

# It's a job to be Job!

## JOB 3

*Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

---

### LESSON 8

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of **Job 2:11-13** was helpful to you?
2. Pray and ask the Lord to shed light and bring understanding as you read **Job 3**. Describe Job's emotional state from the entire chapter.
3. Why do you think Job was the first to speak after 7 days of silence in **V1-2**?
4. a) In **V3-4** Job is basically saying, "I wish I'd never been born." Have you ever felt that way or some version of it? Explain.  
  
b) In your opinion is it possible for God not to care about someone's birth in light of **Psalms 139:13-16**?
5. What is the repeated contrasting imagery in **V3-10**? How does that imagery help you enter into his state of mind?
6. What might the Leviathan be in **V8** (for more insight skim **Job 41**)?
7. a) Why do you think Job cursed his birthday rather than blame his father, mother and/or God (**V8**)?  
  
b) Explain if it is your tendency to blame others for your troubles.

8. If you were one of Job's three friends, what thoughts might you have as you listened to him?

---

9. Challenge: Up to this point Job wished he'd never been born. A shift occurs in **V11-16**.

a) What is he wishing for now?

b) How is that different in Job's mind according to **V13**?

10. How do **V17-19** help explain why Job associated death with rest and peace (**V13**)?

11. a) In your opinion, what is Job talking about in **V20-22**?

b) Explain if you think death can bring relief to a troubled life.

12. a) Find the phrases that express Job's deep anguish in **V23-26**.

b) Do you believe God sees and hears you in your time of agony? Why or why not?

c) How do these verses give you hope for times of anguish?

**Psalm 6:2-9** \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 31:7** \_\_\_\_\_

13. Upon hearing Job's words what might God have felt?

14. Job said, "What I feared has come upon me" (**V25**). Share any fears that haunt you.

15. Job also stated he had no peace, no quietness, no rest, only turmoil in **V26**. **What a job to be Job!** How could these verses encourage you when you find yourself in a dark place like Job?

- **Isaiah 26:3**

- **Luke 1:78b-79**

---

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Job was expressing his deep anguish in **Chapter 3**. Compare the deep anguish of:

a) Hannah in **1 Samuel 1:11-20** to Job

b) Jesus in **Luke 22:39-46** to Job

2. What comfort does **Psalms 34:18** bring for your times of anguish?

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Psalms 139:14**.

b) Form a prayer based on this verse or Lesson.

