

THE BOOK OF JOB



AFTER THE SUFFERING

Job 2:11-13

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Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

- Job 2:11-13

Job 3:1-10

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After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. Job said: “Let the day perish in which I was born, and the night that said, ‘A male is conceived.’ Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it or light shine on it. Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds settle upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. That night—let thick darkness seize it! let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months.

- Job 3:1-10

⁷ Yes, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry be heard in it. Let those curse it who curse the Sea, those who are skilled to rouse up Leviathan. Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light but have none; may it not see the eyelids of the morning — because it did not shut the doors of my mother's womb and hide trouble from my eyes.

- Job 3:1-10

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*There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job.
That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God
and turned away from evil.*

- Job 1:1

Job trusts in *who God is*
as opposed to *what God gives*

*Then his wife said to him,
“Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die.”*

- Job 2:9

*But he said to her,
“You speak as any foolish woman would speak.
Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?”
In all this Job did not sin with his lips.*

- Job 2:10

*“Let the day perish in which I was born,
and the night that said, ‘A male is conceived.’”*

- Job 3:3

*“Why did I not die at birth,
come forth from the womb and expire?”*

- Job 3:11

*“Why is light given to one in misery
and life to the bitter in soul,
who long for death, but it does not come,
and dig for it more than for hidden treasures”*

- Job 3:20-21

*“For my sighing comes like my bread,
and my groanings are poured out like water.
Truly the thing that I fear comes upon me,
and what I dread befalls me.
I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;
I have no rest, but trouble comes.”*

- Job 3:24-26

silence and lament

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