

Job 1:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Analysis

Job's intercessory role prefigures Christ's priestly work. The Hebrew 'qadash' (sanctified) indicates covenant purification through sacrifice. Job's concern that his children might have 'cursed God in their hearts' reveals profound spiritual insight—sin begins in the heart (Matthew 15:19), and only substitutionary atonement can cleanse it. This foreshadows the perfect High Priest who continually intercedes for His people (Hebrews 7:25).

Historical Context

During the patriarchal period, the family patriarch functioned as priest, offering burnt offerings for purification. This practice predates the Levitical priesthood by centuries, showing the universal need for atonement.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How consistently do you intercede for your family's spiritual welfare?
2. What does Job's concern about secret sin teach us about God's knowledge of our hearts?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּהָיֹוֹה	כִּי	הִקִּיפוּ	הַיָּמִים:	הַמַּשָּׁתָה
H1961	H3588	were gone about	And it was so when the days	of their feasting
		H5362	H3117	H4960
בַּבֹּקֶר	וַהֲשֹׁכָה יָמִים	וַיִּקְדָּשׁוּם	אֵי זֶבַע	וַיִּשְׁלַח
in the morning	them and rose up early	and sanctified	Job	sent
H1242	H7925	H6942	H347	H7971
אָמַר כִּי כָל־מִסְפָּר	עֲלוֹת	וַהֲעֵלָה		
said	according to the number	and offered		
H559	H4557	H5927		
אֱלֹהֵי יָמִים	וַיְבָרֶכְהוּ	בְנֵי יִצְחָק	אֵלֶיךָ	אֵי זֶבַע
God	and cursed	that my sons	have sinned	Job
H430	H1288	H1121	H2398	H347
הַיָּמִים:	כִּלְ	אֵי זֶבַע	וַיַּעַשׂ הַ	בְּלִבָּבָם
And it was so when the days	Job	Thus did	in their hearts	
H3117	H3605	H6213	H3824	

Additional Cross-References

Job 42:8 (Sacrifice): Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

Genesis 8:20 (Sacrifice): And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Job 8:4 (Sin): If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;

1 Samuel 16:5 (Holy): And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

Ephesians 6:18 (Holy): Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Genesis 22:3 (Sacrifice): And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Acts 8:22 (References God): Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (References God): Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

1 Kings 21:10 (References God): And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

1 Kings 21:13 (References God): And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.