

MAY 29

Read Job 3–5

CHAPTER 3

AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

2 And Job spake, and said,

3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night *in which* it was said, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As *for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the

doors of my *mother's* womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11. Why died I not from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves;

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants *which* never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

18 *There* the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

19 The small and great are there; and the servant *is* free from his master.

20. Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter *in* soul;

21 Which long for death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

22 Which rejoice exceedingly, *and* are glad, when they can find the grave?

23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

CHAPTER 4

THEN Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 *If* we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 *Is not this* thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

7. Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

12. Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image *was* before mine eyes, *there was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

19 How much less *in* them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust, *which* are crushed before the moth?

20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding *it*.

21 Doth not their excellency *which is* in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

CALL now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither *is there* any to deliver *them*.

5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.

6. Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform *their* enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noon-day as in the night.

15 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17. Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt

thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle *shall be* in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed *shall be* great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it *is*; hear it, and know thou *it* for thy good.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In chapter 3 we see Job's perplexity. We must not misunderstand this chapter. Job did not curse God, as Satan predicted, or as Job's wife suggested.

It is good to know that Satan cannot predict the future. He only knows it as God has written it in His Word. Job did curse his birthday; he felt it would have been better had he died at birth than live and endure such grief. In verses 20-24 Job asked why miserable people such as himself had to live at all!

Chapters 4 and 5 record Eliphaz's first speech. He rebuked Job and insisted that the righteous are not cut off.

I believe a key verse in these chapters is verse 17 of chapter 5. "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty." God is just, and must correct His children. When we are chastised it is for our own good. Hebrews 12:6,7 says, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the

father chasteneth not?" God loves us, and chastens us because He loves us. Parents correct their children when they have been disobedient. Sometimes a rod is necessary. But we do not correct our children because we are brutal or unloving, but because we do love them and want to teach them the way they should go. So it is with God. When His children falter, and fail to repent of their sin, He must chastise them in order to bring them back to Himself. Job says, "Happy is the man whom God correcteth."

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice" (Proverbs 29:6).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 18: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

HYMN FOR TODAY

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

by Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

Each time we join together in singing the vividly

descriptive lines of “America the Beautiful,” we are moved emotionally as we contemplate the wonders of our great nation. The scenic beauties, the courage of the early settlers, and the sacrifices of heroes in battle all stir us to avid appreciation of our country’s heritage. But this national hymn does more than inspire us to praise our great nation. It also encourages us to pray for it. Each stanza is completed with an earnest plea for God’s grace, God’s healing, and His refining until we as a people achieve true brotherhood, law-abiding control, and nobility.

The author felt deeply about the message of her patriotic hymn:

“We must match the greatness of our country with the goodness of personal godly living. If only we could couple the daring of the Pilgrims with the moral teachings of Moses, we would have something in this country that no one could ever take from us.”

As we consider this hymn, we are reminded that America owes its birth to the living, vital and dynamic faith in God that our founding fathers demonstrated. There is a real need today for a return to such a national dependence upon God as well as a renewed pride in our wonderful land.

Katharine Bates, who was a teacher and head of the English department at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, wrote the original lines of this text in 1893, while teaching summer school in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where the Rocky Mountains and Pike’s Peak had especially impressed her.

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America, America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev’ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and ev’ry gain divine.*

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years,

Thine alabaster cities gleam—undimmed by human tears!

*America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1736

PATRICK HENRY WAS BORN.

Patrick Henry was born in Hanover County, Virginia. Of course, when we think of Patrick Henry, we think of the words, “Give me liberty or give me death.” It is not uncommon today to find people who would not die for freedom. It is not uncommon to find people who would rather be red than dead. It is not uncommon to find people who are not willing to fight for their nation. Often we read of people burning their draft cards and defying their government. Yes, we are a soft nation. We yawn during the playing of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” We twiddle our fingers as the flag is raised. One often wonders if it will take slavery to make us appreciate freedom. God forbid that it should. Let us teach our boys and girls patriotism and love for America. Let us sing the “National Anthem” today. Let us thank God for our flag, our nation, our freedom, and pray God to help us say with the leader of old, “Give me liberty or give me death.”

1790

RHODE ISLAND WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION.

Let us pray for the Christian brethren in Rhode Island today.

1917

THE DATE OF THE BIRTH OF OUR THIRTY-FIFTH PRESIDENT, JOHN F. KENNEDY.

As everyone knows, John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Jack Hyles relates: “The place of his assassination was one of my childhood. I have traveled literally thousands of times down the road where he was assassinated. I was in my office in the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, preparing to bury a little baby who had drowned in the bathtub. As I walked from my office toward the auditorium to conduct the funeral, the message came that President Kennedy had been shot in Dallas. On my way to the cemetery, the newscast confirmed his death.” Perhaps we should pray today for the safety of our President. May God’s protection be over him.

**ON THIS DATE IN
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1973
THOMAS BRADLEY ELECTED MAYOR OF LOS
ANGELES.**

**1980
VERNON E. JORDAN JR., PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, CRITICALLY
INJURED IN ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION IN
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.**

The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I HAVE A FEAR OF RIDICULE"

(Assignment 18)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

() Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

() Mark 8:38

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

() Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

() Luke 12:4

And I say unto you my friends; Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

() Luke 12:5

But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.