

## Chapter 3

*Iob lamenteth, describing his owne, and the general calamities of man, 13. and shewing how they escape manie miferies which either are neuer borne or dye presently after their birth.*

**A**fter these things Iob opened his mouth, and <sup>a</sup>curfed his day, <sup>2</sup> and spake. <sup>3</sup> Perish may the day wherin I was borne, and the night wherin it was fayd: A man is conceiued. <sup>4</sup> Be that day turned into darkeneffe. God require it not from aboue, and let it not be lightened with light. <sup>5</sup> Let darkenes, and the shadow of death obfcure it, let a mift poffeffe it, and be it wrapped in bitterneffe. <sup>6</sup> A darkefome hurle wind poffeffe that night, be it not counted in the daies of the yeare, nor numbred in the monethes. <sup>7</sup> Be that night folitarie, nor prayfe worthie. <sup>8</sup> Let them curfe it which curfe the day, which are readie to raife vp Leuiathan. <sup>9</sup> Let the ftarres be darkened with the mift therof: let it expect light and let it not fee, neither the ryfing of the appearing morning. <sup>10</sup> Because it fhut not vp the doores of the wombe, that bare me, nor tooke away euils from myne eies. <sup>11</sup> Why died I not in the matrice, perished not forthwith being come forth of the wombe? <sup>12</sup> Why receiued vpon the knees? why nurced with the breafte? <sup>13</sup> For now fleping I should be quiet, and should reft in my fleepe. <sup>14</sup> With kinges and confules of the earth, which build themfelues folitarie places. <sup>15</sup> Or with princes, that poffeffe gold, and replenish their houfes with filuer. <sup>16</sup> Or as a thing vntimely borne that is hid I should not be, or

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<sup>a</sup> After fo long filence at laft Iob expreffeth his grief before his freindes to be fo great, that in respect therof he iuftly curfeth al euil things as not made by God but adioyned to mans life, being the effectes of finne, euen from his conception and birth: wifhing that what foeuer concurred to his longer afflictions in this life, and hindered his more fpedie deliuerie from dangers and calamities had not bene, for fo he had benne fowner at reft as Gods goodnes fhould difpofe of him. Al which was a lawful defire and no finne at al. See *Pineda in c. 2. Iob.*

as they that being conceiued haue not feene the light.  
17 There the impious haue ceafed from tumult, & there  
the wearied with ftrength haue refted. 18 And they fome-  
time bound together without grieffe, haue not heard the  
voyce of the exactor. 19 Litle and great are there, and  
the feruant free from his mafter. 20 Why is there light  
geuen to a miferable man, and life to them, that are in  
bitterneffe of foule? 21 That expect death, and it cometh  
not, as they that dig vp treafure. 22 And they reioyce  
excedingly when they haue found the graue. 23 To a  
man whose life is hid, and God hath compaffed him  
with darkenes? 24 Before I eate, I figh: and as it were  
ouerflowing waters to my roaring. 25 Because the feare  
which I feared, hath chanced to me: and that which I  
was afraid of, hath happened. 26 Haue I not diffembled?  
haue I not kept filence? haue I not bene at eafe? and  
indignation is come vpon me.