

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Job 6:8 – 9

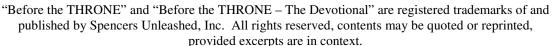
"Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for! Even that it would please God to destroy me; that He would let loose His hand, and cut me off!" Job 6:8-9

Self-pity is never pretty. It may appear that Job has a certain right to wish for death having just experienced the horrible tragedy and personal loss he has experienced. But then literally adding insult to injury his closest friends begin to question his standing before God and even his wife calls upon him to "curse God and die." Indeed it was a very, very dark moment in Job's life. Understandably then, his self-pity soon turns to anger as he endeavours to deal with these tragic blows. (Job 6:14-30).

Whatever the psychological aspects men say we must go through to experience peace, let us as Christians never forget there is One who is always close at hand to comfort, to help and to assist us through whatever trial we may be facing.

"And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." (John 14:16)

Trials will come into every believer's life – this is the nature of this present life. What is important then is how we respond when they do come. It has been said, and this is the best counsel, "When pressure comes, see to it that it doesn't come between you and the Lord. In this way, the pressure will drive you to Him, not away from Him."



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