

Job 10:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

Analysis

Job asserts his innocence: 'Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.' The verb 'knowest' (yada, יָדָע) emphasizes intimate, personal knowledge—God doesn't merely perceive but fully knows Job's righteousness. The phrase 'I am not wicked' (lo rasha, לֹא רָשָׁע) directly contradicts his friends' accusations. Yet Job adds the despairing recognition: 'there is none that can deliver' (natsal, נָצַל) from God's hand.

Job's dilemma reaches its apex: God knows Job is innocent, yet afflicts him anyway, and no one can intervene. This isn't the complaint of guilty conscience but of baffled righteousness. Job maintains his integrity while acknowledging God's absolute power. He needs advocate, mediator, deliverer—but none exists (compare 9:33). This despair sets up the gospel's answer: Christ is the Deliverer who can rescue from divine judgment.

Job's confidence that God knows his righteousness foreshadows the believer's confidence in Christ's imputed righteousness. Though we cannot claim innocence as Job does, we can claim Christ's righteousness. God knows we are righteous in Christ, and that knowledge is our security. No one can deliver from God's hand, but God Himself delivers through Christ.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern law allowed for advocates or intercessors on behalf of the accused. Job's complaint that none can deliver from God's hand highlights his isolation—when God is both prosecutor and judge, no human advocate suffices. This anticipates the need for divine-human mediator (1 Timothy 2:5).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Job's need for a deliverer from God's hand point forward to Christ as our advocate?
2. What does Job's confidence that God knows his innocence teach about the importance of integrity?
3. In what ways does Christ's role as mediator address Job's despair that none can deliver from God's hand?

Interlinear Text

עַל	יָדָעְתָּךְ	כִּי	לֹא	אֶרְשָׁע	וְאֵין	מַדָּבַר
H5921	Thou knowest	H3588	H3808	that I am not wicked	H369	out of thine hand
	H1847			H7561		H3027
וְאֵין מַצִּיל:						
and there is none that can deliver						
H5337						

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 32:39 (Parallel theme): See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

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