listeners to practice Job's diligence in daily life, so that believers will not deviate from God's desired path.

Fourth, believers or churches yearn to continue to grow, both quality and quantity growth. To achieve this, believers must persevere as Job did and the early church did. Every day the Lord increases the number of people who are saved, because of the perseverance possessed by all members of the church. We may ask, "in what ways should we persevere?". Kis. 1:14 (one heart in prayer); Kis. 2:42 (study of the word in sect); Cabbage. 1:23 (Faith remains firm and unshaken); 1 Test. 1:3 (Hope in the Lord Jesus); 1 Team. 4:13 (Diligent Bible reading); And only the one who wins reaches the finish doing all the will of God will accept His promise (cf. Revelation.2:7, 11, 17, 26-27 and Revelation. 3:5, 12, 21).

## CONCLUSION

Diligent is a person who is consistent, has high integrity in dealing with any situation (Prosperity or Lack), has faith (consistent with belief in God). This character is possessed and displayed by Job as the testimony of the book of Job. This fits perfectly with the Hebrew term **Betumato** which means holding fast to truth, piety, "perfection" and holding fast to one's beliefs. The Greek **Hupumone** means not discouraged, patience and defensiveness, which relates to trials, suffering and persecution. The perseverance of the coming life is a blessing from God in many things.

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