

Job 3 - Cursing the Day.

This chapter can be divided into three sections:

vs. 1-10 - Job curses the day of his birth.

vs. 11-19 - Job wishes he had died at birth.

vs. 20-26 - Job questions why God would allow him to live through suffering.

1. How many days of suffering did Job go through before he was overwhelmed by despair (see Job 2:13)?
2. Does the change from prose to poetry in verse 1 affect how you would interpret this passage.
3. Does Job curse God in his rant as Satan promised in Job 2:5? Does he come close?
4. Job 3:10 ends with the phrase "because it did not...hide trouble from my very eyes." Is this a realistic expectation for our life? Why or why not?
5. If Job had never been born or died at birth, what would he have missed in life (see Job 1:1-3)? What would you have missed if you were never born?
6. In Job 2:10 Job expresses his faith in God. In Job 3:11 he wants to die, and in Job 3:23 he blames God for his troubles - what accounts for this change?
7. In verse 20-26 Job seems to prefer death to life, but do his words match his actions?
8. In verse 23 Job feels hedged in by God allowing suffering, compare that to the reality of Job 1:10.
9. When faced with difficult situations how do you prevent self loathing?
10. Does God have a purpose in allowing suffering (see 2Corinthians 1:3-4 and Hebrews 12:11-13)?