

Job 14:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

Analysis

'Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.' In this hypothetical resurrection scenario, God will 'call' (תִּקְרָא, *tiqra*) and Job will 'answer' (אָעֲנֶה, *e'eneh*). God will 'desire' (תִּכְסֹּף, *tikhsof*—long for, yearn) 'the work of [His] hands' (מַעֲשֵׂה יָדָיו, *ma'aseh yadekha*). This beautiful image portrays God longing for His creatures, desiring restoration of relationship. It echoes the Father running to embrace the prodigal (Luke 15:20) and anticipates God dwelling with redeemed humanity (Revelation 21:3). Job glimpses God's heart—not a stern judge eager to condemn but a loving Creator yearning for His handiwork. The Reformed emphasis on God's electing love undergirds this hope.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern deities were often portrayed as capricious or indifferent. Job's vision of God longing for His creatures presented a radical alternative—a personal God who desires relationship with His creation.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does understanding God desires us change how we relate to Him in suffering?
2. What does it mean that the sovereign Creator longs for the work of His hands?

Interlinear Text

תִּקְרָא	וְאָנֹכִי	אֶעֱנֶה	לַמַּעֲשֵׂה	יְדֵי יָדְךָ
Thou shalt call	H595	and I will answer	to the work	of thine hands
H7121		H6030	H4639	H3027

תִּכְסֶּף:
thee thou wilt have a desire
H3700

Additional Cross-References

Job 13:22 (Parallel theme): Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

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?

Psalms 138:8 (Parallel theme): The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Job 7:21 (Parallel theme): And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

Job 10:8 (Parallel theme): Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 (Parallel theme): Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Peter 4:19 (Parallel theme): Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

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