



WHY?

Responding to the darkest moment in your life.

Job 3

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A. Background

1. Remember, in Job 1 and 2, Job has lost everything he has.
2. Some time has passed.
3. Some friends have arrived—and seem to be planning Job's funeral.
4. His wife has said, "Why don't you just curse God and die?"
5. His God is silent.
6. Now, Job begins to lament the day he was born.

B. Overview of Job 3

1. Job wished he had never been born. (Job 3:1-10)

Job 3:1–3, NLT - ¹ At last Job spoke, and he cursed the day of his birth. ² He said: ³ "Let the day of my birth be erased, and the night I was conceived.

2. Job wished he had never lived past his birth. (Job 3:11-19)

Job 3:11, NLT - ¹¹ "Why wasn't I born dead? Why didn't I die as I came from the womb?

3. Job now wishes God would just take his life. (Job 3:20-26)

Job 3:20–23, NLT - ²⁰ "Oh, why give light to those in misery, and life to those who are bitter? ²¹ They long for death, and it won't come. They search for death more eagerly than for hidden treasure. ²² They're filled with joy when they finally die, and rejoice when they find the grave. ²³ Why is life given to those with no future, those God has surrounded with difficulties?

4. Job now wishes God would answer the 'why' question. (Job 3)

In Job, chapters one and two, we see the calamity of Job, but in chapter three we see the confusion of Job.

Eleven times in this chapter, five times in this monologue (vv. 11, 12, 16, 20, 23), Job asked "Why?" again and again.

*Why were my finances depleted? Why is my family dead?
Why is my flesh diseased? Why was I even born? Why is my God silent?*

C. Life Application Section

1. This chapter is NOT a prooftext for abortion or suicide.
2. We need to be sensitive to those who are going through 'dark moments.'
3. Folks like Job need sympathy, not a diagnosis or a theology lesson.
4. To ask too many questions of God is not safe.
5. We will have *heaven in heaven*—not *heaven on earth*.
6. Christianity was from the beginning described as the way of the cross.
Luke 9:23–24, NASB95 - ²³ And (Jesus said)... "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." ²⁴ "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.
7. Christianity is faith in promises not rescue from circumstances.
"God is in the business of sustaining, not explaining." – Dr. Paul Powell.
8. Answers don't heal our hearts when they are broken by 'dark moments.'
9. There is nothing wrong with asking why, as long as we don't get the idea that God owes us an answer.
10. Job will soon reevaluate his life—and realize that he walked away from God's Holy Word.
"God is too kind to do anything cruel; too wise to make a mistake; and too deep to explain Himself." – Missionary Glenn Chambers