

Job 10:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

Analysis

Job declares 'My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.' The decision to 'leave complaint upon myself' means giving free reign to honest lament. Bitterness here is not sinful but the authentic expression of soul-deep anguish.

Historical Context

Ancient piety sometimes demanded stoic acceptance, but biblical lament makes room for 'bitterness of soul.' Job models prayer that doesn't minimize pain or pretend composure.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What complaints have you suppressed because they seemed too bitter?
2. How can bitter honesty before God be an act of faith?

Interlinear Text

הַנֶּקֶט	נַפְשִׁי	בְּחַיִּי	אֶעֱזָב	עַל־י	שִׁיחַ־י
is weary	My soul	of my life	I will leave	H5921	my complaint
H5354	H5315	H2416	H5800		H7879
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אֶדְבָּרָה	בְּחַיִּי	נַפְשִׁי			
upon myself I will speak	in the bitterness	My soul			
H1696	H4751	H5315			

Additional Cross-References

Job 7:11 (Parallel theme): Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

1 Kings 19:4 (Parallel theme): But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

Numbers 11:15 (Parallel theme): And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

Job 9:21 (Parallel theme): Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.

Jonah 4:8 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

Job 5:20 (Parallel theme): In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.