

Job / Job 3

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- 1 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.
- 2 And Job spake, and said,
- 3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.
- 4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.
- 5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.
- 6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.
- 7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.
- 8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.
- 9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:
- 10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.
- 11 Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?
- 12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?
- 13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,
- 14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves;
- 15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:
- 16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.
- 17 There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.
- 18 There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.
- 19 The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.
- 20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul;
- 21 Which long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;
- 22 Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?
- 23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?
- 24 For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.
- 25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.
- 26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

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