

Job 10:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

Analysis

Job acknowledges 'Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.' Even in complaint, Job recognizes past grace - life, favor, preservation. This combination of lament and thanksgiving models balanced prayer that doesn't let suffering erase memory of blessing.

Historical Context

Ancient prayers often began with recollection of past mercies before presenting petitions. Job's acknowledgment of divine 'visitation' (oversight) shows he hasn't forgotten God's care despite present pain.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do you remember past blessings while experiencing present suffering?
2. What role does thanksgiving play in honest lament?

Interlinear Text

חַיִּים	וּ חֶסֶד	עָשָׂה יְיָ	עֲמִדָּה י	וּ פְקֻדָּתְךָ	שָׁמַר ה'
me life	and favour	Thou hast granted	H5978	and thy visitation	hath preserved
H2416	H2617	H6213		H6486	H8104
רוּחִי:					
my spirit					
H7307					

Additional Cross-References

Job 33:4 (Spirit): The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Acts 17:28 (Parallel theme): For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Matthew 6:25 (Parallel theme): Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Acts 17:25 (Parallel theme): Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

Genesis 19:19 (Parallel theme): Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: