

Job 10:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

Analysis

Job reminds God 'Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about' - an appeal to divine craftsmanship. The imagery of God as potter/sculptor who wouldn't destroy His own work appears throughout Scripture (Psalm 139:13-16, Isaiah 64:8). If God invested creative effort, why destroy the creation?

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern creation myths depicted humans as afterthoughts, but Job appeals to God's careful craftsmanship. The 'round about' suggests completeness - God made every aspect, making destruction seem contradictory.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does remembering God as your Creator affect your view of suffering?
2. What does it mean to appeal to God based on His own investment in you?

Interlinear Text

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Thine hands	have made	me and fashioned	me together	round about
H3027	H6087	H6213	H3162	H5439
וְתַבִּילָעֲנִי:				
yet thou dost destroy				
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 119:73 (Creation): Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

Isaiah 43:7 (Creation): Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Job 10:3 (Parallel theme): Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?