

Job 1:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Analysis

Satan predicts that Job will 'curse' (Hebrew 'barak,' literally 'bless,' used euphemistically) God to His face if prosperity is removed. This reveals Satan's fundamental error: he judges by external observance rather than heart regeneration. True faith, wrought by the Spirit, perseveres through affliction (1 Peter 1:6-7). Satan's challenge unwittingly becomes the occasion for demonstrating that genuine godliness transcends circumstantial blessing.

Historical Context

In ancient covenantal contexts, cursing God represented the ultimate covenant violation, worthy of death by stoning (Leviticus 24:15-16). Satan assumes prosperity is the only bond holding Job to God.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Has your faith been tested by sudden loss? How did you respond?

2. What does Satan's prediction reveal about the world's understanding of true faith?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Job 2:5 (Curse): But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Job 19:21 (Parallel theme): Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

Revelation 16:11 (Parallel theme): And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Revelation 16:21 (Parallel theme): And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Revelation 16:9 (Parallel theme): And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.