



The Book of
Job

*Blessed be the
name of the Lord*



Why God? Job 3:1-4:8



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹At last Job spoke, and he cursed the day of his birth.

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Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

²He said:



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³“Let the day of my birth be erased,
and the night I was conceived.

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Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁴Let that day be turned to darkness.
Let it be lost even to God on high,
and let no light shine on it.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁵Let the darkness and utter gloom claim that day for its own.

Let a black cloud overshadow it,
and let the darkness terrify it.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁶Let that night be blotted off the calendar,
never again to be counted among the days of
the year,
never again to appear among the months.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁷Let that night be childless.
Let it have no joy.

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⁸Let those who are experts at cursing—
whose cursing could rouse Leviathan —
curse that day.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁹Let its morning stars remain dark.
Let it hope for light, but in vain;
may it never see the morning light.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹⁰Curse that day for failing to shut my
mother's womb,
for letting me be born to see all this trouble.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹¹“Why wasn’t I born dead?

Why didn’t I die as I came from the womb?”



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹²Why was I laid on my mother's lap?
Why did she nurse me at her breasts?



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹³Had I died at birth, I would now be at peace.
I would be asleep and at rest.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹⁴I would rest with the world's kings and prime ministers,
whose great buildings now lie in ruins.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹⁵I would rest with princes, rich in gold,
whose palaces were filled with silver.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹⁶Why wasn't I buried like a stillborn child,
like a baby who never lives to see the light?



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

¹⁷For in death the wicked cause no trouble,
and the weary are at rest.

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¹⁸Even captives are at ease in death,
with no guards to curse them.

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¹⁹Rich and poor are both there,
and the slave is free from his master.



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²⁰“Oh, why give light to those in misery,
and life to those who are bitter?”

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²¹They long for death, and it won't come.
They search for death more eagerly than for
hidden treasure.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

²²They're filled with joy when they finally die,
and rejoice when they find the grave.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

²³Why is life given to those with no future,
those God has surrounded with difficulties?



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²⁴I cannot eat for sighing;
my groans pour out like water.

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²⁵What I always feared has happened to me.
What I dreaded has come true.



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²⁶I have no peace, no quietness.
I have no rest; only trouble comes.”





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Recap of Job 1 & 2



**We need to know there is no quick fix to pain.
There is no instantly working through grief.**



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¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite replied to Job:



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

²“Will you be patient and let me say a word?
For who could keep from speaking out?”



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

³“In the past you have encouraged many people;
you have strengthened those who were weak.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁴Your words have supported those who were falling;
you encouraged those with shaky knees.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁵But now when trouble strikes, you lose heart.

You are terrified when it touches you.



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

‘Doesn’t your reverence for God give you confidence?

Doesn’t your life of integrity give you hope?



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁷“Stop and think! Do the innocent die?
When have the upright been destroyed?”



Job 3:1-4:8 (NLT)

⁸My experience shows that those who plant trouble and cultivate evil will harvest the same.



We have to be careful to not misdiagnose
someone's suffering





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