

# The Book of Job: Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

## Lesson Three

1. In the first lesson we learned how Job was flying blind. He was about to lose nearly everything he had. However, he had no idea why. In the second lesson, we read about Job's losses of his business and his family. We talked about how Job blamed neither God nor the devil. He accepted his losses with hope. "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord!" (Job 1:21)
2. Today, we will read Job's heart-wrenching words of lament. Since Job passed the first test so well, the devil wanted to strike Job with a second test. The Lord God permitted it. Job 2:1-10.
3. The response of Job's friends was to come and be with Him. They did a good thing. They took the initiative. Why is it a good thing for you to take the initiative when a friend is grieving? Job's friends came, and remained silent. No empty platitudes. No false hopes. No silver linings. Job 2:11-13.
4. Job seemed to interpret their silence as permission for him to grieve and lament. Job 3:1-26. Job's words are hard to listen to. Grieving usually is hard to listen to. But why was it good for Job to let it all out? What can you do to show a grieving person that it's okay to grieve?
5. What hope does Matthew 5:4 hold out to the grieving? What did Jesus Himself learn about grieving? Matthew 27:46. How did Jesus show He still trusted the Father even while grieving? See again Matthew 27:46 and Luke 23:46. What special meaning did Psalm 30:5 hold for Jesus? For us? Is there comfort in that?
6. The death and resurrection of Jesus promise us a special morning to come after the long nights of grief in this life. That enables us to NOT

avoid grieving, to NOT try to hold it in or postpone it while we forge on. To not try to fly or jump over it. To not try to dodge around or underneath it. Rather, ***we walk through our grief***. There is a time to mourn. How does that verse in Psalm 23 go? Psalm 23:4.