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# **Job Chapter 3**

Job curses the day of his birth (1-10)

Job laments having been born alive (11-19)

Job laments he continues to live (20-26)

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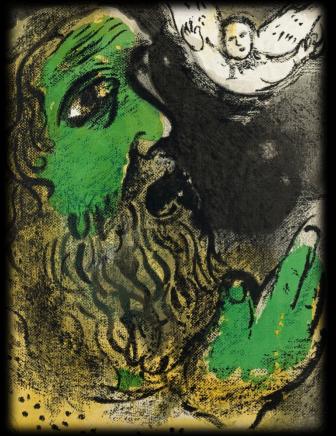


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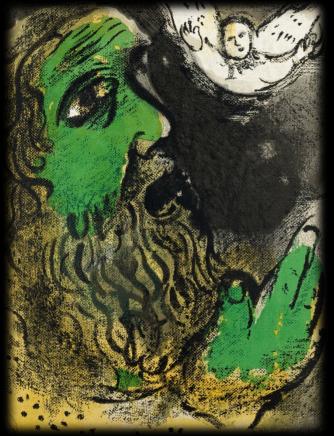
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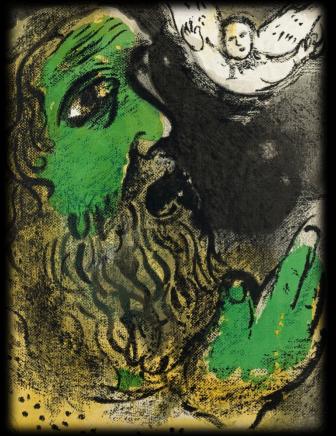
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#### Job 15:1-13 Eliphaz Fires Back

- 1 Then Eliphaz... answered:
- **2** "Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?
- **3** Should he argue in unprofitable talk, or in words with which he can do no good?
- **4** But you are doing away with the fear of God and hindering meditation before God.
- **5** For your iniquity teaches your mouth, and you choose the tongue of the crafty.
- **6** Your own mouth condemns you, and not I; your own lips testify against you.
- 7 "Are you the first man who was born?
  Or were you brought forth before the hills? ESV



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- 8 Have you listened in the council of God? And do you limit wisdom to yourself?
- **9** What do you know that we do not know? What do you understand that is not clear to us?
- **10** Both the gray-haired and the aged are among us, older than your father.
- **11** Are the comforts of God too small for you, or the word that deals gently with you?
- **12** Why does your heart carry you away, and why do your eyes flash,
- 13 that you turn your spirit against God and bring such words out of your mouth? ESV



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- <sup>20</sup> The wicked man writhes in pain all his days, through all the years that are laid up for the ruthless.
- <sup>21</sup> Dreadful sounds are in his ears; in prosperity the destroyer will come upon him.
- <sup>25</sup> Because he has stretched out his hand against God and defies the Almighty ESV



