

Book of Job

Chapter 3

Douay-Rheims Bible

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3:1. After this, Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day,

3:2. And he said:

3:3. Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said: A man child is conceived.

3:4. Let that day be turned into darkness, let not God regard it from above, and let not the light shine upon it.

3:5. Let darkness, and the shadow of death, cover it, let a mist overspread it, and let it be wrapped up in bitterness.

3:6. Let a darksome whirlwind seize upon that night, let it not be counted in the days of the year, nor numbered in the months.

3:7. Let that night be solitary, and not worthy of praise.

3:8. Let them curse it who curse the day, who are ready to raise up a leviathan:

3:9. Let the stars be darkened with the mist thereof: let it expect light, and not see it, nor the rising of the dawning of the day:

3:10. Because it shut not up the doors of the womb that bore me, nor took away evils from my eyes.

3:11. Why did I not die in the womb? why did I not perish when I came out of the belly?

3:12. Why received upon the knees? why suckled at the breasts?

3:13. For now I should have been asleep and still, and should have rest in my sleep:

3:14. With kings and consuls of the earth, who build themselves solitudes:

3:15. Or with princes, that possess gold, and fill their houses with silver:

3:16. Or as a hidden untimely birth, I should not be; or as they that, being conceived, have not seen the light.

3:17. There the wicked cease from tumult, and there the wearied in strength are at rest.

3:18. And they sometime bound together without disquiet, have not heard the voice of the oppressor.

3:19. The small and great are there, and the servant is free from his master.

3:20. Why is light given to him that is in misery, and life to them that are in bitterness of soul?

3:21. That look for death, and it cometh not, as they that dig for a treasure:

3:22. And they rejoyce exceedingly when they have found the grave?

3:23. To a man whose way is hidden, and God hath surrounded him with darkness?

3:24. Before I eat I sigh: and as overflowing waters, so is my roaring:

3:25. For the fear which I feared, hath come upon me: and that which I was afraid of, hath befallen me.

3:26. Have I not dissembled? have I not kept silence? have I not been quiet? and indignation is come upon me.