

III. A QUESTION THAT ARISES FROM THE SITUATION

Message # 2 *WHY WAS I (WERE WE) ALLOWED TO LIVE?*

A. Introduction:

The text is chapter 3...and it is a painful recollection of events. The question is rhetorical but probing. Job, in effect, says that if this is the way it is to be, why was he born at all.

B. Discussion:

1. The problem: The trials of the moment outweigh the fact of life or the interest of God. The text shows this analysis: 1-12, in retrospect...looking backward

13-22, an assumption...a preliminary opinion

23-26, an evaluation...not very happy no matter how you see it.

We will look at these in a random fashion and note some of the ironies and difficulties expressed. It must be remembered that Job is not charged with sinning as a cause or response to the troubles. The honest presentation is not to be condemned. The Lord will deal with his spiritual relationship later but for the moment things are pretty tough..

2. The resolution:: We live not for our convenience but that

- a. God's purposes may be fulfilled *Ch 38-51*
- b. God's blessing may become a witness to the world *4:11-6*
- c. the truth of God's character might be displayed *42:11-12*
- d. lessons might be given in endurance and strength (James 5:11)

C. Conclusion:

Why was I (we, you, etc) allowed to be born? That we might fulfill a purpose which we might not be able to identify on our own. But with patience God may well let us see it and in His time it may be clear and encouraging to all. A good example (apart from Job) is found in Esther 4:14m etc.

Why was I born?

*I would have been better off dead
trouble comes in spite of*

*How can you doubt
my words*

*An good of water
an set of help
a guide for difficult
paths*

*- That God might be
glorified and his
purposes accomplished.
-3- That's why we live
Our steps make it more
apparent*