**CHAPTER** **3**

*Job expresseth his sense of the miseries of man’s life, by cursing the day of his birth.*

**1** After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day,

**2** And he said:

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

**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:

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

**11** Why did I not die in the womb, why did I not perish when I came out of the belly?

**12** Why received upon the knees? why suckled at the breasts?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**22** And they rejoice exceedingly when they have found the grave.

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

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

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

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