



# The Book of Job

## Maintaining Integrity When You Are Hurting

Wednesday January 27, 2016 – Job Chapter 3

Please read Job 3:1-26 in preparation for class (and complete this study guide).

Chapters 1-2 are written as a historical narrative of events, but chapter three now begins the section of this book that is written in Hebrew poetic style.

### Outline of Job Chapter Three:

1. Job 3:1-10 – Job curses his birth.
2. Job 3:11-12 – Job wishes he was stillborn.
3. Job 3:13-19 – Job wishes he were dead.
4. Job 3:20-23 – Job wonders why he must live when he prefers death.
5. Job 3:24-26 – Job's worst fears had become reality.

### Job's losses:

1. His live stock.
2. His servants.
3. His hope to recover his prosperity.
4. His children.
5. His supportive wife.
6. His health.
7. His social standing.
8. Make a list of what Job still has:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for Study and Consideration:

1. What is a lament? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name Job's three friends who listen to his lament. \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Why was there a week of silence leading up to this? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Follow up from last week: How would you go about providing comfort for a friend who had so many tragedies in their life? Would you wonder what they had done to deserve these things? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What word(s) stand out to you as repetitive themes in Job's lament? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How can suffering affect your thinking? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What scriptural/spiritual things would you say to a friend who expressed to you the things that Job said? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Can Job still be described as:
  - a. Blameless? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Upright? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. One who fears God? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. One who shuns evil? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. A man of integrity? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Patient? \_\_\_\_\_