

## The Hopelessness of Job (Job 3)

### I. Job Repudiates His Life (1-23)

#### A. Job Wishes He Hadn't Been Born (1-10)

##### 1. Job Scorns the Day of Birth (1-9) [Poetic – wish the day killed him] (that day is the enemy)

###### a. Vengeance Upon that Day (1-6a)

i. Let that day be destroyed (1-3)

ii. Let that day be cursed by God (4)

iii. Let that day be left in darkness (5)

###### b. A Curse Upon that Day (6b-9)

i. Let that day not be counted (6b)

- not in men's minds

ii. Let that day bring no joy (7)

iii. Let that day be cursed by men (8)

- men cursed days then

- men charmed monsters to curse things

iv. Let that day be forgotten (9)

##### 2. Job Blames the Day for His Suffering (10-12)

a. It did not shut his mother's womb

b. It did not spare him from trouble

#### B. Job Desires Death (11-23)

##### 1. Death is better than life's Suffering (13-19)

a. In death there is rest (13)

b. In death all people are equal (14-15)

c. In death infants never see trouble (16)

d. In death suffering ceases

(no one to cause wicked, no one to suffer)

e. In death there is no more toil (18-19)

##### 2. Death Hides from the Sufferer (20-23)

a. Why is life given to those desiring death (20-22)

b. Why is life given to those God punishes (23)

### II. Job's Life is Agony (24-26)

#### A. Job's Suffering is Constant (24)

1. Pain is as often as breath

2. Groanings are unending

#### B. Job's Worst Fears Are Realized (25)

1. Couldn't be any worse

#### C. Job's Life is Without Goodness (26)

1. No Ease

2. No Quiet

3. No rest

4. Only Trouble